



December, 2011

The National Hispanic Caucus of School Board Members will offer ten scholarship awards for high school seniors eligible for graduation in May-June 2012. The scholarship awards are distributed to two students within each of the five National School Boards Association's regions.

Recipients of the scholarships will be announced in the spring of 2012. The scholarship winners will receive their awards no later than August of 2012 upon verification of graduation and enrollment.

To qualify, students must meet all of the following criteria:

- student must be of Hispanic origin;
- student must be eligible to graduate from a public high school in 2012;
- student must provide proof of acceptance to an accredited post-secondary institution of higher learning with the intention to complete a four-year degree;
- student must have a grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a four-point scale; and
- student must demonstrate financial need.

Funds must be used for tuition, room and board, books, supplies, or items that support the student's college program.

Students who meet the above criteria may submit a completed scholarship application including two letters of recommendation, an original transcript initialed and dated by the high school guidance counselor, parental information and an autobiographical statement. Scoring to determine awards will be based on the quality of and content of the application with additional points being awarded to those pursuing a degree in education. The original and one (1) additional completed copy of the packet must be mailed to:

Caucus Liaison  
National School Boards Association  
1680 Duke Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

We are providing two (2) copies of the scholarship application. However, we encourage you to share this information with as many board members within your state who may be interested in this program. You may make photo copies of the applications for submission if needed.



# The National Hispanic Caucus of School Board Members Scholarship Program

NHC Scholarship Committee • Attention: Caucus Liaison Office • National School Boards Association • 1680 Duke Street • Alexandria, Virginia 22314-3493 • (703) 838-6716 • Hispanic\_Caucus@nsba.org • www.nsba.org/caucus

## Application Instructions 2012

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### How to Get the Application

You may download all application materials in PDF format from the National Hispanic Caucus of School Board Member's website at [www.nsba.org/caucus](http://www.nsba.org/caucus).

### Calendar

November 30, 2011	Applications are available at <a href="http://www.nsba.org/caucus">www.nsba.org/caucus</a> .
February 10, 2012	Application Deadline
May, 2012	Award Letters Issued

### Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for a scholarship:

- Student must be of Hispanic origin;
- Student must be eligible to graduate from a public high school in 2012;
- Student must provide proof of acceptance to an accredited post-secondary institution of higher learning with the intention to complete a two-year or four-year degree prior to award conferral; and
- Student must have a grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a four-point scale.

### Selection Criteria

Applicants will be evaluated on the following elements:

- Academic record
- Demonstrated financial need
- Extra curricular activities
- Personal qualities
- Extra points will be awarded to Education Majors

### Application Preparation

1. Application (6 pages)—we encourage all students to use a computer or typewriter to complete this application. Handwritten applications must be written in blue or black ink. Please check your essays for correct grammar, spelling and punctuation.
2. Transcript(s)—please provide an official transcript initialed by a Guidance Counselor and dated. This transcript should include a cumulative GPA.
3. Recommendations—please provide two letters of recommendation from non-family members. A good recommender can speak to your academic record, plans and/or goals, your personal strengths, and your extra curricular activities.
4. **Two copies (2)** of the completed packet (all the above items).

### Application Deadline

**All materials must be received on or before Friday, February 10, 2012.**

### Mail to:

Hispanic Caucus Scholarship  
Attention: Caucus Liaison Staff  
National School Boards Association  
1680 Duke Street  
Alexandria, Virginia 22314-3493



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Application 2012

Due: February 10, 2012

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## Personal Information

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_  
( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Hispanic Origin (please check one):

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

- Puerto Rican       Mexican
  - Dominican       Cuban
  - Spanish       Other
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## Educational Information

Name of High School \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_  
( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ High School G.P.A. \_\_\_\_\_

Post Secondary School(s) Applied to: \_\_\_\_\_

Possible Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Four ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## Additional Information

**Please note: Scoring to determine awards will be based on the quality of and content of the application with additional points being awarded to those pursuing a degree in education.**

1. **High School Extracurricular Activities** (sports, clubs, part-time job, etc.):

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2. **Special Recognition** (offices held, organization memberships, awards, etc.):

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3. **Other Scholarship Awards you anticipate this year** (include title and award amount):

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4. **Have you applied for college/university financial aid?**       Yes       No

5. **Letters of Recommendation** - Please ask two individuals (not related) to provide a letter of recommendation that include a candid opinion of you. We suggest that comments include the following: length of acquaintance; your relationship, general and special abilities; and present and potential leadership qualities.
6. **Letter(s) of Acceptance** - Student will be required to provide a letter of acceptance to an accredited post-secondary institution of higher learning prior to award conferral.
7. **Official Transcript** - an original transcript initialed and dated by the high school guidance counselor must be attached.
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Four ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent or Guardian Information

If parents do not live in same household, please be sure to provide contact information for both parents.

Marital Status of Parent(s) or guardian(s)?     Single     Married     Divorced     Separated     Widowed

### Mother/Guardian's Information

First Name	MI	Last Name
Street Address		
City ( )	State/Province	Zip/Postal Code
Home Phone	Place of Employment	Occupation

### Father/Guardian's Information

First Name	MI	Last Name
Street Address		
City ( )	State/Province	Zip/Postal Code
Home Phone	Place of Employment	Occupation

Are you an emancipated minor or over the age of 18?     Yes     No

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mother/Guardian's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Father/Guardian's Signature

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Four ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Autobiographical Statement**

In the space below, please write an autobiographical statement of approximately 600 words that includes a paragraph about your demonstrated financial need. This essay may address such topics as how your Hispanic heritage has influenced your personal or academic goals; how you have overcome personal or academic challenges; or how you have contributed to your community and what you have learned.

**Applicant's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Applicant Checklist**

All of the items listed below must be completed for an application packet to be considered. Any incomplete applications will be disqualified.

Please initial that you have enclosed the following:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Completed Personal Information
- \_\_\_\_\_ Parental/Guardian(s) Information Sheet
- \_\_\_\_\_ Autobiographical Statement
- \_\_\_\_\_ Two Letters of Recommendation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Copy of Transcripts Initialed by a Guidance Counselor and Dated
- \_\_\_\_\_ Last name and four digits of social security number on each page
- \_\_\_\_\_ Two (2) Completed Applications (all above items) stapled together
- \_\_\_\_\_ All the information above enclosed and mailed in one envelope

### **Applicant Authorization Release**

I authorize the National Hispanic Caucus of School Board Members to release transcripts, letters of recommendation, scholarship applications, and accompanying documents to scholarship donors and to publicize my scholarship award should I be a recipient.

**Applicant's**

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Application packets must be received by February 10, 2012. Applications received after this date will not be considered. Please return the completed application packets to the address below:**

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National School Boards Association  
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Alexandria, Virginia 22314-3493

**If you have any questions, please call (703) 838-6716 and ask for the Caucus Liaison office, or e-mail the Caucus at [Hispanic\\_Caucus@nsba.org](mailto:Hispanic_Caucus@nsba.org).**

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