

Whatcom Hispanic Organization  
Scholarship Application  
Academic Year 2008/09

The Award

The WHO scholarship is designed to make higher education more accessible to promising Hispanic/Latino students. This scholarship will be awarded to Whatcom and Skagit County residents for a minimum of \$1000.00 per academic year. Recipients may re-apply in subsequent years.

Scholarship Guidelines

Preference given to Hispanic/Latino students who demonstrate the following characteristics (but not limited to):

- Strong involvement in school and community service activities.
- GPA indicating satisfactory progress towards a degree/diploma.
- Must enroll or be enrolled at least half-time at an accredited post secondary institution (community or technical college, public or private university).
- Must be a permanent Whatcom/Skagit resident

Application Requirements (Esta forma se puede completar en Español)

1. A type or written statement ( two page maximum) describing:
  - How you have been influenced by your Hispanic/Latino/a culture/traditions/history, and how you will use your education to advance understanding of your history/culture, traditions and community service.
  - Extra-curricular activities; including community service, employment, high school/college and multicultural activities.
  - Special circumstances that you feel may be important (e.g. first generation student, economically disadvantaged family, single parent, returning adult).
2. One letter of recommendation from a school official (professor, faculty mentor or counselor) which provides an assessment of your academic potential. Letter must be on school letter head and signed.
3. A recent unofficial high school or college transcript.

Applications should be received or postmarked by **March 2, 2008**

Mail completed application form to:  
Whatcom Hispanic Organization  
Scholarship Program  
PO Box 5601  
Bellingham WA 98227  
Whatcom Hispanic Organization  
Scholarship Application

**Applicant Information**

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Last Name	First	Middle Initial
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Social Security Number	Birth date
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Permanent Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code)	Phone Number
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Current Local Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code)	Phone Number
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Name and address of closest relative/guardian	Phone number
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Hispanic/Latino American Background:

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|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mexican American/Chicano     | <input type="checkbox"/> Caribbean (Hispanic) | <input type="checkbox"/> Puerto Rican   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central American             | <input type="checkbox"/> Cuban                | <input type="checkbox"/> South American |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____ |   |   |

Marital Status:       Single                       Married

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of dependant children      \_\_\_\_\_ Age(s) of dependent children

High School attended or GED completed: \_\_\_\_\_

College(s) attended: \_\_\_\_\_

College class standing in 2008:  Freshman     Sophomore     Junior     Senior     Grad Student

Proposed Degree Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Probable Grad Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Information**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Father's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mother's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

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Father's Ethnicity                      Percent

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Mother's Ethnicity                      Percent

Father's Educational Level:

Mother's Educational Level:

- Elementary School (K – 8)
- High School (9 – 12)
- G.E.D.
- Community College
- University/Graduate School
- Unknown

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- High School (9 – 12)
- G.E.D.
- Community College
- University/Graduate School
- Unknown

**Application Checklist:**

- Typed or written statement included.
- Letter of recommendation included or mailed separately (must be received or postmarked by **March 2, 2008**)
- A recent, unofficial high school or college transcript included or mailed separately (must be received or postmarked by **March 2, 2008**)

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Recipients will be notified by April 2008 and required to attend the scholarship awards reception at Western Washington University in April 2008.