

HISPANIC LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
PACKET
2013-2014

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**COMPLETED PACKETS MUST BE RETURNED VIA PONY TO THE Dual Language
Assessment Office, HLA Scholarship Committee, at Leis Center, Rm. 27, BY
Friday, March 21, 2014**

Hispanic Leadership Alliance Scholarship Program

The Hispanic Leadership Alliance FCPS, Inc. (HLA) is a non-profit organization of Fairfax County Public School employees and residents established in 1997, whose mission is **to promote** an understanding of Hispanic culture, **empower** parents with educational information, **provide** leadership training and opportunities to its members and **encourage** student participation in advanced academic programs, leadership activities, and school completion.

The Hispanic Leadership Alliance has established a scholarship program for first generation Hispanic students* of Fairfax County Public Schools in pursuit of a post high school education. **HLA will be awarding six \$1,000.00 scholarships this year.**

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for the scholarships offered by the **Hispanic Leadership Alliance**, a first generation* Hispanic high school senior of Fairfax County Public Schools must identify his or her career choices, and also the name of the accredited college, technical school, or university he or she plans to attend. The scholarship must be disbursed no later than September 1, 2015.

Evaluation Criteria

Applicants are evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Academic achievement (grades and SAT/ACT scores)
2. Student application (including student essay)
3. Two Recommendations (an academic recommendation from a current teacher and a personal recommendation from guidance counselor or community leader).

Application Process

1. Student must complete the application form.
2. Student must give and collect the two recommendation forms by the deadline and provide the forms to his/her school's guidance counselor.
3. Student is responsible for submitting all the parts of the completed application to his or her guidance counselor **by Monday, March 17, 2014.**

Selection Process

The Hispanic Leadership Alliance will request high school principals and faculty members to identify potential applicants.

Award Presentation

The Hispanic Leadership Alliance will host an event in the late spring where scholarship sponsors will meet those students who have been selected.

*A first generation Hispanic student is one born abroad or to immigrant parents in the United States. The student must be the first one in his/her family to attempt a post high school education.

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STUDENT APPLICATION**

Directions: Complete the application form, and submit it with your essay and résumé to your guidance counselor **by Monday, March 17, 2014**. The guidance counselor should then send the packet via the pony to the Dual Language Assessment Office, HLA Scholarship Committee, Leis Center, Rm. 27. ***All completed packets must be received by Friday, March 21, 2014.*** Incomplete packets will be disqualified.

Please **PRINT** (blue or black ink) or **TYPE** all information

Name: _____

School: _____ Student I.D. Number _____ Date of Birth _____

Home Address:

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Telephone _____ E-mail Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Work Phone _____

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I. Résumé

Please include an up-to-date résumé listing your interests, hobbies, activities, evidence of leadership and participation in clubs and/or organizations.

II. Answer the following questions: (use the space below)

- 1) **Where were your parents and you born?**
- 2) **When did you come to Virginia?**
- 3) **What impact will this scholarship have in helping you to achieve your goals?** (100 words).

III. Educational Background

Please list your current class schedule and any **honors, AP or IB** courses that you have completed and believe are relevant to the HLA Scholarship Program.

	Class Name	Most Recent Grade Earned
1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____
7.	_____	_____
8.	_____	_____

IV. Recommendations

Please **print** the first and last names of those who will be submitting recommendations for you:

_____ (Chosen Teacher)

_____ (Counselor or community leader)

V. Student Essay:

Write an essay of 350-500 words: **If you were to have the opportunity to interview with a leader, which questions would you hope he/she would ask you and how would you answer them?**

The essay must be **typed, double-spaced.**

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TEACHER'S ACADEMIC RECOMMENDATION FORM

Please type or print all information.

Student Applicant: _____

Teacher: _____ **School:** _____

The above named student is applying for the HLA Scholarship Program. As one of his/her teachers, your comments about this student will be extremely helpful in the selection process. Your recommendation will be completely confidential. **This recommendation form will need to be submitted by the student to the guidance counselor by Monday, March 17, 2014.**

Please evaluate the above student on the following; rating him/her on a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 is "low" and 5 is "high."

_____ Motivation

_____ Integrity

_____ Work ethic

_____ Responsibility, reliability

_____ Initiative

Use the space below to include any other comments that may help in the evaluation of this student for the HLA Scholarship Program. Please address this student's motivation, scholarship and seriousness in approach to studies. Thank you very much for your input.

Course: _____ Student's grade in your class: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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COUNSELOR/COMMUNITY LEADER'S RECOMMENDATION FORM

Please type or print all information.

Student Applicant: _____

Counselor: _____ **School** _____

The above named student is applying for the HLA Scholarship Program. As a counselor/community leader, your comments about this student will be extremely helpful in the selection process. Your recommendation will be completely confidential. As part of the application process, the student's counselor must submit this recommendation form. If you are a community leader, please provide the indicated information and submit it to the student **by Friday, March 14, 2014**. The student will need to turn in the recommendation letter to his counselor no later than **Monday, March 17, 2014**. The completed scholarship packet will need to be sent by the student's counselor via the pony to the **Dual Language Assessment Office, HLA Scholarship Committee at Leis Center, Rm. 27, by Friday, March 21, 2014**.

Please evaluate the above student on the following: rating him/her on a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 is "low" and 5 is "high."

_____ Motivation

_____ Integrity

_____ Work ethic

_____ Responsibility, reliability

_____ Initiative

Use the space below for information or comments that might help the selection committee evaluate this student's application for the HLA Scholarship Program

Counselor/Community Leader's Signature: _____

TO THE SCHOOL COUNSELOR: As part of the application process, the student's counselor must submit this recommendation form. Please provide the indicated information and send the completed packet, via the pony to the **Dual Language Assessment Office, HLA Scholarship Committee at Leis Center, Rm. 27, by Friday, March 21, 2014.**

_____ Copy of current transcript

School Counselor's Signature _____ Date _____