



## **NORTH CAROLINA HISPANIC COLLEGE**

### **2012-2013 Application**

**North Carolina Society of Hispanic Professionals  
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The NC Hispanic College Fund established by the NC Society of Hispanic Professionals awards annual scholarships, worth between \$500 and \$2500. These scholarships are awarded to recent graduates of North Carolina High Schools who are of Hispanic/Latino background. Winners of a NC Hispanic College Fund scholarship must enroll or be enrolled in a degree program at a community college or a 2- or 4- year college/university and be committed to public service and community development.

### **Important Dates**

Application packages are available all year. They can be obtained by writing or calling the NCSHP or by downloading an application from the Internet. Final applications, however, must be received by January 15<sup>th</sup> of each year. Award announcements will be mailed by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Scholarship Disbursement**

All scholarship awards will be sent directly to the college or university where the recipient enrolls. Scholarship funds will be designated for tuition, room and board. If these expenses have already been met, the award will be placed into an account at the educational institution, for use by the student as needed.

### **General Eligibility Criteria**

- Applicant is of Hispanic background (one parent must be fully Hispanic or both parents must be half Hispanic).
- Applicant is a graduating senior from a North Carolina High School
- Applicant is a graduate of a NC high school within the past 2 years or graduating senior
- Applicant has a four-year cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better on a 4.0 scale (3.5 on a 5.0 scale)
- Applicants currently enrolled in a college or university has a GPA of 2.5 or better on a 4.0 scale

### **Eligibility Criteria for Selected Scholarships**

- Progress Energy Scholarship (Scholarships worth between \$1000 and \$2500)
  - Applicant plans to major in and enter the fields of; electrical, mechanical, nuclear, chemical or civil engineering
- Instituto de Mexicanos en el Exterior "IME Becas" Scholarship (Scholarships worth \$1000 for 2012-2013 school year)
  - Applicant is of Mexican origin
  - Applicant does not have access to any other type of scholarship or financial support.

### Selection Criteria

Please submit the following items in one sealed envelope to the NCSHP by January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

- Packets postmarked *after the 15<sup>th</sup> of January will not be accepted*. Please do not fax or email applications.

Please submit the following items in one sealed envelope to be sent directly to the NCSHP:

- **2 letters of recommendation (in signed and sealed envelopes):** Please submit 2 letters of recommendation from a pastor, high school teacher, principal, employer or other community leader who can discuss:
  1. Current academic status
  2. Academic and extracurricular achievements
  3. Personal qualities such as motivation, commitment, and leadership
  4. Potential for success and contributions to your community
  5. Financial need
- **An official high school transcript/college transcript:** Please make certain that your cumulative GPA is included on your transcript. If your transcript does not include this, please have a school official confirm on school letterhead with his/her signature, your total cumulative GPA on a 4-point scale. The official transcript must be in a signed and sealed envelope and enclosed within the envelope to be mailed directly to the NCSHP. For students already enrolled in a college or university, a current official transcript must be sent within the packet mailed to the NCSHP.
- **Personal statement:** An essay of 500 words addressing briefly each of the following topics:
  1. Describe why Hispanic parentage and family background are important to you
  2. Describe a meaningful personal and/or academic achievements that you have had and why this achievement was important to you
  3. Describe your academic plans and career goals, giving specific examples
  4. Describe past and current efforts, as well as future plans, towards making a difference in your community

The Personal statement is one of **the most important selection criteria**. It should be written with care and solely for the NC Hispanic College Fund. Please note that personal and professional qualities, and community involvement are considered in evaluating your personal statement. Title your essay Personal Statement but do not use a separate cover sheet. Be sure to include it within your packet to be sent directly to the NCSHP.

### Additional Considerations

- Preference will be given to students who enroll full-time in a community college, college or university.
- Preference will be given to foreign-born applicants or native-born children of foreign-born parents.
- Club or community organization involvement and volunteer work is encouraged.
- Financial need is highly considered.
- Parents educational attainment is highly considered

## MAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Unfold and Remove all staples** from all materials you send (except for those enclosed in a sealed envelope).
2. **Do not open your letters of recommendation or transcript, even if they have staples**
3. Answer all questions neatly using black or dark blue ink or type for legibility.
4. Make sure your application packet is complete and includes all requested materials:
  - Transcript(s) with cumulative *GPA* (official and in a sealed envelope)
  - Letters of Recommendation (in a signed, sealed envelope)
  - Personal Statement
  - Federal Tax Return(s).
5. Fill out and return pages 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8 of this application.
6. Do not FAX or e-mail applications, nor enclose any materials not requested.
7. Write your full name on each document you submit.
8. Submit all documents on white 8 ½" x 11" paper (except for official transcripts or recommendations on letterhead).
9. Mail application and all materials in a single large envelope, with postmark **no later than January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012**, to:

NC Society of Hispanic Professionals  
NC Hispanic College Fund  
8450 Chapel Hill Road, Suite 209  
Cary, NC 27513

10. Include a stamped envelope, addressed to you, for acknowledgement that we have received your packet. Award notification will be sent to your mailing address by March 1, 2012. No pre-award notices can be made. Please report any changes, including address changes, by e-mail to [mailbox@TheNCSHP.org](mailto:mailbox@TheNCSHP.org). Thank you for applying to the NC Hispanic College Fund. We wish you success!



## 2012-2013 NC Hispanic College Fund APPLICATION FORM

### ELIGIBILITY QUESTIONS (please circle or write in appropriate response):

1) Are you of Hispanic heritage (one parent fully Hispanic or both parents half Hispanic)?  
Yes      No

2) Will you be an entering freshman for the 2012-2013 academic year?  
Yes      No

3) Do you have a minimum cumulative High School/College GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or 3.5 on a 5.0 scale)?  
Yes      No

4) If you have already graduated high school, please the year you graduated and amount of time you have been out of high school?

5) Are you a permanent resident of the state of North Carolina?    Yes      No

6) Gender:    Male      Female

7) Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ (optional; omitting your social security will not in anyway affect the review of your application)

8) Full name: \_\_\_\_\_

9) Mailing Address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_      Email: \_\_\_\_\_

10) Permanent Address (If the same as above, please write "same"):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_      2<sup>nd</sup> Email: \_\_\_\_\_

11) Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

12) Country of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

13) Hispanic Heritage: \_\_\_\_\_

- Cuban
- Central American
- Dominican
- Mexican
- Puerto Rican
- South American
- Spanish

14) Did either of your parents ever attend college?    Yes      No

15) College you will attend in the Fall 2012:  
Community College/College/University \_\_\_\_\_  
Campus \_\_\_\_\_ City and State \_\_\_\_\_

16) Expected Major \_\_\_\_\_  
Career Goal \_\_\_\_\_

17) Will you be enrolled in a university approved, 4-year, undergraduate program?

Yes      No

18) Will you be enrolled in a 2-year degree program at an accredited university or community college?

Yes      No

19) Expected college graduation: Month/Year \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

20) Total college units (credits) earned to date: \_\_\_\_\_

21) Will you be a FULL-TIME student for the entire academic year?    Yes    No

22) Will you be a PART-TIME student for the entire academic year?    Yes    No

From time to time, we may need to communicate with your parents. Please indicate what language your parents prefer.

23)    Mother/Legal Guardian:    English                  Spanish

24)    Father/Legal Guardian:    English                  Spanish

If you are eligible and applying to either of the specific available scholarships, below, please check one or both of the appropriate boxes below. **If you are not eligible or not applying to either of these scholarships, *please do not mark in this section.***

- Please check box if you are applying to the ***Progress Energy Scholarship***
  - North Carolina high school student of Hispanic/Latino background and who plans major in and enter the fields of electrical, mechanical, nuclear, chemical and civil engineering at a North Carolina university or a community college.
  
- Please check box if you are applying to the **Instituto de Mexicanos en el Exterior “IME Becas” Scholarship**
  - North Carolina high school or college student who is of Mexican origin that does not have access to another type of scholarship or financial support. Scholarship recipient will be required to report their academic performance at the conclusion of the 2012-2013 academic year, as well as perform a social service activity. The scholarship recipient may also be required to produce proof of Mexican origin as needed for verification by the Consulate General of Mexico in Raleigh, NC.

○ FAMILY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

25) Father's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

26) Parent(s)' marital status: Married    Single    Separated

27) Number of dependents your parent(s) support 50% or more (including yourself): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of siblings you have (not including yourself) \_\_\_\_\_

28) Do you receive monetary support outside of parental support? If yes, please indicate where from, (i.e. government, partner, boyfriend) \_\_\_\_\_

29) Your marital status: Married    Single    Separated

30) Number of dependents you support 50% or more: \_\_\_\_\_ (do not include your spouse or yourself)

31) Expected student gross annual income for 2012-2013 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

32) If you are married or cohabitating, your spouse's/partner's occupation \_\_\_\_\_

33) Are you supported by your parent(s) 50% or more, or do you live with them?

Yes    No

34) 2012-2013 annual TUITION (exclude room and board) : \$ \_\_\_\_\_

35) Your age \_\_\_\_\_

36) Entire family income is required for consideration; do not leave a line blank.

***Put a zero (0) if no income was received.***

2006 (last year's) ANNUAL Family Income:    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Gross Annual Income    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Gross Annual Income    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Gross Annual Income    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Gross Annual Income    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security or Disability    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TANF or Public Assistance    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Child Support, Alimony    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other Income (specify) \_\_\_\_\_    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Loans, Gifts, etc.    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Savings/Investments (e.g., stocks, bonds)    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL 2011 GROSS INCOME    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

37) Did you or your parents submit a federal tax return last year?

Yes    No

***If 'Yes', please submit a copy of your 2010 or last submitted Federal Tax Return (and spouse's if married) and your parent(s)' if under 24 and single.***

38) 2012-2013 ANNUAL Year Resources (estimate):

School Scholarships & Tuition Waivers	\$ _____
Other Outside Scholarships and Waivers	\$ _____
Annual Student Loans	\$ _____
Annual Work-study	\$ _____
Annual Assistantship/Fellowships	\$ _____
Annual JTPA or PIC Benefits	\$ _____
Annual Veterans Benefits	\$ _____
Annual Pell Grant	\$ _____
Other Grants (annual)	\$ _____
TOTAL PROJECTED RESOURCES	\$ _____

If total income is less than \$6,000 per-year, please specify funding sources, with amounts, that allow you to live daily:

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Please explain any significant income changes within the last year, or any extremely unusual expenses (please specify):

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- L
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  - H
  - Dependent
  - Independent
- Cumulative GPA = \_\_\_\_\_  
EFC = \_\_\_\_\_  
# in Family \_\_\_\_\_ w/ Income \$ \_\_\_\_\_

CERTIFICATION: Student must read and SIGN BELOW to be eligible for consideration.

- I give my college consent to release to the NC Hispanic College Fund all information pertaining to this application package including; GPA, enrollment, financial, and contact information.
- I certify that all the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- I understand that falsification of information may result in termination of any scholarship granted.
- I certify that I will be enrolled as a part-time or full-time student for the 2012-2013 academic year.
- I certify that I am at least half-Hispanic (i.e. one of my biological parents is Hispanic).
- I authorize the NCSHP to share or publish my GPA and other application information for the purpose of recruitment, public relations, or possible employment.
- I may receive only one NC Hispanic College Fund award for each academic year.
- I understand that I must e-mail any changes to mailbox@TheNCSHP.org in full-time status may result in award cancellation.
- I understand that all award decisions and notifications are final and exceptions cannot be made.
- I understand that application materials become the property of the NCHCF and cannot be returned.
- I understand that any scholarship funds awarded to me will be distributed directly to the university or college that I am enrolled in.
- I understand that applicants and their relatives are barred from advocating with the selection committee members. Doing so may result in an automatic removal from consideration for a NC Hispanic College Fund scholarship.
- I understand that incomplete and late application materials will result in ineligibility and exceptions cannot be made.
- I understand that I must reapply each year with no guarantee of renewal.
- I certify that I have read this application and certification and accept all conditions.

Student's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(if student is under 18 years old)