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NC Hispanic College Fund opens 2022-2023 Scholarships
Applications are due January 15, 2022

November 15 - Cary, NC. The North Carolina Hispanic College Fund (NCHCF) opens the 2022-2023 school year scholarship awards cycle. All Hispanic students meeting the criteria are invited to apply immediately. The NCHCF, established by the North Carolina Society of Hispanic Professionals (NCSHP) with the Triangle Community Foundation, will be accepting applications now through **January 15, 2022**. Applications postmarked or received after the deadline will not be accepted. The application is currently available and can be found on the NCSHP website at www.thencshp.org/nc-hispanic-college-fund.

The North Carolina Hispanic College Fund awards annual scholarships between \$500 and \$2,500. Scholarship recipients are seniors and recent graduates of North Carolina high schools who are of Hispanic/Latino background. Recipients of a NCHCF scholarship must enroll in a degree program at a community college or a 2- or 4-year college/university and demonstrate commitment to public service and community development.

The NC Hispanic College Fund was established in 2004 with the Triangle Community Foundation. Since its creation, NCSHP has awarded nearly \$616,750 to 476 Hispanic students in North Carolina. The number one barrier students face when seeking higher education is finances, and NCSHP is happy to support Hispanic students of NC to overcome this barrier and realize their dreams of higher education. NCSHP thanks the 2021-2022 Scholarship Fund donors; Red Global de Mexicanos – Raleigh Chapter, Dogwood Health Trust, Luis A. Olivieri & Evelyn Robert, NetApp, Duke Energy Foundation, Goodnight Educational Foundation, SAS Institute, and NCSHP individual donors that support our Hispanic students through their generous contributions to the fund. We are pleased to announce the Duke Energy Foundation and SAS Institute have committed funds for the school year 2022-2023. We look forward to announcing the additional NC Hispanic College Fund contributors in the near future.

Selection Criteria

- Graduate of a NC high school within the past 2 years
- A four-year cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better on a 4.0 scale
- 2 letters of recommendation from a high school teacher, principal, pastor, employer, or other community leader
- An official high school transcript
- Personal statement (500 words)

Hispanic students that plan to enroll at a North Carolina community college in the fields of Engineering Technologist or Relay Technician, or a university to pursue an engineering major are encouraged to apply to the Duke Energy engineering scholarship available within the fund. To apply, submit an official NC Hispanic College Fund application and be sure to mark the "Duke Energy Scholarship" box.

Applications must be received by January 15, 2022. For more information or to start an application online, please visit our website at <https://www.thencshp.org/nc-hispanic-college-fund> . We encourage all eligible Hispanic students to apply!

The North Carolina Society of Hispanic Professionals is a statewide 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to *promote education among Hispanic youth* in North Carolina. Acknowledging the under-representation of Hispanic youth in higher education, and considering the need for role models, it is the intent of the NCSHP to develop and secure educational opportunities and financial support to improve Hispanic youth's success and school performance. Our Society is committed to doing the best it can to nurture our youth and provide resources to Hispanic students and their families, so that they can succeed in education. For information about how to sponsor or establish a scholarship within the NC Hispanic College Fund, please contact us at (919) 467-8424 or mailbox@thencshp.org.

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