



# Elgin Hispanic Network 2024 High School Student Scholarship

Deadline: Mar 22, 2024

## Purpose

The Elgin Hispanic Network (EHN) Scholarship Program aims to support Hispanic high school students in their pursuit of an undergraduate college education or trade school curriculum. EHN grants up to three \$1,500 scholarships to full-time high school students of Hispanic heritage. Decisions on awards are determined by the EHN Board of Directors, relying on recommendations from the EHN Scholarship Committee which is composed of community volunteers.

EHN awards are determined by evaluating:

- Academic performance
- Extracurricular activities
- Financial need
- Community involvement within and on behalf of the Hispanic community
- Consideration of bilingualism and biculturalism
- Description of career goals

Finalists may be invited for a brief interview, during which they may be requested to provide proof of income and tax returns. Selected recipients, by submitting their application, grant consent for the capture of a photograph and/or video for EHN website and social media channels. DACA and undocumented students are strongly encouraged to apply. Kindly review this document in its entirety to acquaint yourself with the process and ascertain your eligibility before proceeding with the application.

## Important Note

The scholarship check is sent directly to the student finalist's school, specifically to offset tuition, board, room, or fees within the student's financial account. All correspondence related to the scholarship funds or application materials will be handled directly between the student applicant and the EHN Scholarship Committee. For general inquiries from parents, kindly reach out to the main email at [info@elginhispanicnetwork.org](mailto:info@elginhispanicnetwork.org).

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## Eligibility Requirements

Each scholarship candidates must be:

- A graduating high school senior
- A current resident of Elgin, IL
- Of Hispanic descent
- Enrolled in a non-profit accredited college, university, or trade school for the fall of 2024
- Willing to participate in Elgin Hispanic Network events in June and November of 2024, typically lasting one hour each from 12:00 – 1:00 pm. This involvement is aimed at fostering connections with donors of the scholarship funds.

## Submission Requirements

To apply, simply complete your application and upload all necessary materials on our website by visiting the following link: <https://www.elginhispanicnetwork.org/event-5563428> . Please refer to the checklist below to ensure everything is in order. Late or incomplete submissions unfortunately cannot be considered. For additional details about the Elgin Hispanic Network, feel free to explore our website at [www.elginhispanicnetwork.org](http://www.elginhispanicnetwork.org).

**Checklist (All items in the checklist must be submitted on or before the Friday, March 22, 2024 deadline)**

- Completed PDF fillable pages 3 – 4, and 6 - 8 of this application form
- High school transcript, encompassing:
- Standardized college entrance exam test scores (SAT or ACT)
- Resumé (not exceeding 2 pages) detailing:
  - A) Extracurricular activities
  - B) Volunteer community service experience
  - C) Required school community service experience
  - D) Leadership, awards, honors
  - E) Work experience
- Electronic copy of the acceptance letter to the university/college
- Two letters of recommendation. **Applicants will receive the letters of recommendation, and hold sole responsibility to ensure these letters have been uploaded onto the online application portal.**



## EHN Scholarship Application 2024

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Race & Ethnic Background: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address (City/State/Zip): \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Home Address (if different from above)  
(City/State/Zip Code): \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you lived in Elgin? \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

School attending in the Fall: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Major/Field of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you, or intend to, apply for additional scholarships or grants from any source?

- Yes
- No

Have you completed the FAFSA?

- Yes
- No

List the name(s) of each scholarship, amount, and note if you have been notified as a recipient

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn about the EHN Scholarship?

(Name the high school, organization, website, or person)

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## Letters of Recommendations

A minimum of two letters of recommendation is required, with at least one coming from a current teacher/instructor and the second from another teacher/instructor, counselor, or community leader. Letters from relatives will not be considered.

Please ensure your recommender is aware of the following instructions:

- Write the letter of recommendation as a Word document with the name “Name of Applicant, Recommendation from Name of Recommender.”
- Specify how long you have known the student applicant.
- Indicate the capacity in which you have known the student applicant (teacher/instructor, counselor, mentor/advisor, employer, or other - please specify).
- Confirm that you are not a family member or related to the student applicant.
- Include your title, daytime phone number, and email address.
- Address all four areas below, explaining why, based on the student's abilities and accomplishments, the Elgin Hispanic Network should award them a \$1500 college scholarship:
  - School / Community / Civic Involvement
  - Leadership Qualities
  - Academic Achievement
  - Personal Characteristics

The recommender should email the letter to the Student Applicant for them to upload as part of the application materials. Letters must be submitted through our EHN Website at the time of your application submission. All materials must be submitted online before March 22, 2024.

Please provide the names of the individuals submitting letters of recommendation for you

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- \_\_\_\_\_



## Essay

Choose one (1) of the essay prompts provided below. Craft an essay ranging from 300 (minimum) to 600 (maximum) typed words. It is crucial to note that an application with an essay falling below the minimum requirement or significantly exceeding the maximum word count may be subject to disqualification.

Pick ONE:

- How has your family background shaped your perspective on the world and influenced your perception of available opportunities?
- In what ways has your Hispanic heritage impacted your journey as a high school student in the Elgin area? Additionally, how do you envision your heritage enhancing your college classroom experience?

**PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR ESSAY USING THE ONLINE APPLICATION PORTAL,  
ON THE SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY DOCUMENT UPLOAD SECTION.**



## Confidential Demographic Information

The Elgin Hispanic Network collects demographic information to track data on our recipients, a requirement often imposed by funders to evaluate our programs. Please be assured that this completed form is kept confidential and is not disclosed to readers or interviewers. Its completion will in no way impact your eligibility for the scholarship. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

How many individuals, including yourself, reside in your household?

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Are you a parent?

- No \_\_\_\_\_
- Yes, Number of children: \_\_\_\_\_

Single parent?

- No \_\_\_\_\_
- Yes \_\_\_\_\_

Are you an immigrant to this country?

- No \_\_\_\_\_
- Yes, specify country: : \_\_\_\_\_ Year immigrated? \_\_\_\_\_

Is your Mother an immigrant to this country?

- No \_\_\_\_\_
- Yes, specify country: : \_\_\_\_\_ Year immigrated? \_\_\_\_\_

Is your Father an immigrant to this country?

- No \_\_\_\_\_
- Yes, specify country: : \_\_\_\_\_ Year immigrated? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you living in a single-parent household?

- No \_\_\_\_\_
- Yes \_\_\_\_\_

Highest grade level of education completed by:

Your Mother: : \_\_\_\_\_

Your Father: : \_\_\_\_\_

Are you the first generation to attend college in your family?

- No \_\_\_\_\_
- Yes \_\_\_\_\_

What is the primary language spoken in your home? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you apply for federal financial aid?

- Yes \_\_\_\_\_
- No, If no, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_



Did you qualify for any other financial awards?

- Unsure \_\_\_\_\_
- No \_\_\_\_\_
- Yes, If yes, please list: \_\_\_\_\_

Did you qualify for a Pell Grant?

- Unsure \_\_\_\_\_
- No \_\_\_\_\_
- Yes \_\_\_\_\_

What is your annual household income? (If you are a dependent, use your parents' combined total annual income.) : \_\_\_\_\_

Are you the Head of Household?

- Yes \_\_\_\_\_
- No \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like to explain anything regarding your family and/or household financial situation, you may do so here: :

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## Signature Confirmation

By affixing my electronic signature below, I affirm that all the information provided in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any falsification of information on this application may result in the rescission of funds. In the event that funds have already been disbursed, I acknowledge the obligation to repay them. Additionally, if awarded a scholarship, I commit to participating in the EHN summer picnic.

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(Signature)

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(Date)