



## **2019 Scholarship Application**

The purpose of the Elgin Hispanic Network (EHN) Scholarship Program is to assist Hispanic high school students in pursuing an undergraduate college education or trade school curriculum. Toward this end, EHN awards three \$1,500 scholarships to continuing full-time high school students of Hispanic heritage. Award decisions are made by the EHN Board of Directors based on the recommendations of the EHN Scholarship Committee, which consists of volunteers from the community.

### **EHN awards are based upon the applicant's:**

- Academic performance
- Extracurricular activities
- Financial need
- Community involvement
- Demonstration of bilingualism and biculturalism will be considered
- Involvement within and on behalf of the Hispanic community
- Description of career goals

Finalists may be asked to participate in a brief interview, at which time proof of income and tax returns may need to be provided. Selected recipients may be requested to provide a signed release for a photograph and video for the EHN website/Facebook page.

*DACA students are encouraged to apply.*

Please read through this entire document to familiarize yourself with the process and insure your eligibility before completing the application process.

**Applications must be postmarked by: Wednesday, March 20, 2019**

**NO EXCEPTIONS**

## **GUIDELINES**

### **Eligibility Requirements**

Candidates must:

- Be a graduating high school senior, resident of Elgin of Hispanic heritage
- Be enrolled in an accredited college, university, or trade school
- Commit to attending the EHN Summer Picnic on June 19, 2019

### **Submission Requirements**

Applications must be complete, filled in online (fillable PDF), then printed and hand signed on page 6. Applicants must then mail all items in the following checklist to **Elgin Hispanic Network, P.O. Box 1554, Elgin, IL 60121**. DO NOT staple packet. Incomplete and late submissions will not be considered.

Any questions regarding this scholarship application may be submitted via email to [elginhispanicnetwork@gmail.com](mailto:elginhispanicnetwork@gmail.com).

For more information about the Elgin Hispanic Network, please visit [www.elginhispanicnetwork.org](http://www.elginhispanicnetwork.org).

### **Checklist of documents that must be submitted AS A PACKET on or before the **Wednesday, March 20, 2019** deadline:**

- \_\_\_ Completed and printed pages 3 – 6 of this application, including pen signature on page 6
- \_\_\_ Official sealed high school transcript
- \_\_\_ Resume with a list of extracurricular activities, community volunteer experience, leadership experience and employment history
- \_\_\_ Copy of each acceptance letter to university/college
- \_\_\_ Two Letters of Recommendations (see instructions on page 6)

## EHN Scholarship Application 2019

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnicity (check all that apply):

Hispanic     African-American     Asian-American     Native-American     White

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address (City/State/Zip where EHN should mail correspondence during spring/summer 2019):

\_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

School attending in the Fall: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Have you applied for additional scholarships 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 or not)

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn about the EHN Scholarship? (Name the high school, organization, website or person)

\_\_\_\_\_

Please list the names of the individuals who will be submitting letters of recommendation for you:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

## **ESSAY**

Please select (1) of the essay questions below. Your essay should consist of 300 (minimum) to 600 (maximum) typed words. Applications with an essay that does not meet minimum requirements or greatly exceed the maximum word count may be disqualified.

**Essay option #1: How has your family background affected the way you see the world and the opportunities available to you?**

**Essay option #2: What do you consider to be the most important societal problem today? Why?**

**Essay option #3: What is the most challenging aspect of attending college for you? What have you done to overcome that challenge?**

## CONFIDENTIAL DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

The Elgin Hispanic Network collects demographic information for the purposes of tracking data on our recipients. Aggregate data is often required by funders and is very important for evaluating our programs. This completed form is not disclosed to readers and interviewers and will in no way affect your eligibility for the scholarship. Thank you for assisting us.

1. How many people are in your household including yourself? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Are you a parent?  No  Yes, # of children: \_\_\_\_\_ Single parent?  No  Yes
3. Are you an immigrant to this country?  No  Yes, specify country: \_\_\_\_\_  
Year immigrated? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Is your Mother an immigrant of this country?  No  Yes, specify country: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Is your Father an immigrant of this country?  No  Yes, specify country: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Are you living in a single parent household?  No  Yes
7. Highest grade level of education completed by:  
Your Mother: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Father: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Are you the first generation to attend college in your family?  No  Yes
9. What is the primary language spoken in your home? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Did you apply for federal financial aid?  No  Yes  
If no, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
Did you qualify for any other financial awards?  No  Yes \_\_\_ Don't know  
If yes, please list: \_\_\_\_\_
11. Would you classify yourself as economically disadvantaged?  No  Yes
12. Did you qualify for a Pell Grant?  No  Yes \_\_\_ Don't know
13. What is your annual household income? (If you are a dependent, use parents' combined total annual income.) \_\_\_\_\_
14. Are you Head of Household?  No  Yes
15. If you would like to explain anything regarding your family and/or household financial situation, you may do so here:

SIGNATURE CONFIRMATION

By signing below, I attest that all of the information in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. Should it be discovered that any information on this application has been falsified, funds will be rescinded. If funds were released, monies will need to be repaid. If awarded a scholarship, I agree to participate in the EHN summer picnic on June 19, 2019. *(Please print pages 3-6, then sign & date this area with a pen. Refer to your CHECKLIST on page 2 to make sure you have all your required documents completed.)*

\_\_\_\_\_

(Signature) (Date)

**EHN Scholarship 2019 Instructions for LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

A minimum of two letters of recommendation are required. At least one letter must be from a teacher/instructor. The second may be from another teacher/instructor, counselor or community leader. Letters from relatives are not valid. Applications with only one letter of recommendation will not be considered.

**Please share these instructions with your recommender.**

The recommender will:

1. Write the letter of recommendation on letterhead
2. Indicate how long you have known the student applicant
3. Indicate the capacity in which you have known the student applicant (teacher/instructor, counselor, mentor/advisor, employer, or other-please specify)
4. Verify that you are not a family member or related to the student applicant
5. Include recommender's title, daytime phone number and email address
6. Share information covering all four areas below and explain why, based upon their abilities and accomplishments, the Elgin Hispanic Network should award this student a \$1500 college scholarship.
  - a. School / Community / Civic Involvement
  - b. Leadership Qualities
  - c. Academic Achievement
  - d. Personal Characteristics
7. Letter must be printed and signed by recommender

Each letter may be either included in the scholarship packet submitted by the student applicant by the March 20, 2019 deadline (does not need to be sealed), OR the recommender may mail it directly to this address by the same deadline:

**Elgin Hispanic Network, P.O. Box 1554, Elgin, IL 60121.**