



## **2020 Adult / Non-Traditional Scholarship Application**

The purpose of the Elgin Hispanic Network (EHN) Adult / Non-Traditional Student Scholarship Program is to assist an adult - over the age 19 and up to age 65 - of Hispanic heritage who is pursuing an undergraduate college education or trade school curriculum. This scholarship of up to \$1500 will be awarded in November of 2020. 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:**

- Financial need
- 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. *DACA and other non-documented individuals are encouraged to apply.* The selected finalist will be requested (but not required) to provide a signed release for a photograph and video for the EHN website/Facebook page.

Note: The scholarship check is only mailed directly to the school at which the adult student finalist is enrolled OR to the bank where the adult student finalist may have accrued student loans.

Please read through this entire document to familiarize yourself with the process and ensure your eligibility before completing the application process. For more information about the Elgin Hispanic Network, please visit [www.elginhispanicnetwork.org](http://www.elginhispanicnetwork.org).

**Applications must be emailed by: Wednesday, October 21, 2020**

**NO EXCEPTIONS**

**Eligible candidates must:**

- Be over age 19 at time of application AND be a resident of Elgin AND of Hispanic heritage
- Be enrolled in an accredited college, university, or trade school and in good academic standing (in-person or online classes).
- Be available to attend the EHN Thanksgiving event on November 18, 2020 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm (may be done virtually).

**Candidates who are NOT eligible to apply for this scholarship include:**

- Immediate family members of 2020 EHN Board members and the Scholarship Committee members
- Those who have received the EHN Adult Scholarship in the last three years.
- Candidates who intend to use scholarship dollars at a for-profit institution or for an institution that is headquartered outside of the United States.

**Submission Requirements**

Applications must be complete (see item checklist below). Applicants must attach ALL of the following items in **ONE EMAIL** to **info@elginhispanicnetwork.org** on or before the October 21<sup>st</sup> deadline. Incomplete and late submissions will not be considered.

**Item checklist:**

Completed pages 3 – 6 of this PDF fillable application

Separate document, no longer than TWO separate pages, with answers to questions (listed on bottom of page 3)

Resume to include educational background, employment history, community volunteer experience, leadership experience and awards / honors. If you need help writing your resume, please contact **dianhae@gmail.com** at least 10 days before the application deadline.

Electronic document of most recent university/college/trade school transcript with completed courses and grades received (if available). If this is not available, then a copy of successful enrollment in university/college/trade school is sufficient.

Electronic copy of current school year financial statement from university/college/trade school that includes any grants, scholarships and student loans awarded (if available)

Two Letters of Recommendations (see instructions on page 6) – these may be emailed to EHN separately, but subject **MUST** be “EHN SCHOLARSHIP RECOMMENDATION FOR (name of applicant).”

*Optional: electronic copy of statement from university/college/trade school OR BANK of all student loans accumulated so far.*

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

Ethnicity: (please self-identify) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

Year graduated from high school OR year completed GED : \_\_\_\_\_

College / university / trade school currently enrolled in: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Have you applied for additional scholarships from any source?      Yes      No

Have you completed and submitted the FAFSA for the 2020-2021 academic year?      Yes      No

How did you learn about the EHN Scholarship?

**Please answer the following questions in the spaces provided.**

**You may answer these questions in English or Spanish**

**1. What is your career objective?**

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**2. Did you enroll in your current school immediately after high school or completing your GED?**

**Why or why not?**

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**3. Why are you requesting financial assistance for your education?**

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**4. How have you been involved in the Hispanic community in Elgin?**

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**5. Anything else about yourself that you would like to share with the EHN Scholarship Committee?**

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## 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. 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. Are you have official DACA status?    No    Yes
16. If you would like to explain anything regarding your family and/or household financial situation, you may do so here:

ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE CONFIRMATION

By typing in your name 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 also agree to participate in the EHN Thanksgiving Event on November 18, 2020.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

**EHN Scholarship 2020 Instructions for LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

A minimum of two letters of recommendation are required. It is highly encouraged for at least one letter to come from a professor/instructor at your current college/university/trade school (if possible). Letters may be submitted from any individual who is not related to you, such as a mentor, employer, co-worker, or minister. Applications with only one letter of recommendation will not be considered.

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

The recommender will:

1. Indicate how long you have known the applicant
2. Indicate the capacity in which you have known the applicant
3. Verify that you are not a family member or related to the student applicant
4. Include title and contact information such as daytime phone number and email address
5. Explain why, based upon the applicant’s abilities and accomplishments, the Elgin Hispanic Network should award the him or her a scholarship of up to \$1500.

Each letter may be either included in the email submitted by the applicant by the **October 21, 2020 deadline** OR the recommender may email it directly to **info@elginhispanicnetwork.org** by the same deadline (subject line **MUST** be “EHN Scholarship Recommendation for [name of applicant]).

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

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