

SNHEP COUNCIL 2010 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Southern Nevada Hispanic Employment Program (SNHEP) is a tax-exempt 501-C3 community based organization whose primary objective is to increase the viability and recognition of the Hispanic Community in Southern Nevada. The SNHEP Scholarship Program is one of the many vehicles used by our organization, to ensure that Hispanic students are provided assistance to achieve advanced educational opportunities.

Application deadline date is **APRIL 15, 2010**

NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must:

- be of Hispanic heritage or have a comprehensive understanding of relevant issues that impact the Hispanic community
- be a resident of Clark County, Nevada
- attend or plan to attend the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, University of Nevada, Reno, the College of Southern Nevada, Nevada State College or any accredited vocational training institute in the state of Nevada during the scholarship award year, completing a minimum of 6 credits each semester
- must fulfill requirements for one of the three scholarship application categories below. ***You may not apply for more than one category:***

Graduating High School Senior:

- Currently attending a high school (public or private) in Clark County, Nevada.
- Minimum of 3.0 G.P.A. and/or with the school required cumulative grade point average based on a 4.00 scale at time of application (please check with the school you are planning to attend for GPA requirements).

Returning College Student:

- Currently attending one of the above named post-secondary institutions
- Minimum of 3.0 G.P.A. and/or with the school required cumulative grade point average based on a 4.00 scale at time of application (please check with the school you are planning to attend for GPA requirements).
- Enrolled in a minimum of 6 credits per semester

Adult Entering College:

- Any student entering college for the first time not doing so immediately after graduating from high school.
- A Graduate Equivalency Diploma (GED) or High School Diploma.
- A minimum of 3.0 G.P.A. and/or with the school required cumulative grade point average based on a 4.00 scale at time of application (please check with the school you are planning to attend for GPA requirements)
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Evaluation Criteria

Applicants are selected based on the following:

- Eligibility criteria as defined above
- Academic record
- Community Service or activities
- Letter of Recommendation
- Financial Need
- Compelling Essay Responses; correct grammar, punctuation and spelling
- Consideration of work experience and/or family responsibilities
- Consideration of documented non secondary education (i.e. technical, vocational, military etc.)
- Personal interview by the SNHEP Council Scholarship Committee

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

Please review your application materials to verify that you provide and comply with the following required documentation. Failure to provide any of these documents will disqualify your application. **Do not include documentation that has not specifically been requested, such as resumes, certificates, published articles etc., etc.**

1. **Application-** Must be typed or neatly hand printed, if a typewriter is not available. Applications that are illegible or incomplete will be disqualified. Use extra sheets if necessary to complete answers.
2. **Transcripts-** Provide your last official transcript for the educational institution to which you make reference in the application (i.e. high school, college, vocational, technical etc.) Transcripts must include a cumulative GPA. If your transcript does not provide one please provide documentation of your GPA on school letterhead signed by a school official. Transcripts must also include the name of the institution, your name, your social security number or student id number and your date of birth.
3. **Letter of Recommendation-** Provide a current letter of recommendation from a teacher or counselor on school/college letterhead that addresses the following topics:
 - Academic/extracurricular achievements
 - Personal qualities such as motivation, leadership and commitment
 - Potential for future success

Students who have been out of school a year or more may use the most current employer for their reference.

4. **Postmark Deadline: April 15, 2010.** Please mail in your complete application packet no later than the postmarked deadline date to the following address:

**Minerva Navarrette, Chair
SNHEP Council Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 307
Las Vegas, Nevada 89125**

Award Notification

All applicants will be informed on the status of their application upon completing the application process. Scholarship recipients are required to attend an awards luncheon where they will be provided a commemorative certificate formally recognizing their achievement. Failure to attend the SNHEP awards luncheon will disqualify the recipient. Please note that extenuating circumstances will be reviewed and considered for a possible excused absence. In addition, a guarantee of the scholarship amount will be posted at the financial aid office of the recipient's selected school.

Recipients please note that:

- Scholarships are **NOT** transferable between institutions. Your scholarship can only be used at the institution identified on your application.
- You must be enrolled in a minimum of 6 credits with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 (3.0 if you are attending UNLV or UNR) to retain your scholarship during the award year. Failure to comply with these conditions forfeits the scholarship.

SNHEP COUNCIL 2010 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY, USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NEEDED.

Personal Information

NAME: First _____ Middle Initial _____ Last _____

Social Security Number: _____ **or Student I.D.** _____

Address: Number & Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (Day) _____ (Evening) _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ **E-Mail Address:** _____

Scholarship Category (Please select the category you are applying for):

Graduating High School Senior Returning College Student Adult Entering College

Have you received a scholarship from the SNHEP Council previously? YES NO

If so, list year(s) _____

Hispanic Heritage or comprehensive understanding of one of the following (select one category that most closely characterizes your heritage):

Caribbean Central American Mexican South American North American Spaniard

Has either of your parents earned a college degree? Yes No

Academic Information

Fall 2009 Class Level: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Please provide the name of the institution you will be attending in Fall 2010:

What is/will be your major? _____

High School Attended: Name _____

Location _____

Mo. and Yr. of Graduation _____ Cum. Grade Point Average _____

If you did not graduate from high school do you have a GED (Graduate Equivalency Diploma)? YES NO

List other schools attended or training (i.e. trade, vocational, or military) you have received. Include name and address for each school, dates attended, course of studies, and certificate, license or degrees earned.

Returning College Student Applicants only:

Name of institution you are currently attending? _____

What is your current Cumulative Grade Point Average? _____

Number of credits completed? _____ Number of credits needed for graduation? _____

Financial Information

Applicant Information

Applicant's Marital Status: Single Married Divorced Separated Widowed

Applicant's Occupation? _____ Spouse's Occupation? _____

Number of dependants you claim on tax returns? _____

How many dependants will be in college in Fall 2010? _____

Applicant's Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) for 2009? _____

Spouse's Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) income for 2009? _____

List other scholarship(s) and amount(s) awarded to you for the 2010-2011 Academic year:

Parental Information

Answer the following only if you are single and under the age of 24:

Parent's Marital Status: Single Married Divorced Separated Widowed

Mother's Occupation? _____ Father's Occupation? _____

Mother's Adjusted Gross Income (AGI)for 2009? _____

Father's Adjusted Gross Income (AGI)for 2009? _____

Number of dependants your parents claim on tax returns? _____

How many dependants will be in college in Fall 2010? _____

Do your parents contribute to your educational expenses? YES NO

Will you live with your parents during the academic year? YES NO

Achievements/Community Service

List awards, commendations, certifications, special skills, etc. that demonstrate your achievements. Use additional sheets if needed.

List community activities, volunteer work, membership in professional organizations, social and/or church clubs that demonstrate your involvement in the community. Please include any offices you may have held. Use additional sheets if needed.

List any other items that you feel the Scholarship Committee should know and that would encourage them to select you as a recipient of this scholarship. You may leave this blank if you feel that you have addressed this topic sufficiently elsewhere on this application. Use additional sheets if needed.

ESSAYS

NOTE: Do not answer Parts I and II if you are a previous recipient of our scholarship, proceed to Part III. All first time applicants answer Parts I and II.

Part I (For first time applicants only.) Answer two of the following four questions. (150 words minimum for each question, double-spaced, 12-point font) Legible, hand printed answers are acceptable if a computer or typewriter is not available.

1. What would you do to increase Hispanic participation in efforts that address the current budget crisis that have an impact on education, specifically the Hispanic?
2. How would you address the dropout rate that Hispanics experience in the Clark County School District?
3. What local or national issues are threatening the Hispanic community?
4. What would you do to increase Hispanic involvement in the community?

Part II (For first time applicants only.)

Submit an essay (**500** words minimum, double-spaced, 12-point font) on why you believe you should receive the SNHEP Scholarship. Legible, hand printed answers are acceptable if a computer or typewriter is not available.

Part III (For previous recipients of the SNHEP Scholarship only.)

Submit a personal statement (**500** words minimum double-spaced, 12-point font) addressing your personal and academic achievements since receiving your scholarship. Include challenges you have faced and how you have overcome them. In addition include your current efforts towards making a difference in the community.

Applicant Certification and Consent

Please initial each line item:

I certify that all the information on this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

I certify that I have read the application information and instructions and I understand and accept all conditions specified.

I hereby give the Southern Nevada Hispanic Employment Program Council and the academic institution I will be attending, namely, _____ permission to share all information
(College or University Name)

for the purposes of this scholarship program.

I understand and consent that my academic status will be shared with SNHEP Council Officials for the purpose of awarding funds and verifying compliance with program requirements.

I hereby authorize SNHEP Council to provide my name and address to all member institutions, companies and individuals requesting such to follow up on my progress and/or to provide information on employment opportunities upon graduation.

I understand that SNHEP Council will track my academic status for compliance purposes.

I hereby authorize SNHEP Council to utilize information about and from my application and my likeness for public relations purposes, publicity and other scholarship opportunities.

I understand that I am required to attend a personal interview as part of the application process.

I understand that I am required to attend a program event, such as an awards luncheon unless excused by SNHEP Council.

I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to submit a complete application package to the SNHEP Council.

I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to keep SNHEP and my academic institution informed of any address changes.

Failure to sign this certification and consent will result in my application not being considered. All application materials become the property of SNHEP Council.

I will notify the SNHEP Council of any changes in address or telephone number in writing to the same address that I am forwarding this application.

I understand that all notification will be made via e-mail. If no e-mail is available please contact me at the following phone number: () - .

Applicant's Signature

DATE

Print Name