

HISPANIC BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Richard G. Cortez Scholarship

2009 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Hispanic Business Association (HBA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the improvement of educational opportunities for Hispanic students. Since 1993, the HBA has awarded over \$200,000 in scholarships to 273 students from Idaho and Eastern Oregon for the purpose of pursuing post secondary degrees.

General Guidelines

- A. Awards are made annually. The number of scholarships awarded is determined each year by the HBA's Board of Directors. Proceeds for this scholarship program come from our annual golf tournament: "The Richard G. Cortez Jalapeno Open". **Scholarship recipients will be asked to participate as a volunteer during the tournament scheduled for July of 2009.**
- B. **Recipients must enroll for a minimum of 12 credit hours** or have full-time status as an undergraduate or graduate student in an accredited post-secondary institution of higher learning.
- C. Award recipients are selected based on the following factors:
 1. Academic performance based on the most recent official transcript.
 2. Essay.
 3. Extracurricular activities/work experience, which reflect leadership, initiative, motivation, etc.
 4. Recommendations from teachers, business contacts, clergy, etc.

General Requirements

1. Academic performance, minimum eligibility of a 2.5 GPA.
2. U.S. Citizen or permanent resident for at least one year and of *Hispanic* descent.
3. **Documents to be submitted with this scholarship application:**
 - Two letters of recommendation.
 - *Official* copy of the most recent transcript (high school or college, whichever is applicable).
 - List of extracurricular activities and work history in a resume format.
 - Essay.
4. This essay helps us become acquainted with you in ways different from courses, grades, test scores, and other objective data. It will demonstrate your ability to organize thoughts and express yourself. We are looking for an essay that will help us know you better as a person and as a student. Please write an essay (250 – 500 words) on the topic listed below.
 - **By obtaining your degree, how do you plan to better your community, your generation or society in general?**
 - **What goals have you set for yourself in order to earn your degree?**
5. Applications must be postmarked no later than **MARCH 1, 2009.**

For any questions about this application or about the Hispanic Business Association, please contact one of the members of the HBA Scholarship Committee who are listed below.

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2009 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please print or type your responses to all questions that apply to you. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Use additional paper as necessary.

Applicant's Name (Last, First, Middle)		Home Phone #	Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male
Address (Street, City, Zip)		Cell Phone #	E-Mail Address
	Birth Date	Birth Location	US Citizen? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If not a citizen but you are a legal resident, you might be required to provide copy of legal documents.			
Parent/Guardian's Name		Mother's Maiden Name	How many years have you lived in Idaho / Oregon? ___ Yrs. ___ Months
Parent or Guardian's Address (Street, City, Zip)		Phone	

SECTION A

If you are currently a high school senior, complete Section A.

High School Attending/Attended	Year Graduating/Graduated	GPA
High School Address (Street, City, Zip)		School Counselor (Name)
List your extracurricular activities and/or work experience during high school. (Use additional paper if necessary.)		
List the college that you are planning to attend in the Fall of 2008 (Name, Address)		

SECTION B

If you are currently attending a college or university, complete Section B.

College/Vocational School Attending (Name, Address)		
Area of Study (Major/Minor)	Class Standing (Graduate, Senior, Junior, etc.)	GPA
List your extracurricular activities and/or work experience during college. (Use additional paper if necessary.)		
Address During Summer:	Phone # During Summer:	
Street:	E-Mail Address During Summer:	
City, State, Zip:		

Signature of Applicant

Date

(Signature verifies that the information provided is accurate. Any false information given shall be considered cause for rejection of this application.)

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 1, 2009

(Must be postmarked by above date)

Return application form & required documents to:

Hispanic Business Association
Attn.: Scholarship Committee
6191 W. Winstead Place
Boise, Idaho 83704

