

**HISPANIC BUSINESS ASSOCIATION**  
**Richard G. Cortez Scholarship**  
**2012 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 \$260,000 in scholarships to over 300 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 September of 2012.**
- 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.

**High School Seniors: Write an Essay on Questions 1 and 2 ONLY.**

**1. The phrase "Manifest Destiny" was a very popular term used in the mid 1800's. Although its impact was significantly greater to another segment of our population, what was its relevance to Hispanics living in the West at that time?**

**2. Popular American History recognizes that the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock in 1620 and America was "founded." What role did Hispanics play in the colonization of America? Who, where, when and why did they establish a presence in North America?**

**College Students: Write an Essay on Question 3 ONLY.**

**Knowing what you know now about the college experience what would you do differently in high school and what advise would you give to younger students today? (Financially, academically, emotionally, etc.)**

- 5. Applications must be postmarked no later than **MARCH 15, 2012.**

For any questions about this application or about the Hispanic Business Association, please contact:

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**HISPANIC BUSINESS ASSOCIATION  
RICHARD G. CORTEZ  
2012 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 #	
Address (Street, City, Zip)		Cell Phone #	<b>E-Mail Address</b>
Birth Location			
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 TO BE COMPLETED IF YOU ARE A HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR**

**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)		High 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 2012 (Name, Address)		

**SECTION B TO BE COMPLETED IF YOU ARE A CURRENT COLLEGE STUDENT**

**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 In The Fall Of 2012 (Sophomore, Junior, etc)	GPA

**Complete the information below so that we may have a way of contacting you during the summer.**

<b>Address During Summer:</b>	<b>Phone # During Summer:</b>
<b>Street:</b>	<b>E-Mail Address During Summer:</b>
<b>City, State, Zip:</b>	

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 15, 2012**

(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

Additional forms are available at [www.hbaonline.org](http://www.hbaonline.org)

