

# The Greater Kansas City HISPANIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND

2009



The purpose of the Hispanic Scholarship Fund is to provide approximately \$60,000 in scholarships each year to either entering or continuing college students of Hispanic descent. The Fund was developed by local Kansas City Hispanic agencies which have secured cash gifts and "in-kind" matching grants from the private sector, area colleges and universities, and Hispanic interests to insure its perpetuation.



## PERSONAL DATA

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle
2. Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle
- City State Zip Code
3. Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_
4. Age \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_
6. E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_
7. Parents' Names \_\_\_\_\_
8. Parents' Address if different from yours \_\_\_\_\_  
Street
- City State Zip Code
9. Ethnic Origin: Mexican \_\_\_\_\_ Cuban \_\_\_\_\_  
Puerto Rican \_\_\_\_\_ South American \_\_\_\_\_
10. Marital Status: Single \_\_\_\_\_ Married \_\_\_\_\_

## ACADEMIC DATA

**IF YOU ARE A GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR, YOU MUST FILL OUT QUESTIONS 11-14.**

11. High School you are attending \_\_\_\_\_
12. Name of College you plan to attend \_\_\_\_\_
13. Cumulative Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_ (Attach Transcript) 14. Class Rank # \_\_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_\_
15. What is your intended field of study? \_\_\_\_\_

**IF YOU ARE A COLLEGE UNDERGRADUATE YOU MUST FILL OUT QUESTIONS 16 and 17.**

16. Are you a College: Senior \_\_\_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_\_\_ Sophomore \_\_\_\_\_ Freshman \_\_\_\_\_  
College Major \_\_\_\_\_ Name of College you attend \_\_\_\_\_  
Enrollment Status: Full Time \_\_\_\_\_ Part Time \_\_\_\_\_ 17. Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_  
Do you plan on attending both semesters of the upcoming academic year? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**IF YOU ARE A COLLEGE GRADUATE STUDENT, YOU MUST FILL OUT QUESTION 18.**

18. Name of College you attend \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative Graduate GPA \_\_\_\_\_  
Attach Transcript
- Field of Study \_\_\_\_\_ Full Time \_\_\_\_\_ Part Time \_\_\_\_\_
- Undergraduate Institution \_\_\_\_\_ Undergraduate Major \_\_\_\_\_

## FINANCIAL DATA

19. Annual Family Gross Income \_\_\_\_\_ Attach 07 or 08 Tax Returns 20. Total Family Members in Household \_\_\_\_\_ (Include Yourself)
21. Independent Student: No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ (if Yes, provide verification.)
22. Number of Family Members in College (Include Yourself) \_\_\_\_\_
23. Anticipated College Expenses: 25. Your Family/Yourself Can Contribute:
- |                     |          |                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|---------------------|----------|
| Tuition (Full Year) | \$ _____ | Tuition (Full Year) | \$ _____ |
| Books               | \$ _____ | Books               | \$ _____ |
| Room and Board      | \$ _____ | Room and Board      | \$ _____ |
| Other (please list) | \$ _____ | Other (please list) | \$ _____ |
|                     | \$ _____ |                     | \$ _____ |
24. Total College Expenses \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 26. Total Family Contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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27. Amount of Financial Aid currently received and expected next year.

	A. 2008/09	B. 2009/10
SCHOLARSHIPS	\$ _____	\$ _____
GRANTS	\$ _____	\$ _____
LOANS	\$ _____	\$ _____
WORKSTUDY	\$ _____	\$ _____
<b>28. Total Financial Aid:</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

29. Summary

A. Total College Expenses (Line 24)	\$ _____
B. Total Family Contribution (Line 26)	\$ _____
C. Total Financial Aid (Line 28B 2009/10)	\$ _____
<b>30. Total Funds Needed For College Year (2009/10)</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>
(Item A Minus B and C = Line 30)	\$ _____

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

List; community, civic, religious, social, athletic or other organizations of which you have been a member.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

In these activities, what have you accomplished that you think is important?

## ESSAY QUESTION

Please answer the following essay questions. When answering the essay question, please note that you will be judged on how well your answer is written with attention being given to the author's writing style and proper use of grammar. Attach a separate sheet of paper—typed and double spaced.

### HSF 2009 ESSAY QUESTIONS

- 1. If the Greater Kansas City Hispanic Scholarship Fund assists you in obtaining a college degree. What would be the 3 things you would achieve in the first 5 years of your professional career?**

### AUTHORIZATION

I hereby confirm that all information provided on this application is correct and I understand that any false information automatically disqualifies me from eligibility from the Greater Kansas City Hispanic Scholarship Fund. I hereby give the Hispanic Scholarship Fund permission to share this information for the purpose of recruitment, public relations and reports. I hereby give the Hispanic Scholarship Fund permission to obtain and discuss information regarding my academic achievement or financial aid from the High School/College or University I am attending or previously attended.

Signature of Applicant

Signature of Parent/Guardian

## I. PURPOSE

The Hispanic Scholarship Fund was established in 1985 to invest in the young Hispanic people of the Greater Kansas City Area by providing grants to both entering and continuing college students. The primary focus was to assist those Hispanics living in the area with the largest concentration of Hispanic residents, generally said to be the Argentine and Central Avenue communities in Kansas and the Westside and Northeast neighborhoods in Missouri. The Scholarships are designed to supplement the students' financial resources from family, government, and other sources. It is the intent of the Hispanic Scholarship Fund to fill the gaps a student encounters in financing a college education. It is expected that these scholarships will result in better educational and, ultimately, economic opportunities for Hispanics. It is the express intent of the Hispanic Scholarship Fund that scholarship recipients make use of the scholarships to graduate from college and return to the Greater Kansas City Area to contribute to the local Hispanic community.

The goal of the Hispanic Scholarship Fund is to award approximately \$60,000 in scholarships annually. The Fund is comprised of money raised from the public and/or private sector and of matching scholarships from area colleges and universities. Five Hispanic agencies are principally responsible for the development and administration of the Hispanic Scholarship Fund. The founding agencies are: El Centro, Inc.; Guadalupe Center, Inc.; the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; Hispanic Development Fund and the LULAC National Educational Service Center (LNEsc).

## II. GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES

The program will operate throughout the Greater Kansas City Metropolitan Area generally defined as Clay, Jackson, Johnson and Wyandotte Counties. However, the primary focus will be to assist Hispanic students residing in those areas with the largest concentration of Hispanic residents, namely the Argentine and Central Avenue communities in Kansas and the Westside and Northeast neighborhoods in Missouri.

## III. CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

The selection committee will evaluate each applicant according to criteria established by the founding agencies. The criteria generally focus on a combination of the students' academic merit (as exhibited by the students' GPA and essay answers), financial need, and community involvement. For 2009, the Hispanic Scholarship Fund will distribute 40% of its funds to Hispanic students residing generally in the Argentine, Armourdale and Central Avenue communities in Kansas and the Westside, Coleman Highlands, Westport, and Northeast neighborhoods in Missouri. Students from these areas will compete for scholarships against students who live in their same community with special emphasis being placed on the students' financial need. However, in order to receive a scholarship, the students residing in these areas must achieve certain minimum academic standards, as determined by the scholarship committee. The remaining 60% of the funds will be distributed, as in past years, to Hispanic students residing throughout the

Greater Kansas City Area. The following criteria will be used to evaluate each applicant.

- A. **The applicant must exhibit proven academic merit (as reflected in GPA and answer to essay question), financial need (as exhibited by family's gross income, size of family, and other financial need), and community involvement (as reflected in the application).**
- B. The applicant is a permanent resident of the Greater Kansas City Metropolitan Area.
- C. The applicant has been accepted or is enrolled in a fully accredited college or university and is working toward an associate, bachelor, or graduate degree. (Applicants attending vocational or trade schools are not eligible.)
- D. The applicant must be enrolled as a full-time student (minimum 12 credit hours).
- E. Applicants must be Hispanic. The objective of this program is to provide financial assistance to Hispanic Americans.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

There will be a mandatory symposium on Hispanic issues and an awards ceremony on June 11, 2009, that all scholarship recipients will be required to attend. Each recipient must be present to receive their scholarship award and certificate of achievement. Any student not attending will be required to do a community service activity in order to receive their scholarship award.

## IV. SELECTION COMMITTEE

A selection committee will be established by the Hispanic Development Fund to review applications and award scholarships. The Board of Directors of the Hispanic Development Fund will both review and give final approval to the recommendations from the selection committee.

Relatives of selection committee members are not eligible for scholarship funds under this program if their relative is involved in the review or selection of their application. A relative is defined as any one of the following: father, mother, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, cousin, niece, nephew, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law, son, daughter or grandchildren.

## V. SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT

The scholarship amount may vary depending upon a student's need. The selection committee shall take the following factors into consideration: the cost of attending the college or university where the recipient is enrolled; prior scholastic achievement of the student; the amount of any other financial aid the recipient can provide; the amount of scholarships and grants obtained by the student in the past; and whether the particular college or university provides matching "in-kind" donations to the Hispanic Scholarship Fund.

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Colleges and Universities participating in the matching program in the past include:

**Avila University**  
**University of Central Missouri**  
**Cottey College**  
**DeVry Institute of Technology - Kansas City**  
**Donnelly College**  
**Drury College**  
**Johnson County Community College**  
**Kansas City Art Institute**  
**Kansas City Kansas Community College**  
**Kansas State University**  
**Metropolitan Community Colleges**  
**Missouri State University**  
**Northwest Missouri State University**  
**Park University**  
**Research College of Nursing**  
**Rockhurst University**  
**St. Mary College**  
**Truman State University**  
**University of Kansas**  
**University of Missouri - Kansas City**  
**University of Missouri - Kansas City - Dental**  
**University of Missouri - Kansas City - Medical**  
**University of Missouri - Rolla**  
**William Jewell College**  
**Washburn University**

The Hispanic Scholarship Fund will not over-award any recipient. Before all final awards are made, financial awards will be reviewed and verified with the prospective colleges and universities prior to the beginning of the school year. If there is an over-awarding of monies, the Hispanic Scholarship Fund will amend its award to follow the school's financial criteria.

The following organizations have partnered with the Greater Kansas Hispanic Scholarship Fund in awarding scholarships to students. When applying for the Greater Kansas City Hispanic Scholarship, you may also be considered for scholarships from the following organizations:

**The Hispanic Bar Association, The Hispanic Media Association, Image de Greater Kansas City, and Mana de Greater Kansas City**

## VI. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The application deadline is **February 20, 2009**. All grants will be announced on or before May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009. The procedure for submitting applications is as follows.

- A.** Type or neatly print responses on the attached application form.
- B.** Answer all questions. If a question does not apply state not applicable.
- C.** Attachments to applications:

- i. Attach a verification of admittance from current or potential institution.
- ii. Attach a cumulative transcript that includes grades for semester ending May, 2008.
- iii. Attach a copy of your parents' 2007 or 2008 Federal Tax Return; unless you are considered an independent student by the college you are attending, in which case you must attach a copy of your 2007 or 2008 Federal Tax Return.
- iv. Attach letter of certification from financial aid administrator for independent students.

### **APPLICATION WILL NOT BE PROCESSED UNLESS ALL INFORMATION IS COMPLETE.**

- D.** All materials should be mailed or dropped off at one of the following locations:

GREATER KANSAS CITY  
HISPANIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND  
C/o GKCCF  
1055 Broadway, Suite 130  
Kansas City, MO 64105

GREATER KANSAS CITY  
HISPANIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND  
C/o Guadalupe Center Inc.  
1015 Avenida Cesar E. Chavez  
Kansas City, MO 64108

GREATER KANSAS CITY  
HISPANIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND  
C/o El Centro Inc.  
650 Minnesota Ave.  
Kansas City, Kansas 66101

- E.** Questions about the scholarship application can be answered by calling Mayra Aguirre at 816.627.3442.

*Si hay cualquier duda de los requisitos o la aplicacion para becas, favor de llamar a Mayra Aguirre al número 816.627.3442.*

All applications become the property of the Greater Kansas City Hispanic Scholarship Fund.

### **APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

Please make sure that the following items are enclosed with your application:

- Application Form
- 2007 or 2008 Tax Forms
- Essay
- Transcript
- Letter of Acceptance

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