APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP

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Thank you for applying for this scholarship, we are excited to support you on your journey!

This scholarship opportunity is available for current & past SDA participants two-and four-year academic programs as well as certificate/licensing programs. Multiple one-year scholarships are available, each in the amount of $2,500, to support you on your journey through higher education. The Julia and Guillermo Avila scholarships are awarded to students navigating increased obstacles or barriers in their pursuit of higher education. The Virginia Czapla scholarship will be awarded to a student with a high level of service to their community. Scholarship applications must be resubmitted annually for additional funding.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

All students who apply for the SDA Scholarship must be either:

- Current SDA Student
- SDA Alumni

All students who apply for the SDA Scholarship must also be one of the following:

- Graduating high school senior (Spring 2027) at the time of application
- OR Enrolled in college and/or will be enrolled in college for the upcoming Fall semester

All students who apply for the SDA Scholarship must submit approved household income documentation such as:

- Recent Pay Stub(s)
- Proof of income letter provided by an employer
- FAFSA
- Other proof of income approved by the Hispanic Alliance

Application Opens: January 11, 2027

Application Closes: February 12, 2027

Notice of Award: April 1, 2027

HOW TO APPLY

1. Complete the scholarship application or renewal application.
2. Email proof of household income to sda@hispanicalliancesc.com
3. Complete a 500-1000 word essay. following the application prompt
4. Recommendation via a Google form will be sent to your reference in 3-5 business days.
5. Email sda@hispanicalliancesc.com once all steps are completed
6. Interview with Scholarship Committee

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View the grading rubric on our website!

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ALL STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY & WILL BE GIVEN EQUITABLE CONSIDERATION

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NEW APPLICANT EVALUATION GUIDELINES

1. **Essay (20%):** Clear storytelling, adherence to prompt, and minimal grammatical errors. The essay should vividly illustrate personal experiences, demonstrating how challenges were managed and what insights were gained.

2. **Leadership and Service (20%):** Applicants should showcase leadership and service in their community or extracurricular activities. Evidence of at least one impactful contribution is expected.

3. **Recommendation (20%)**: Letters should express confidence in the applicant's readiness for college, highlighting their strengths and potential for success.

4. **Financial Hardship (20%):** Financial circumstances are considered. Applicants from households with incomes below 100% of poverty guidelines receive the highest score, while those above 200% receive the lowest.

5. **Interview (20%):** Effective communication, engagement, and professionalism are essential. Clear articulation, thoughtful responses, and a polished appearance are valued.

*Recommendations are required. Failure to receive a letter of recommendation (LOR) results in a final score of 0.**

Financial hardship verification requires documentation of household income.