



Aspiring Scholarship Award Application

Ellis County Hispanic Organization (E.C.H.O) is a community based 501C(3) organization dedicated to promoting Latino culture, arts, education, economic and intercultural partnerships, and goodwill between the towns of Ellis County. E.C.H.O. is also concerned with promoting education and professional development. As part of E.C.H.O.'s educational promotional efforts, E.C.H.O. established a scholarship committee to award scholarships to students attending colleges, vocational schools and universities.

E.C.H.O. will award scholarships to qualified Hispanic students who are enrolled or are planning to enroll in an accredited college or university including two-year colleges and vocational schools in the United States. A scholarship award of \$1,500.00 will be awarded. Scholarships may be used for the payment of tuition, academic fees and the purchase of required educational materials.

Eligibility Requirements:

Applicants must meet the following criteria to be considered for a scholarship:

1. Scholarship are open to all students and are not based on immigration status or naturalization.
2. Must have been accepted to or be enrolled in an accredited college, university or graduate school, including two-year colleges and vocational schools.
3. Award criteria: Applicants are eligible for the following scholarship awards:
E.C.H.O. Aspiring Award for students enrolled full-time or entering freshman.
4. Grades and academic performance will be indicators of award potential; emphasis may be placed on an individual's motivation, sincerity and integrity, which can be revealed through a personal interview and in a personal essay. Need, community involvement and leadership activities will also be considered.

Application Process:

Applicants must submit the following in order to be considered for the E.C.H.O. scholarship:

1. Completed and signed application
2. Verification of admittance or enrollment from the institution the student is attending or is planning to attend (I.e., letter of acceptance from college or university, letter from the registrar or transcript.) Typed or neatly printed essay of not more than three hundred (300) words. **The complete application must be turned into the E.C.H.O. scholarship committee by April 30, 2018.** Incomplete applications will not be considered for the scholarship. The committee may require additional information and/or a personal interview.

Please mail to:
E.C.H.O. Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 2021
Waxahachie, TX 75168

High School Sr. College Freshman College Sophomore College Junior

List honors, awards, extracurricular activities and community involvement you participated in while in High School/College.

What are your future plans for yourself and for your family:

Highest level of education Father completed: _____ **Mother:** _____

Please submit the following and submit with this application:

- List community service projects you have been involved in and include type of service performed, name of organization, as well as service hours completed.
- List any honors, awards, achievements or extracurricular activities in which you have been involved. Please include institution and year where applicable.
- Request a specific nomination/recommendation for this scholarship from a teacher, counselor or principal, which includes explanation in letter format of why you deserve the scholarship.

ESSAY

- **Prepare a personal essay typed or neatly written on a separate sheet of paper. Your essay should be one to two pages in length.**
- **Topic: What community leader do you believe has been a key to intergrading cultural diversity in Ellis County and how have they done so.**