

**MEXICAN HERITAGE SOCIETY OF PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS**  
P.O. BOX 1669  
GROVES, TEXAS. 77619

Mexican Heritage Society Academic Scholarship Application

2026

**APPLICATION GUIDELINES**

1. Applicant must have at least one parent of Mexican descent.
2. Applicant must be a graduating high school Senior of the current year, attending High School in Port Arthur, Nederland, Port Neches-Groves, or an immediate member/family member of an active Mexican Heritage Society dancer.
3. Applicant must be in the top 25% of their graduating class.
4. Applicant packets must contain ALL REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS/DOCUMENTS, listed on page 4 of the application.
5. Application packets must be **Postmarked on or before Friday, April 17, 2026**, mailed to the PO Box listed above. Only mailed applications will be accepted.
6. All Applicants will be scheduled a personal interview. **Interviews will be scheduled on Saturday, April 25, 2026.**
7. Any questions regarding these guidelines or the application can be directed to the MHS Scholarship Committee, Andrea Velazco (409)543-7580 or Tony Ramirez (409)504-3791, by text message or email [avelazco80@yahoo.com](mailto:avelazco80@yahoo.com)

**\*\*SAVE THE DATE—SATURDAY, April 25, 2026—INTERVIEWS\*\***

## APPLICATION FOR ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (MI) (Last)

SS# or High School Student ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_ Male \_\_\_ Female

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's email: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Annual Household Income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Family Members living in your household: \_\_\_\_\_.

List names & ages below:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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### 1. EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Have You taken the SAT? \_\_\_ Yes. \_\_\_ No SAT Scores \_\_\_\_\_

Have you taken the ACT? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No ACT Scores \_\_\_\_\_

List your High School Honors : \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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List your High School Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
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List any other Community participation or Volunteer work you have participated in:

\_\_\_\_\_  
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## II. COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Have you applied to any colleges or universities:  Yes  No

Have you been accepted to a college or university  Yes  No

If Yes, name of College or University: \_\_\_\_\_

Where have you decided to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be a Full-Time student, enrolled at least 12 credited hours:  Yes.  No

## III. GENERAL INFORMATION

What other scholarships have you been awarded to begin your college career ?

\_\_\_\_\_  
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Do you live with your parents?  Yes.  No

When you begin attending college or university, will you live with your parents or will you live elsewhere?

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\_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently employed?  Yes.  No

Will you be employed while attending college?  Yes.  No

Name of Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

## CHECKLIST

### DETAILS OF REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION TO BE INCLUDED IN YOUR APPLICATION PACKET

(.) *Letters of Recommendation / Referrals*

- *Two (2) letters of recommendation / referrals are required in your application packet. Each one in a separate sealed envelope.*

*Example: one from teacher, or school or church counselor, or another adult who is not a relative.*

(.) *Photos*

- *Two (2) current colored photos of yourself, preferably waist-up  
No selfies  
Wallet size photo  
Must be on photo paper.*

(.) *High School Transcripts*

- *Include in your application packet, your most current transcript.*

(.) *Scholarship Application*

- *Include in your packet, completed pages 2 & 3 of this application*

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:**

- **Will receiving a scholarship affect my financial aid?**  
No, but a scholarship is considered part of the financial aid packet. Since your financial aid packet cannot exceed your financial aid, other forms of financial aid may be reduced.
- **Do I have to be a full-time and degree seeking student to receive this scholarship?**  
Yes, you have to be in order to receive this scholarship.
- **What is the process for selecting recipients and when will I know if I am chosen for a scholarship?**  
A committee selected by the Mexican Heritage Society will review all applications and conduct personal interviews. Interviews will be scheduled on **Saturday, April 25, 2026**. All applicants will receive a letter announcing the selected recipients by May 22, 2026.
- **What if I turn in my application late?**  
Applications **will not** be accepted if postmarked after **April 17, 2026**.
- **If I am chosen for a scholarship, how and when will I receive the award?**  
The Mexican Heritage Society of Port Arthur, Texas will hold an award ceremony in the recipients honor, at which time you will receive instructions on details of claiming your scholarship.
- **How long do I have to claim my scholarship?**  
The recipient will have one year from the date of their graduation to claim their scholarship.
- **How will the funds be disbursed to the college or university?**  
The funds will be sent directly to the college or university upon your enrollment.
- **To what address do I mail my scholarship application packet?**  
Mail your completed application packet with proper postage and Postmarked by **Friday, April 17, 2026** to:

Mexican Heritage Society  
Attention: SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE  
P.O. BOX 1669  
Groves, TX. 77619

**LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION / REFERRAL FORM**

Graduate's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Check One: Teacher \_\_\_ Counselor \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_ (Position \_\_\_\_\_)

\*Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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(This form may be duplicated for each Recommendation)