

## Hispanic Leadership Alliance Scholarship Program Application for 2023

The **Hispanic Leadership Alliance** (HLA) scholarship is for a first-generation Latinx student from Fairfax County Public Schools. A first-generation Latinx student is one born abroad or to immigrant parents in the United States. The student must be the first one in his or her family to attend a post-secondary educational institution. HLA is a non-profit organization of Fairfax County Public Schools employees, retirees, former students, and residents. Among the goals of HLA are to develop partnership relationships with school-based Latinx clubs; provide leadership training opportunities to club members; encourage student participation in advanced academic programs, leadership activities, and school completion; and support Latinx graduating seniors with scholarship opportunities.

In 2005 HLA established a scholarship program for first-generation Latinx students\* of Fairfax County Public Schools who plan to attend a post-secondary educational institution. HLA will award **twenty-six** \$1,000 scholarships at the Eighteenth Annual HLA Scholarship Celebration and Banquet on May 9, 2023.

### Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for the scholarships offered by the **Hispanic Leadership Alliance**, a first-generation\* Latinx high school senior of Fairfax County Public Schools must identify his or her career choices and also the name of the accredited college, technical school, or university he or she plans to attend. The scholarship must be disbursed no later than September 1, 2024.

### Evaluation Criteria

Applicants are evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Student application (including student essay);
2. Two recommendations (an academic recommendation from a current teacher and a personal recommendation from a guidance counselor or community leader).

### Application Process

1. Student must complete the application form.
2. Student must give and collect the two recommendation forms to the selected references prior to the deadline in order to submit with the application packet. Counselors and community members may also email the recommendation letter to [jane.ellen.cruz@gmail.com](mailto:jane.ellen.cruz@gmail.com).
3. Student is responsible for submitting all the parts of the completed application online to Jane Cruz, scholarship chair, at [jane.ellen.cruz@gmail.com](mailto:jane.ellen.cruz@gmail.com) by **Monday, February 27, 2023**. No applications will be accepted after midnight, February 27, 2023.

### Selection Process

The HLA Scholarship Committee, comprised of HLA board members and FCPS administrators, will read and evaluate the applications and select the 2023 recipients.

### Award Presentation

Hispanic Leadership Alliance will host a scholarship celebration and banquet on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, to present scholarships to the selected recipients.

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## Hispanic Leadership Alliance 2022 Scholarship Application Form

Instructions: Please add all demographic information to this form. Combine your personal essay, résumé, transcript and schedule, and recommendations with this file. Email this completed form to Jane Cruz, scholarship chair, [jane.ellen.cruz@gmail.com](mailto:jane.ellen.cruz@gmail.com) by February 27, 2023. Please send any questions regarding the application process to that email.

*\*Carefully review all components of this application and ensure you include everything with your submission.*

### Section One: Demographic and Contact Information

Name, *last name first*:

Current high school:

Student ID number:

Date of birth: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Home street address:

City and zip code:

Home phone number:

Cell phone number:

Email:

Where are you from?

Where are your parents from?

Parent/guardian name and cell phone:

Planned institution of higher learning (name the college, university, trade school):

Major/field of student (ie, engineering, education, STEM, etc.):

### Section Two: Applicant's Résumé

Résumé: Please upload an up-dated résumé. It should be a standard résumé, which also contains your interests, hobbies, activities, evidence of leadership, and participation in clubs and or organizations. Please use a PDF or Word format.

### **Section Three: Applicant's Personal Statement**

Please complete a statement or upload a file, which addresses *only one* of the following topics:

- a meaningful experience and how it changed you,
- where you are from and how that has shaped your educational experience,
- an obstacle you may have overcome and how you did it,
- a significant work experience, or
- how your educational experiences and career goals were shaped.

### **Section Four: Current Education Background**

Upload a copy of your current transcript. Additionally, provide your current schedule and honors, AP, or IB courses that you have completed and believe are relevant to the HLA Scholarship Program. Include class name and most recent grade earned: i.e, IB diploma candidate, IB chemistry 1, AP US-VA government, etc.

### **Section Five: Counselor/Teacher/ Community Leader Recommendations**

Please submit two letters of reference, one from a teacher and another from a community leader or guidance counselor.

Provide the names and email addresses for both your references.

### **Checklist before submitting application:**

Please ensure that all scholarship components are in this order and complete before submitting the application. Ensure that you submit your *completed* application by **midnight, Monday, February 27, 2023**.

\*Attach this completed checklist to your application:\*

- \_\_\_\_\_ Demographic and contact information
- \_\_\_\_\_ Résumé
- \_\_\_\_\_ Personal statement
- \_\_\_\_\_ Current transcript
- \_\_\_\_\_ Current class schedule
- \_\_\_\_\_ Two recommendation letters; please add the names and emails for your references (note: Counselors may email recommendations directly to [jane.ellen.cruz@gmail.com](mailto:jane.ellen.cruz@gmail.com). You remain responsible for ensuring the committee's receipt of the recommendation letters.)

Date submitted:

*Thanks and good luck!*

HLA Scholarship Committee

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