

## SNHEP COUNCIL 2006 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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The Southern Nevada Hispanic Employment Program (SNHEP) is a tax-exempt 501-C3 community based organization whose primary objective is to increase the viability and recognition of the Hispanic Community in Southern Nevada. The SNHEP Scholarship Program is one of the many vehicles used by our organization, to ensure that Hispanic students are provided assistance to achieve advanced educational opportunities.

**Application deadline date is APRIL 14 2006**

### Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must:

- be of Hispanic heritage
- be a resident of Clark County, Nevada
- attend or plan to attend the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, University of Nevada, Reno, the Community College of Southern Nevada, Nevada State College or any accredited vocational training institute in the state of Nevada during the scholarship award year, as a part-time student (minimum 6 credits) each semester
- must fulfill requirements for one of the three scholarship application categories below. *You may not apply for more than one category:*

#### **Graduating High School Senior:**

- currently attending a high school (public or private) in Clark County, Nevada.
- With a **2.50** cumulative grade point average on a 4.00 scale at time of application

#### **Returning College Student:**

- currently attending one of the above named post-secondary institutions
- with a **2.50** cumulative grade point average at time of application
- enrolled in a minimum of 6 credits per semester

#### **Adult Entering College:**

- any student entering college for the first time not doing so immediately after graduating from high school.
- with **2.50** cumulative high school grade point average on a 4.00 scale or a Graduate Equivalency Diploma (GED)

### Evaluation Criteria

Applicants are selected based on the following:

- Eligibility criteria as defined above
- Academic record
- Community Service or activities
- Letter of Recommendation
- Financial Need
- Compelling Essay Responses; correct grammar, punctuation and spelling
- Consideration of work experience and/or family responsibilities
- Consideration of documented non secondary education (i.e. technical, vocational, military etc.)
- Personal interview by the SNHEP Council Scholarship Committee

## REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

Please review your application materials to verify that you provide and comply with the following required documentation. Failure to provide any of these documents will disqualify your application. Do not include documentation that has not specifically been requested, such as resumes, certificates, published articles etc., etc.

1. **Application-** Must be typed or neatly hand printed, if a typewriter is not available. Applications that are illegible or incomplete will be disqualified. Use extra sheets if necessary to complete answers.
2. **Transcripts-** Provide official transcripts for all educational institutions to which you make reference in the application (i.e. high school, college, vocational, technical etc.) Transcripts must include a cumulative GPA. If your transcript does not provide one please provide documentation of your GPA on school letterhead signed by a school official. Transcripts must also include the name of the institution, your name, your social security number or student id number and your date of birth.
3. **Letter of Recommendation-** Provide a current letter of recommendation from a *teacher or counselor* on school/college letterhead that addresses the following topics:
  - Academic/extracurricular achievements
  - Personal qualities such as motivation, leadership and commitment
  - Potential for future success

Students who have been out of school a year or more may use the most current employer for their reference.

4. **Postmark Deadline: April 14, 2006.** Please mail in your complete application packet no later than the postmarked deadline date to the following address:

**Tony Talavera, Chair  
SNHEP Council Scholarship Committee  
3200 E. Cheyenne Avenue-C1W  
North Las Vegas, Nevada 89030-4296**

## Award Notification

All applicants will be informed on the status of their application upon completing the application process. Scholarship recipients are required to attend an awards luncheon where they will be provided a commemorative certificate formally recognizing their achievement. Failure to attend the SNHEP awards luncheon will disqualify the recipient. Please note that extenuating circumstances will be reviewed and considered for a possible excused absence. In addition, a guarantee of the scholarship amount will be posted at the financial aid office of the recipient's selected school.

### **Recipients please note that:**

- Scholarships are not transferable between institutions. Your scholarship can only be used at the institution identified on your application.
- You must be enrolled in a minimum of 6 credits with a cumulative GPA of 2.50 to retain your scholarship during the award year. Failure to comply with these conditions forfeits the scholarship.

# SNHEP COUNCIL 2006 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY, USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NEEDED.

## Personal Information

**NAME:** First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

**Social Security Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ or **Student I.D.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** Number & Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Day) \_\_\_\_\_ (Evening) \_\_\_\_\_

**Scholarship Category** (Please select the category you are applying for):

Graduating High School Senior  Returning College Student

Adult Entering College

Have you received a scholarship from the SNHEP Council previously?  YES  NO

If so, list year(s) \_\_\_\_\_ and amount(s) of the scholarship(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ **Country of Birth** \_\_\_\_\_

**Hispanic Heritage** (select one category that most closely characterizes your heritage):

Caribbean  Central American  Mexican  South American  Spaniard

Has either of your parents earned a college degree?  Yes  No

## Academic Information

**Fall 2006 Class Level:**  Freshman  Sophomore  Junior  Senior

Please provide the name of the institution you will be attending in Fall 2006:

\_\_\_\_\_

What is/will be your major? \_\_\_\_\_

**High School Attended:** Name \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Month and Year of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_

If you did not graduate from high school do you have a GED (Graduate Equivalency Diploma)?  YES  NO

List other schools attended or training (i.e. trade, vocational, or military) you have received. Include name and address for each school, dates attended, course of studies, and certificate, license or degrees earned.

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\_\_\_\_\_

**Returning College Student Applicants only:**

Name of institution you are currently attending? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your current Cumulative Grade Point Average? \_\_\_\_\_

Number of credits completed? \_\_\_\_\_ Number of credits needed for graduation? \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Financial Information</b>
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**Applicant Information**

Applicant's Marital Status:  Single  Married  Divorced  Separated  Widowed

Applicant's Occupation? \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Occupation? \_\_\_\_\_

Number of dependants you claim on tax returns? \_\_\_\_\_

How many dependants will be in college in Fall 2006? \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's taxable income for 2005? \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's taxable income for 2005? \_\_\_\_\_

List other scholarship(s) and amount(s) awarded to you for the 2006-2007 Academic year:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

List any other sources of income:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Parental Information**

**Answer the following only if you are single and under the age of 24:**

Parent's Marital Status:  Single  Married  Divorced  Separated  Widowed

Mother's Occupation? \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Occupation? \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's taxable income for 2005? \_\_\_\_\_

Father's taxable income for 2005? \_\_\_\_\_

Number of dependants your parents claim on tax returns? \_\_\_\_\_

How many dependants will be in college in Fall 2006? \_\_\_\_\_

Do your parents contribute to your educational expenses?  YES  NO

Will you live with your parents during the academic year?  YES  NO

**Achievements/Community Service**

List awards, commendations, certifications, special skills, letters of recommendation etc. that demonstrate your achievements. Use additional sheets if needed.

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List community activities, volunteer work, membership in professional organizations, social and/or church clubs that demonstrate your involvement in the community. Please include any offices you may have held. Use additional sheets if needed.

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List any other items that you feel the Scholarship Committee should know and that would encourage them to select you as a recipient of this scholarship. You may leave this blank if you feel that you have addressed this topic sufficiently elsewhere on this application. Use additional sheets if needed.

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**ESSAYS**

**NOTE:** Do not answer Parts I and II if you are a previous recipient of our scholarship, proceed to Part III. All first time applicants answer Parts I and II.

**Part I (For first time applicants only.)** Answer two of the following four questions. (150 words minimum for each question, double-spaced, 12-point font) Legible, hand printed answers are acceptable if a computer or typewriter is not available.

1. What would you do to increase Hispanic presence at the voting polls?
2. How would you address the dropout rate that Hispanics experience in the Clark County School District?
3. What local or national issues are threatening the Hispanic community?
4. What would you do to increase Hispanic involvement in the community?

**Part II (For first time applicants only.)**

Submit an essay (500 words minimum, double-spaced, 12-point font) on why you believe you should receive the SNHEP Scholarship. Legible, hand printed answers are acceptable if a computer or typewriter is not available.

**Part III (For previous recipients of the SNHEP Scholarship only.)**

Submit a personal statement (500 words minimum double-spaced, 12-point font) addressing your personal and academic achievements since you last applied for this scholarship. Include challenges you have faced and how you have overcome them. In addition include your current efforts towards making a difference in the community.

**Applicant Certification and Consent**

I certify that all the information on this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

I certify that I have read the application information and instructions and I understand and accept all conditions specified.

I hereby give the Southern Nevada Hispanic Employment Program Council and the academic institution I will be attending, namely, \_\_\_\_\_  
(College or University Name)

permission to share all information for the purposes of this scholarship program.

I understand and consent that my academic status will be shared with SNHEP Council Officials for the purpose of awarding funds and verifying compliance with program requirements.

I hereby authorize SNHEP Council to provide my name and address to all member institutions, companies and individuals requesting such to follow up on my progress and/or to provide information on employment opportunities upon graduation.

I understand that SNHEP Council will track my academic status for compliance purposes.

I hereby authorize SNHEP Council to utilize information about and from my application and my likeness for public relations purposes, publicity and other scholarship opportunities.

I understand that I am required to attend a personal interview as part of the application process.

I understand that I am required to attend a program event, such as an awards luncheon unless excused by SNHEP Council.

I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to submit a complete application package to the SNHEP Council.

I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to keep SNHEP and my academic institution informed of any address changes.

Failure to sign this certification and consent will result in my application not being considered. All application materials become the property of SNHEP Council.

I will notify the SNHEP Council of any changes in address or telephone number in writing to the same address that I am forwarding this application.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name