Scholarship Guidelines

The Tomorrow Fund for Hispanic Students provides college scholarships to immigrant Hispanic youth so they can become productive, well-educated members of our society.

The Tomorrow Fund awards annual scholarships to students enrolled in undergraduate programs at public and private accredited colleges, universities, or community colleges in North Carolina. The scholarship is not available for graduate or post-graduate education. The scholarship can be used to cover the costs of tuition, required fees, books, room and board, or other required educational expenses (such as a laptop) with prior approval. Scholarship amounts will be determined based on the funding available and payments will be sent directly to the educational institution on the student’s behalf, not to the student directly.

Eligibility Criteria:
Students must be nominated by their post-secondary institution in order to receive this award. To be eligible, students must be:

- Self-identified as a Hispanic/Latino* immigrant or first-generation U.S. citizen
- From a low-income background
- A first generation U.S. College student in his/her family
- Able to demonstrate and maintain a minimum of a 2.5 GPA
- A graduate from a North Carolina high school (attended for at least two years)
- Admitted to a North Carolina accredited college, university, or community college, preferably enrolled fulltime
- Receiving institutional funding from their post-secondary institution. Institutional funding is defined as scholarships, grants, or work-study funded directly by the school.

*As defined by the U.S. Census: “Hispanic or Latino” refers to a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin regardless of race.

Important: This scholarship is to be used to supplement the student’s financial aid package after all possible awards are made to the student. An institution should demonstrate that they are providing some level of institutional funds for any student nominated for Tomorrow Fund support. Students must also demonstrate that they have pursued all possible sources of funding available, including loans, other scholarships, and State/Federal Grants (if applicable). Students cannot be supported by this scholarship if, after all aid is applied, including support from The Tomorrow Fund, the remaining unmet need exceeds the student’s and his/her family’s ability to pay.

All nominees must have a true likelihood to remain enrolled throughout the entire academic year and must have the ability to cover expenses after all aid has been applied. Exceptional students who must attend part time, but can still meet the financial obligations and make progress toward their degree may be awarded under special circumstances.
Application Process:
The Tomorrow Fund will award one-year scholarships ranging from $2,000 to $15,000 to students attending post-secondary institutions in North Carolina. Post-secondary institutions must apply for this scholarship on behalf of the students enrolled at their school. Institutions may nominate up to five (5) students, and should include previous recipients for renewal if those students have maintained a 2.5 GPA.

All nominations for the school must be submitted in ONE packet. Only one packet per school will be considered.

Nomination packets must include:
- One Institutional Profile
- Up to five student nominations that each include:
  - One Student Nomination Form
  - One Student Profile and Statement
  - A copy of the student’s Financial Aid Award Letter or a detailed summary of the financial aid package
  - A college transcript must be submitted for any student already enrolled at the post-secondary level (rising sophomore or above). A high school transcript must be submitted for any incoming freshman.
  - A letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, or academic advisor. Recommenders must be non-family members.
  - A copy of the first two pages of the family’s last submitted Federal Tax Return (form 1040a or Form 1040ez), preferably for 2012. If a tax return is not available, proof of income from an employer may be submitted in lieu of tax returns.
  - Any documented information on untoward and/or meritorious non-academic behavior. (Please note: this includes any disciplinary action taken by the college and any off-campus legal convictions brought to the attention of the institution.)

The Tomorrow Fund for Hispanic Students Scholarship Committee reserves the right to select the final recipients from the nominated pool submitted by post-secondary institutions.

All nomination packets must be postmarked by Wednesday, May 15th, 2013 and mailed to:
Triangle Community Foundation
The Tomorrow Fund for Hispanic Students
324 Blackwell Street, Suite 1220
Durham, NC 27701

Students will be notified of the committee’s decision no later than July 15th, 2013.

Applications received after the deadline or submitted via email will not be accepted.