

**THE TOWN OF HUNTINGTON
HISPANIC ADVISORY TASK FORCE SCHOLARSHIP 2026
CRITERIA QUALIFICATIONS**

CHECKLIST

Deadline for Submission: Tuesday, September 15th, 2026

- ☐ Applicant must be a resident of the Town of Huntington.
- ☐ Applicant must be a high school senior at the time of application.
- ☐ Applicant must attend college or a vocational/trade school within the scholastic year following graduation.
- ☐ Applicant must provide a sealed official high school transcript.
- ☐ Applicant must submit TWO letters of recommendation: (1) from a member of their high school community (i.e., principal, guidance counselor, teacher, school psychologist) and (1) from unrelated persons he/she has known for at least one year. See last page for details.
- ☐ Applicant should demonstrate excellent academic performances, community service, family responsibilities, and/or extracurricular activities performed during his/her high school career within their application.
- ☐ The essay must be typed, and must be 250 words or more wherein you describe “What does my Hispanic Heritage mean to me”? Discuss your future goals and how your Hispanic Heritage has influenced you. A separate sheet can be used.
- ☐ The essay can be written in English or Spanish.
- ☐ The 2-page application and 250-word essay must be typed and filled out in its entirety.

This scholarship recognizes a student’s community service, contributions to family, and/or extra-curricular activities, high academic performance, and a desire to advance in higher college/vocational education. Scholarships are presented to students who meet the criteria listed above. Each scholarship granted will be \$1,000.00 and will be awarded during the Town of Huntington Hispanic Heritage Celebration on October 15, 2027. The awardees will also receive a Proclamation from the Huntington Town Board.

The scholarship funds may **only** be utilized to pay tuition, room and board, books, or a school meal plan during either semester of the 2027/2028 school year. The Huntington Human Services Institute will send the funds to the learning institution upon receiving the student’s registration information.

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

**COMPLETED PRINTED APPLICATIONS MUST BE SENT VIA
EMAIL OR DELIVERED IN PERSON BY: September 15th, 2026**

Student Reference Letters may contain:

- Weighted GPA
- Academic accomplishments (Honors classes and Advanced Placement classes).
- Character
- Type of student he/she is
- Description of different extracurricular activities
- Clubs participation
- Society memberships
- Community service or volunteer work involvement
- Sports
- Describe how this student has demonstrated the pride of his/her Hispanic Heritage, including their country of birth or ancestry.
- If born in another country how old was he/she when arrived to this country?
- What are the student's plans after graduation?
- Give a summary of the student

MAIL OR DELIVER IN PERSON TO:
TOWN OF HUNTINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
423 PARK AVENUE ROOM 203
HUNTINGTON, NEW YORK 11743
Or email to: Egarcia@huntingtonny.gov

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