

Hispanic Heritage

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Criteria for the Hispanic Heritage Scholarship

The applicant:

- Must have a **high school GPA of 3.5 (unweighted)** or an **overall college GPA of 3.0**. A *high school applicant* must be a **senior** and have **completed the Polk State College admissions process**. A *college applicant* must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours. Any Polk State College student with the required GPA and credit count can apply.
- Must be enrolled as a Polk State College student (full or part time) to be eligible to use the funds awarded.
- Must use the funds awarded for courses, textbooks, or school-related supplies.
- Full-time employees and their dependents are not eligible to apply.

Application and Essay Requirements:

The applicant must complete the application and a typed, two-page, double-spaced essay. These items must be submitted electronically by the deadline. The essay should not exceed two-pages and should be in 12-point, Times New Roman font, in Word format (i.e., doc. file). A *high school applicant* must submit an unofficial copy of the high school transcript with the **unweighted** GPA and all coursework included. A *college applicant* must include an unofficial copy of his or her Polk State transcript with all coursework and the GPA included.

Submission:

- The applicant can access the application at the Polk State Cultural Awareness Events page: <https://www.polk.edu/equity-diversity-inclusion/cultural-awareness-events/>.
- The student must submit the application, essay, and a copy of an unofficial high school or college transcript (as appropriate) electronically to HHM@polk.edu. The subject line of the e-mail should read: **2020 HHM Application (name of student)**.
- The deadline for the 2020 Hispanic Heritage Scholarship is Tuesday, September 8, 2020 by 11:59 p.m. (EST).**

Evaluation process:

All essays are read and rated according to the following criteria:

- The student has answered all questions and followed the essay instructions.
- The student has demonstrated the ability to express thoughts fluidly and coherently in written language.
- The student has demonstrated his or her interest in the community.
- The student meets the minimum required GPA and related requirements (see above). The GPA is used to rank applicants in the event of a tie.

Additional information:

- Scholarship recipients are notified and **required** to attend the Hispanic Heritage Scholarship Fiesta and are welcome to bring family, friends, or guests.
- The recipient must RSVP with the total number of attendees in order to prepare for this event.
- Recipients must arrive by 11:30 a.m.

The scholarship is awarded at the **Hispanic Heritage Scholarship Fiesta on Wednesday, October 14, 2020, at 12:00 p.m. in LAC 1133 at the Lakeland Student Center Dining Hall**. The Polk State College Foundation contacts recipients to provide information about accessing funds for classes or books for the **Spring 2020 Term (or later)**. The scholarship must be used within one year of its award date.

NOTE: If circumstances were to change due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) public health emergency, an announcement will be made. Please monitor the College's website (polk.edu) and your student email.



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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Hispanic Heritage Scholarship Fund is to provide financial assistance to Polk State College students who are pursuing educational goals and have an interest in serving the Hispanic community. Recipients of the scholarship are awarded up to \$500.00.

Last Name First Name MI Polk State Student ID

Street Apt. # Phone Number

City State Zip Alternate Number

Program Objective GPA E-mail

How did you hear about this scholarship?

Please attach a typed, two-page, double-spaced essay in English or Spanish to address the following questions, with emphasis on the “Hispanic family.” The essay should not exceed two-pages and should be in 12-point, Times New Roman font, and submitted in Word format (i.e., doc. file). While an applicant may receive assistance with editing the text of the essay, the content must be entirely of the applicant’s independent creation. The essay should answer ALL of the following questions:

- What are your academic and career goals?
- What does “Hispanic family” mean to you?
- From your perspective, how has the Hispanic family influenced the United States?
- How have you served the Hispanic community, or how would you like to serve the Hispanic community in the future?

Your signature certifies that the information in this application is true and accurate to the best of your knowledge, and that the essay is your original work.

Signature Date

Applicant’s submission:

- The application, transcript, and essay must be submitted electronically to HHM@polk.edu, no later than **11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, September 8, 2020.**
- The application e-mail should have the following information in the subject line: **2020 Hispanic Heritage Scholarship (name of student).**
- *Polk State College students are welcome to attend the 2020 Hispanic Heritage Scholarship Fiesta on Wednesday, October 14, 2020, at 12 p.m. in LAC 1133 at the Lakeland Student Center Dining Hall.*
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