

Hispanic Heritage Month

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Overall Criteria for the Hispanic Heritage Scholarship Application

- A. Must have a GPA of **3.5 high school (unweighted)** or **3.0 college level**. **If a high school student, must have completed Polk State College application process.**
- B. Must be a Polk State College student; full or part time student to use funds. Any Polk State College student may apply.
- C. Funds may be used for courses or textbooks.

Application and Essay Requirements:

Complete application and a typed two-page, double-spaced essay in English or Spanish and submit by the deadline. The essay should not exceed two-pages and should be in a Times New Roman, size 12 font in Word doc. format.

Deadline for the 2017-2018 Hispanic Heritage Scholarship Application:

Tuesday, September 26, 2017 by 11:55 p.m. (EST)

Submission: Application and essay must be submitted electronically.

- To access the application, visit the Polk State Cultural Awareness Events webpage at polk.edu/equity-diversity/cultural-awareness-events/.
- E-mail your application and essay to HHM@polk.edu; in "Subject Line" of e-mail, please include "2017 HHM Application (name of student)."

Evaluation process:

All essays will be read and rated according to the following:

- Student has answered all questions and followed essay instructions.
- Student's ability to express thoughts in written language—Spanish or English.
- Student's demonstrated interest in the Hispanic community.
- Student meets GPA minimum (see GPA requirements above).
- GPA will be used to rank applicants in the event of a tie.

Additional information:

- Scholarship recipient will be notified and asked to attend the Hispanic Heritage Scholarship Fiesta with family, friends, or guests, if possible.
- An RSVP will be needed to prepare for the event.
- Recipients able to attend need to arrive by 11:30 a.m.

*Scholarship will be awarded at the **Hispanic Heritage Scholarship Fiesta on Wed., Oct. 18, 2017, 12:00 p.m. at the Lakeland Student Center Dining Hall.** The Polk State College Foundation will be contacting recipients to provide more information about accessing funds for classes or books for **Spring Term 2018** or later. The scholarship must be used within one year of award date.*

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Hispanic Heritage Committee 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 will be 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 "family." The essay should not exceed two-pages and should be Times New Roman, size 12 font in Word doc. format. You are permitted to receive editing assistance if you wish, but the content must be your own. The essay should answer ALL 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 culture of 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 below certifies that the information in this application is true and accurate to the best of your knowledge and that your essay is your original work.

Signature _____ Date _____

Electronic submission (application and essay):

- Application and essay will only be accepted electronically.
- Submit your completed application and essay by **11:55 p.m. on Tuesday, September 26, 2017 (EST)**.
- E-mail your application and essay to HHM@polk.edu; please include "2017 HHM Application (your name)" in the subject line

You are invited to attend the Hispanic Heritage Scholarship Fiesta on Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. at the Polk State Lakeland Student Center Dining Hall (LAC 1133).

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