

EL FUTURO Scholarship Application

Welcome to the Sacramento Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (SHCC) and Sacramento Business Service Center (SBSC) Scholarship Program. The Sacramento Business Service Center, a subsidiary of the Sacramento Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, maintains as one of its core values, the need to provide financial support through scholarships for qualified students in the Sacramento region. Since its inception we have awarded more than \$600,000 in scholarships to first and second year college students through the Sacramento Hispanic Chamber of Commerce El Futuro Scholarship Program.

The 2017 El Futuro Program will award **\$1000 scholarships**. Each year, one applicant, who shows exceptional scholastic, leadership, and community involvement is chosen for the Mayor Joe Serna, Jr. Scholarship and receives a scholarship award of **\$1500**.

To apply for scholarships, you must meet the minimum requirements. Make sure you read all of the details in this packet before submitting an application.

By submitting an application, you (student) are authorizing the Chamber to publicize the names of scholarship winners.

The data that we collect from you will only be used for the purpose of determining your eligibility for scholarship(s) and will be protected from outsiders.

To start, you may complete the application online and print a copy to mail to the Sacramento Hispanic Chamber Office at 1451 River Park Drive, Suite 220, Sacramento, CA 95815



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**Scholarship Application period is from
8:00am on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 - 4:30pm on Thursday, April 20, 2017.**

Welcome to the El Futuro Scholarship Application. Before you complete this application, **please read the following information carefully:**

General Eligibility Requirements: At the time of application, applicant must meet the following minimum criteria:

- Currently enrolled at an eligible high school or currently enrolled in a minimum of 6 units at a California Community College at the time application.
- Must be of Hispanic origin.
- Must live in the Sacramento Six-County Regional area: Sacramento, El Dorado, Placer, Sutter, Yolo, Yuba counties and their cities.
- Intend to enroll in a four-year college or university or a California Community College [in at least 12 units]

Please share your intended major: _____

Application Materials:

When filling out the scholarship application, please be sure to answer all requests for information and attach all required documents:

- Completed El Futuro Scholarship Application
- Personal Statement: Explain your educational goals and discuss your career goals
- Community Involvement/Service: Describe your current and previous high school, college, and community service activities (include volunteer work)
- Financial Need: Describe your financial need and how you are financing your college education.
- Transcripts: Attach an official transcript of your high school work and any college.
- Letters of Recommendation: Provide two letters of recommendation, preferably from an employer, teacher, counselor, business or community person. The letters should comment on your academic potential, public service, financial need, leadership qualities, and other factors indicating your potential for future success.
- Certification: Sign the application and certify that all information is true and accurate.

Supplemental Materials: Do NOT submit any supplemental materials.

Notification:

All students selected for awards will be notified and will receive an invitation to a **Scholarship Reception**. Details regarding the Scholarship Reception will be provided in the invitation. Students not selected for a scholarship will receive a written notification.

Disbursement of Funds:

Scholarship checks are disbursed June 1, 2017 – October 1, 2017. Students must provide verification of registration (a class schedule), still meet scholarship eligibility requirements and submit a thank you note to the donors who made this scholarship possible before a check will be generated or disbursed. Specific instructions and deadlines for obtaining scholarship checks are provided with each scholarship award certificate. Scholarships will not be held for use at a later date.

Screening:

SBSC Education Committee members will determine recipients of scholarship awards.

Deadline for Applications:

In order for your application to be considered, you must submit the application and all supplemental materials need to be received by the SHCC Office no later than **4:30p.m., Thursday, April 20, 2017.**

Authorization:

By submitting an application, you (the student) authorize the Chamber to publicize information about the scholarship recipients.

Privacy and Security: The data that we collect from you will only be used for the purpose of determining your eligibility for scholarships, and will be protected from outsiders.

BEFORE MAILING, REVIEW THESE IMPORTANT POINTS:

- It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all materials are received on time. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. Postmarked date of Thursday, April 20, 2017 will be accepted.
- All candidates will be notified, by email, of their application status by May 10, 2017.
- No prior acknowledgements are made to applicants and all notifications are final.

MAIL OR HAND-DELIVER YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

Sacramento Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
1451 River Park Drive, Suite 220
Sacramento, CA 95815

Please feel free to contact the SHCC office at **(916) 486-7700** or email **info@sachcc.org** with any questions you may have regarding the El Futuro Scholarship.



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I. APPLICANT *(Completed by applicant)*

Name _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____
Last First M.I.

School ID # (if known) _____ Age _____ Grade Level _____ Phone () _____

E-mail Address _____ Address _____

Is your employer, or parent's employer, a member of the Sacramento Hispanic Chamber of Commerce? No Yes If yes, please provide name and company of Chamber member: _____

II. Current Enrollment: Currently enrolled at an eligible high school or currently enrolled in a minimum of 6 units at a California Community College at the time application.

I am a high school senior: _____ Year Graduating _____
Name of school

I am enrolled at a California Community College: _____ Number of units: 1-3; or 3-6; 6-9; or 9-12+
Name of college

III. Hispanic Origin: Must be of Hispanic origin.

- Mexican, Mexican American, Chicano Cuban South American
- Puerto Rican Central American Other _____

IV. County of Residence: Must live in the Sacramento Six-County Regional area: Sacramento, El Dorado, Placer, Sutter, Yolo, Yuba counties and their cities.

- Sacramento El Dorado Placer Sutter Yolo Yuba

V. Certification: By signing this application you certify that all information is true and accurate.

- Personal Statement: Explain your educational goals and discuss your career goals
- Community Involvement/Service: Describe your current and previous high school, college, and community service activities (include volunteer work)
- Financial Need: Describe your financial need and how you are financing your college education.
- Transcripts: Attach an official transcript of your high school and/or college courses.
- Letters of Recommendation: Provide two letters of recommendation, preferably from an employer, teacher, counselor, business or community person. The letters should comment on your academic potential, public service, financial need, leadership qualities, and other factors indicating your potential for future success.

Print Name

Signature

Date

Name: _____

Personal Statement

Explain your educational goals and discuss your career goals.

Name: _____

Community Involvement/Service Statement

Describe your current and previous high school, college, and community service activities (include volunteer work)

Name: _____

Financial Need Statement

Describe your financial need and how you are financing your college education.

How much will your family contribute to the cost of your college education? \$ _____

If you are employed, how much will you contribute to the cost of your own college education? \$ _____

Have you applied for other scholarships? No Yes If so, how much have you been awarded? \$ _____

The purpose of El Futuro Scholarship Program is to provide financial assistance to eligible graduating high school seniors and students enrolled at a California Community College who face limited access to educational and career opportunities. Please describe how this scholarship will be helpful to you and your family.

Name: _____

Letter of Recommendation (Two required)

This section MUST be completed by the Applicant. After completing this section please submit the form to your recommender. The recommender should send this form back to you so you can attach it to your application packet.

Please Print

I. Applicant (Completed by applicant)

Name _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____
Last First M.I.

School ID # (if known) _____ Age _____ Grade Level _____ Phone () _____

E-mail Address _____

Name of Recommender: _____

II. To the Recommender

Thank you for taking time to submit your recommendation to the Sacramento Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and Small Business Services Center. Please complete the following:

- How long have you known the applicant? _____
Years/months
- What is your relationship with the applicant? _____
- What is the applicant's overall capacity to succeed in his/her chosen college program in the following areas?

	Top= 90%- 100%,	Above Avera ge= 75%- 90%,	Avera ge= 50%,	Below Avera ge= Less than 50%
Academic Ability				
Initiative/Self-Motivation				
Potential for growth in major field				
Reliability				
Interpersonal Skills				
Problem Solving				
Discipline				
Teamwork				
Creativity				

- d. Please attach a letter that speaks to the applicant's academic potential, public service, financial need, leadership qualities, and other factors indicating his/her potential for future success.

Thank you for taking time to recommend this student.
Your words are valuable to the scholarship process and to the students receiving the praise.
