



## *Application For 2009*

### **The Hispanic Education Endowment Fund**

The Orange County Hispanic Education Endowment Fund (HEEF) of the Orange County Community Foundation (OCCF) provides scholarships for Orange County (OC) graduating high school seniors and community college transfer students, and a limited number of renewal awards to previous scholarship recipients. Eligible applicants will be considered for a General HEEF scholarship and for two additional specialized scholarships: see pages 5-6.

### **Eligibility**

1) be of Hispanic descent; 2) live in Orange County; 3) graduate from an OC high school or transfer from an OC community college; 4) have financial need; 5) demonstrate academic achievement and school/community/volunteer involvement, or a work history.

#### **Application Requirements**

Applicants must:

- ✂ **Complete *and sign* the 4-page application**
- ✂ **Write an essay as specified in the application**
- ✂ **Attach a copy of a high school or college transcript**
- ✂ **Attach a copy of the first two pages of a 2007 or 2008 U.S. Income Tax Return**
- ✂ **OR complete the Financial Information requested on page 3.**
- ✂ **Postmark all materials on or before **Friday December 19, 2008**. Mail to:**

**HEEF Scholarship Program  
Orange County Community Foundation  
30 Corporate Park, Suite 410  
Irvine, CA 92606**

***Incomplete or late applications will not be considered!***

### **Timeline**

HEEF and OCCF Foundation staff will review applications. Note the following dates:

- Friday, December 19, 2008:** Application and supporting documents must be postmarked by this date. Regular mail is encouraged. Certified or registered mail is not required.
- March 20, 2009:** Notification of application status.
- April 18, 2009:** Interviews will be held at Santa Ana College for selected students.
- June TBA:** Scholarship recipients must attend The Scholars Awards Reception.



***Extracurricular Activities: Page 2***

List high school, community college or college extracurricular and community service activities. Include student government, volunteer projects, sports teams, clubs, Church, work history, etc. Estimate and enter the **number of hours** you spent on the activity each year. Attach a separate sheet if necessary.

<b><i>Extracurricular Activities</i></b>		<b><i>From</i></b>		<b><i>To</i></b>	
<b>Activity</b>	<b>Description of activity (note any leadership roles)</b>	<b>Month / Year</b>	<b>Month / Year</b>	<b>Hours per week</b>	
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<b><i>Volunteer activities and community services</i></b>		<b><i>From</i></b>		<b><i>To</i></b>	
<b>Activity</b>	<b>Description of activity (note any leadership roles)</b>	<b>Month / Year</b>	<b>Month / Year</b>	<b>Hours per week</b>	
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**WORK EXPERIENCE** (begin with most recent or significant)

<b>Employer</b>	<b>Position Held</b>	<b>Hours/Week</b>	<b>From mo/yr To mo/yr</b>
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## *Essay: Page 4*

Write and attach a typed, double-spaced essay of 500 words or less. Address the following points.

1. Who are you and your family? Share your academic achievement, participation in school or community activities, or need to work.
2. Have you had personal circumstances which impacted your life? How did you overcome them? What did you learn about yourself?
3. What are your college plans and your career goal?
3. What would you do to increase the number of Latinos prepared to enroll in a 4 year college?

## *HEEF Scholarships*

Each eligible applicant will be considered for a General HEEF scholarship. You can also apply for two additional specialized HEEF scholarships that are described on pages 5-6. However, you can only receive one scholarship per year: a HEEF general scholarship or a specialized scholarship. List up to two additional ones.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

## *Certification*

I certify that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that I may be required by **OCCF** to provide documentation to corroborate the above information in order to be considered for a HEEF scholarship. I further understand that inaccurate information may result in disqualification from the scholarship process and termination of any scholarship awarded.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: **Orange County Community Foundation/HEEF Scholarships**

30 Corporate Park, Suite 410

Irvine, CA 92606

Dr. Juan Francisco Lara : [Lara@heef.org](mailto:Lara@heef.org) Tel. 949.553.4202 ext. 23

**Other scholarship programs are** described on the OC Community Foundation website: see [www.oc-cf.org](http://www.oc-cf.org)

**For further information** about the Hispanic Education Endowment Fund (HEEF), see [www.heef.org](http://www.heef.org).

## **List of HEEF Scholarships for 2009: Page 5**

### **Retain this list with a copy of your application**

#### **HEEF General Scholarships -- Four Categories for Fall 2009**

**Scholarship of Excellence:** For superior academic achievement (3.8 GPA or higher) in high school or community college.

Award Amount: \$2,500      Max. Projected # of Awards: 10

**High School Seniors:** To attend a college, university, community college or trade school.

Award Amount: \$1,000 Max. Projected # of Awards: 50

**Community College Students:** For community college transfer students to a 4-year college or university.

Award Amount: \$1,000 Max. Projected # of Awards: 10

**Renewable Scholarship for Community College or University and College Students:**

For academic achievement ( 3.5 GPA or higher) , financial need and involvement in college/community activities.

Award Amount: \$1,000 Max. Projected #: 10

***Applicants must meet specific criteria required for these specialized scholarships.***

#### **Architecture and Engineering Scholarship Program**

For high school seniors with a minimum 3.5 GPA, who have been accepted into an accredited 4 or 5-year program in Architecture or Engineering; or for Community College transfer students with a minimum 3.2 GPA who have been accepted into an accredited program in Architecture or Engineering. Scholarship may be renewable based on academic performance.

Award Amount: \$4,000 Max. Projected # of Awards: 4

**Arts Scholarship Program:** High school seniors interested in music, drama, dance, visual or fine art and graphic design.

Award Amount: \$1,000      Max. Projected # of Awards: 1 – 2

#### **Association of Hispanic Professionals for Education**

High school seniors (3.0 GPA) majoring in Business Administration with involvement in school or community activities.

Award Amount: To Be Announced      Projected # of Awards: To Be Announced

**The Mike Corona Foundation Law Enforcement Scholarship:** High school seniors interested in any aspect of law enforcement.

Award Amount: \$1,000      Max. Projected # of Awards: 4      This is a renewable scholarship.

**Healthcare Education Scholarship Fund:** High school seniors interested in any of the various fields of healthcare.

Award Amount: \$1,000      Max. Projected # of Awards: 1 – 2

**Hispanic Chamber of Commerce:** High school seniors interested in economic development and corporate leadership.

Award Amount: To Be Announced      Max. Projected # of Awards: To Be Announced

**Hispanic Council of Realtors:** High school seniors interested in real estate and business development.

Award Amount: To Be Announced      Max. Projected # of Awards: To Be Announced

**New Century Financial Corporation:** High school seniors (3 .0 GPA) and interest in business, finance, marketing, or economics.

Award Amount: \$1,000      Max. Projected # of Awards: To Be Determined

#### **Fernando & Olga Niebla Scholarship Fund**

For high school seniors and community college transfers who display a passion for writing fiction and non-fiction, poetry or are interested in pursuing an education profession that encourages English or Spanish literacy.

Award Amount: \$1,000      Max. Projected # of Awards: 1

#### **Orange County United Way**

For high school seniors who demonstrate community leadership by volunteering at least 30 hours at a community-based non-profit.

Award Amount: \$1,000      Max. Projected # of Awards: 1 – 2

**Union Bank of California:** High school seniors (3.0 GPA) interested in business, finance, marketing, or economics.

Award Amount: \$1,000      Max. Projected # of Awards: 1

## **List of HEEF Scholarships for 2009: Page 6** **Retain this list with a copy of your application**

**Applicants must meet specific criteria before applying for the following scholarships.**

### **Chapman University Scholarship Program**

For high school Latino/a students of immigrant parents. Applicants must be admitted and enroll at Chapman through the regular admissions process, have significant financial need as defined by the Federal needs analysis formula; have attained a cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale; and demonstrate involvement in extracurricular or other activities.

Award Amount: To Be Announced                      Max. Projected # of Awards: To Be Announced

### **De La Libertad Scholarship Fund: For clients of Human Options and/or their children.**

Support for victims of domestic violence in their quest to achieve personal freedom, physical safety, and economic independence through education. Scholarships are for educational attainment at a 2- or 4-year college or University, certified vocational training program, or other educational curricula approved by Human Options.

Award Amount: To Be Announced                      Projected # of Awards: To Be Announced

### **The Eisner Foundation:** For youth that are active participants of the non-profit organization, **Disney GOALS.**

The awards may be used for tutoring costs or scholarships at all levels along the education continuum.

Award Amount: \$500 - \$1,000                      Max. Projected # of Awards: 5

### **El Viento Endowed Scholarship**

For eligible high school seniors from the Oak View Community who have participated in the El Viento program from 4<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades, and will attend one of the Coast Community College District colleges fall 2009.

Award Amount To Be Announced                      Projected # of awards: To Be Announced

### **Friends of Cal State Fullerton / Richard Bermudez Scholarship Fund**

For high school seniors who meet regular CSU admission requirements, demonstrate financial need, apply for financial aid, have a minimum 2.5 GPA, demonstrate a significant contribution to school and community, academic potential and motivation to succeed.

Award Amount: \$1,000                      Max Projected # of Awards: 2

### **Friends of the University of California, Irvine**

For high school seniors or community college transfers admitted to and enroll at UC Irvine and demonstrate involvement and leadership in extracurricular, volunteer or community service or participation in pre-college programs. All majors are eligible.

Award Amount: \$2,000                      Projected # of Awards: 4

### **Hispanic Bar Association/Wally Davis Memorial Legal Scholarship Fund**

In memory of Wally Davis, one of the first Hispanic attorneys in Orange County, whose legal career was dedicated to Civil Rights, The OC Hispanic Bar Association (HBA) awards scholarships to admitted and enrolled Law School students. The HBA provides a separate application: contact Lisa Ramirez <LisaDRamirez@sbcglobal.net>

### **MANA De Orange County: For Latinas** whose families qualify for federal financial aid.

MANA de Orange County focuses on encouraging young women with children interested in returning to school to pursue an Education. Contact [manadeorangecounty@earthlink.net](mailto:manadeorangecounty@earthlink.net) or call (714) 563-6262.

### **Sage Hill High School:** For students admitted to SHHS and who apply to the SHHS financial aid department

Award Amount: \$500-\$1,000                      Max. Projected # of Awards: 2

### **Soka University of America Scholarship Fund**

Two scholarships are awarded annually to Latino/a high school seniors who have been accepted at Soka; demonstrate financial need based on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA); have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale; and have evidence of strong extracurricular activities demonstrating leadership potential.

Award Amount: \$1,500                      Max. Projected # of Awards: 2 – 5

### **Vanguard University Scholarship Fund**

For high school seniors who have been admitted at Vanguard University. Scholarship may be used for tuition, books and fees.

Award Amount: \$1,000 - \$2,500                      Max. Projected # of Awards: 2-5