



NHBWA

2008-2009 EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Postmarked deadline: March 20, 2009

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

An application is considered “complete” only if it is accompanied by the following documents, which must be submitted together with this application. NHBWA is not responsible for materials lost or misdirected in the mail.

1) **Complete an NHBWA Educational Scholarship Program Application Cover Sheet**

2) **Letters of Recommendation**

Each application shall include two (2) letters of recommendation, which must be attached or sent within the specified time frame. Both letters shall be from someone **other than** a family member who has known you at least two (2) years and the other letter shall be from someone who has been influential to your success (e.g. faculty member, counselor, employer, minister, etc.)

Letters should be on organization letterhead and shall include your name as it appears on this application. In addition, the letters must address the relationship to the applicant, length of time acquainted with applicant, applicant strengths and weaknesses and applicant's goals. Examples, which elaborate on the applicant's commitment to the community, must also be addressed.

3) **Personal Narrative**

Each application must include two (2) essays. Each essay should be typed, double spaced, and titled with reference to the topic and not exceed two (2) pages.

ESSAY #1: The first essay shall be a personal narrative addressing the following:

Describe your academic and professional goals, including contributions to your community.

ESSAY #2: Address one of the following topics (**choose one only**):

- *The importance or value of obtaining a higher education*
- *The potential impacts or influences of a growing Latino population in relation to your field of interest*
- *The specific challenges faced by Latinas in pursuit of higher education*

4) **Copy of one of the following: Financial Aid Notification Letter, Parents 2007 Income Tax Return, or Student Aid Report.**

5) **Official College/University Transcript(s)**

Applicant must be: A student residing in California, attend an accredited American College or University, be a student in good standing with at least a 3.0 GPA or better, participate in some form of community service, pursue an undergraduate or graduate degree, and be in financial need.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that I have completed the attached application and have considered each section and question carefully. I have provided information and statements that are accurate, complete and truthful.

I understand an NHBWA Educational Scholarship award may range from \$500 to \$1,000 and may be rejected, denied or revoked if any information or other required material is found to be incomplete, inaccurate or untruthful.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

GENERAL INFORMATION

- *If necessary, finalists must be available for an interview in person and will be informed of a specific interview date and time by mail or phone.*
- *Final recipient must be available to attend NHBWA Awards Dinner on Thursday May 14, 2009 for acceptance of scholarship.*
- *Please mail or deliver your completed application with all supporting documents to:*

National Hispanic Business Women Association (NHBWA)
2323 N. Broadway, Suite 240, SANTA ANA, CA 92705-8627 Phone: (714) 564-5211

COMPLETE APPLICATION MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MARCH 20, 2009 – NO EXCEPTIONS!