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January 9, 2026

Dear Guidance Counselor for the 2026 Senior Class,

The **Hudson Valley Latino Scholarship Awards Program** was created in 1999 by the Ramirez family to recognize the academic achievements and community service of our local Latino high school seniors. To date, we have recognized **176** graduating Latino high school seniors with a monetary award. Please encourage eligible students to apply for this scholarship.

Enclosed please find an application that you may copy for distribution. The application can also be downloaded from our website, [www.hvlatinoscholarship.org](http://www.hvlatinoscholarship.org). If selected, the monetary award for the recipient will be sent directly to the college Bursar's Office.

It is important to note that among the things they will need are an official high school transcript, a college acceptance letter, and a letter of recommendation from a teacher or school official. Applicants must complete the entire application. An essay is required. **The due date for the completed HV Latino Scholarship Application is Friday, April 10, 2026.**

**Please note: E-mail submission of the completed HV Latino Scholarship Application will NOT be accepted.**

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Norma Ramirez  
HV Latino Scholarship Chair



## **2026**

### **H.V. LATINO SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

#### **Eligibility Requirements:**

To be eligible for this scholarship you must:

- Be of Hispanic Origin (Latino)
- Be a high school senior in Dutchess, Orange, or Ulster Counties
- Have a college acceptance letter

#### **Selection Criteria**

**Applicants will be evaluated on the following criteria:**

- Academic Achievements and Community Service
- Completed Essay
- GPA Score
- Letters of recommendation from teacher or school official

#### **Application Preparation**

1. Complete the Personal Information, High School Information, and College Information section.
2. Attach a copy of your most recent high school transcript.
3. Attach a copy of your college acceptance letter.
4. Complete the Personal Statement Form which requires your signature.
5. Have a teacher or guidance counselor review your application and complete the Recommendation Form.
6. Place all materials in ONE envelope and postmark **on or before Friday, April 10, 2026.\***

***E-mail submissions will NOT be accepted.***

**\*INCOMPLETE, ILLEGIBLE, OR LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**



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## LATINO HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY AND LEGIBLY

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. # \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: (MM/DD/YYYY) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Check the box below that best identifies the place of your heritage:

Puerto Rico     Dominican Republic     Mexico     Costa Rica

Other \_\_\_\_\_

### HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

High School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

List any honors or special awards you received during high school. Write out the names of the awards or honors. (For example: NHS should be written out as National Honor Society.)

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List all community service activities (including Latino events, school, religious organizations, together with start/end dates and a brief description of your involvement (i.e.: offices held, projects, etc.) Use additional pages, if needed. Please avoid abbreviations for club names, organizations, and awards received.

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<b>COLLEGE INFORMATION</b>
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I will be attending \_\_\_\_\_ in the Fall of 2026.  
(Name of College)

Declared Major/Course of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Career Goal: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE:** All scholarship monies will be forwarded to the Bursar's Office of the college/university you list here. If your college choice changes, you must let us know immediately.

## PERSONAL STATEMENT (ESSAY)

**Tell the scholarship committee about yourself.** Please include why you wish to be considered for this Latino Scholarship Award. Name a specific attribute, quality, or skill that distinguishes you from others. Include what you have gained and learned from your community service experience.

**\*Your typed essay should not exceed one page in length.**

**\* Please make sure to SIGN your essay.**

### **Please read carefully and sign below:**

Upon submission of this application, I authorize the HV Latino Scholarship Committee to review copies of my high school transcript for purposes of academic evaluation. I hereby state that all information given is accurate, complete, and true.

I understand that, if selected, all monies awarded will be sent directly to the Bursar's Office of the college/university I listed on this application. I will inform the HV Latino Scholarship Committee immediately if my college/university choice changes.

I understand that should I fail to register to attend college/university in the Fall of 2026, my award will be rescinded.

**Selected recipients MUST attend the award ceremony. Location and time will be forwarded to the award recipients. Business attire is required.**

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**Applicant's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Return completed application and required transcripts by **Friday, April 10, 2026.**

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If you have any questions, please contact us by email: [nrami55@gmail.com](mailto:nrami55@gmail.com) or  
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