1. What conferences are available to HSF Scholars?
   - STEM Summit
   - National Leadership Conference (NLC)
   - Career Symposium
   - Finance Conference

2. What are the differences between each conference?
   
   **STEM Summit**
   - The STEM Summit is an annual “Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math” conference that gives the best and brightest HSF STEM Scholars an inside track to career success in STEM fields, through a combination of mentoring, professional insights, and career guidance.

   **National Leadership Conference (NLC)**
   - The National Leadership Conference (NLC) provides an inside track to the best and brightest HSF Scholars, through a combination of mentoring, professional insights, and career guidance.

   **Career Symposium**
   - The Career Symposium is an annual conference that introduces top HSF Scholars to current internship and full-time employment opportunities with HSF’s corporate partners.

   **Finance Conference**
   - The Finance Conference is an annual conference that exposes interested HSF Scholars to career opportunities in finance, asset management, private equity and other finance related fields.

3. When are the conferences?
   - STEM Summit
     September 8-11, 2016 – Los Angeles, CA
   - National Leadership Conference (NLC)
     August 5-7, 2016 – Bay Area, CA
   - Career Symposium
     August 18-21, 2016 – Los Angeles, CA
   - Finance Conference
     October 21-23, 2016 – New York, NY
4. Why should I attend?

**By participating in the STEM Summit you can…**

- Learn about and explore top-tier internship, leadership, and career opportunities
- Explore opportunities in STEM-related fields
- Participate in comprehensive professional skills training workshops
- Interact and network with leading industry professionals
- Form lasting friendships with the best and brightest HSF Scholars from around the country
- Be mentored by outstanding professionals representing STEM-related fields
- Learn about the journeys of prominent business leaders, and participate in Q&A sessions

**By participating in the NLC you can…**

- Learn about and explore top-tier internship, leadership, and career opportunities
- Participate in comprehensive professional skills training workshops
- Interact and network with leading industry professionals
- Form lasting friendships with the best and brightest HSF Scholars from around the country
- Be mentored by outstanding professionals representing a range of fields
- Learn about the journeys of prominent business leaders, and participate in Q&A sessions

**By participating in the Career Symposium you can…**

- Learn about and explore top-tier internship, leadership, and career opportunities
- Meet hiring managers and recruiters who represent top employers
- Interview live with prominent organizations
- Participate in comprehensive professional skills training workshops
- Interact and network with leading industry professionals
- Form lasting friendships with the best and brightest HSF Scholars from around the country
- Be mentored by outstanding professionals representing a range of fields
- Learn about the journeys of prominent business leaders, and participate in Q&A sessions

**By participating in the Finance Conference you can…**

- Learn about and explore top-tier internship, leadership, and career opportunities
Explore opportunities in finance, asset management, private equity and other finance-related fields
- Participate in comprehensive professional skills training workshops
- Interact and network with leading industry professionals
- Form lasting friendships with the best and brightest HSF Scholars from around the country
- Be mentored by outstanding professionals representing finance-related fields
- Learn about the journeys of prominent business leaders, and participate in Q&A sessions

5. Who is invited to apply to the conferences?

To be invited to apply to a conference, you must be a current HSF Scholar in good standing, have demonstrated high academic achievement, leadership potential, and meet the eligibility requirements. Please refer to the eligibility requirements listed in the FAQs.

6. Will I receive an invitation to apply?

Yes! HSF Scholars who meet the eligibility requirements will receive an email from HSF with an invitation to apply.

7. How do I apply?

To apply, click on the application link provided in your invitation email.

8. What is the application process?

- If you meet the eligibility requirements, you will receive an invitation to apply
- You must submit your application by the stated deadline, along with all required documents, including essays and headshots
- Once the selection committee has reviewed your submission, you will be notified via email of our decision
- If selected, you will be asked to confirm your participation and provide corresponding documents
- Once HSF receives your confirmation and all required documents, you will receive a program itinerary and event logistics

9. When are the applications for the various conferences due?

- NLC – April 15, 2016
- Career Symposium – April 15, 2016
- STEM Summit – April 29, 2016

10. Can I apply to multiple conferences?

Yes. You will receive separate invitation emails for the conferences for which you qualify.
11. Can I be selected to attend more than one conference?

Yes, you may be selected to attend more than one conference.

12. If I want to apply to multiple conferences, do I have to submit multiple applications?

Yes. You will need to submit a separate application for each conference. Essay questions will differ for each application, but your basic information will carry over.

13. Do I have to major in a STEM-related field to participate in the STEM Summit?

No. While preference will be given to scholars with intentions to pursue career opportunities in STEM, HSF will also select scholars with alternative majors who are interested in learning more about the field.

14. Do I have to major in finance to participate in the Finance Conference?

No. While preference will be given to scholars with intentions to pursue career opportunities in finance, HSF will also select scholars with alternative majors who are interested in learning more about the field.

15. Do I have to attend every day of the conference? What if I cannot attend every day of the conference?

Yes. Scholars must be able to attend a conference in its entirety. This includes all sessions, group activities, and workshops. If you cannot attend an entire conference, you will not be permitted to attend, at all.

16. Do you I have to pay for anything?

No. HSF will pay for all meals, transportation, and room & board costs for the duration of the conference. HSF will neither pay nor reimburse you for any unrelated expenses.

17. Will meals be provided?

Breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snacks will be provided during the conference.

18. How can I communicate with HSF?

All conference communication will be conducted via email, only. Please check your inbox regularly for updates on the status of your application. If you have additional questions, please refer to the program FAQ’s or send us an email via our message center.

19. What are the eligibility requirements?
STEM Summit:

- Current HSF Scholars in good standing
- Scholars entering their sophomore, junior, or senior year of college
- 2.5 GPA or above, on a 4.0 scale, or equivalent based on your school's scale
- Scholars in a STEM-related discipline/major
- Scholars outside STEM-related disciplines are encouraged to apply. If your major is not STEM-related field, you will need to state in your application how you plan to utilize the knowledge you would gain at the STEM Summit to support your professional goals
- Identify as being of Hispanic Heritage

*Please note: HSF Scholars are amongst the top students in the nation, and selections are highly competitive. The HSF STEM Summit selection committee uses a rigorous selection process to choose Scholars who are awarded seats at the conference, in a given year.

National Leadership Conference (NLC):

- Current HSF Scholars in good standing
- Scholars entering their sophomore year of college
- Scholars entering their second year of Graduate school
- 2.5 GPA or above, on a 4.0 scale, or equivalent based on your school’s scale
- Scholars from all disciplines/majors are encouraged to apply
- Identify as being of Hispanic Heritage

*Please note: HSF Scholars are amongst the top students in the nation and selections are highly competitive. The HSF National Leadership Conference selection committee uses a rigorous selection process to choose Scholars who are awarded seats at the conference, in a given year.

Career Symposium:

- Current HSF Scholars in good standing
- Scholars entering their sophomore, junior, or senior year of college
- 2.5 GPA or above, on a 4.0 scale, or equivalent based on your school’s scale
- Scholars from all disciplines/majors are encouraged to apply
- Students interested in pursuing internships & employment opportunities during and after college will be invited to apply
- Identify as being of Hispanic Heritage

*Please note: HSF Scholars are amongst the top students in the nation, and selections are highly competitive. The Career Symposium selection committee uses a rigorous selection process to choose Scholars who are awarded seats at the conference, in a given year.
Finance Conference:

- Current HSF Scholars in good standing
- Scholars entering their sophomore, junior, or senior year of college
- 2.5 GPA or above, on a 4.0 scale, or equivalent based on your school's scale
- Scholars in a finance-related discipline/major
- Scholars outside finance-related disciplines are encouraged to apply. If your major is not finance-related field, you will need to state in your application how you plan to utilize the knowledge you would gain at the Finance Conference to support your professional goals
- Identify as being of Hispanic Heritage

*Please note: HSF Scholars are amongst the top students in the nation, and selections are highly competitive. The HSF Finance Conference selection committee uses a rigorous selection process to choose Scholars who are awarded seats at the conference, in a given year.

20. I meet the eligibility requirements, why wasn’t I invited to apply?

HSF Scholars are amongst the top students in the nation, and selections are highly competitive. We receive many more qualified applicants than can be accommodated at any of the conferences. The HSF Conference selection committees use a rigorous selection process to choose a limited number of participants for each conference, as designated.

21. May I apply if I have already attended any of HSF’s previous conferences?

Yes. Scholars who meet the eligibility requirements will be invited to apply.

22. I am a Gates Millennium Scholar; am I eligible to apply?

Yes. Gates Millennium Scholars who meet the eligibility requirements will be invited to apply.

23. If I am not a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident, am I eligible to apply?

If you are an HSF Scholar and have a valid form of identification to travel to the conference, you may apply.

24. If I am a refugee or have established asylum status, am I eligible to apply?

If you are an HSF Scholar and have a valid form of identification to travel to the conference, you may apply.

25. If I am studying abroad during the time of the conference, will HSF cover the cost of my international flight/transportation?
26. I am older than the traditional college student. Am I eligible to apply?

Yes. Scholars who meet the eligibility requirements will be invited to apply, regardless of age.

27. Where can I find the application?

A link for the application can be found on your invitation email, or on your MyHSF account landing page.

28. Do I need to submit essays?

Yes. Each conference application requires two essays.

29. If I apply to multiple conferences, can I use the same essay responses?

No. Each conference requires a separate application and essays. Essay questions will differ for each application, but your basic information will carry over.

30. Why am I not able to access the application?

If you have been invited to apply and are experiencing technical difficulties, please contact us through the message center by selecting Website/Tech Issues. A member of our team will get back to you.

31. Why is HSF asking me to submit my employment information?

HSF will use employment information to support scholars in obtaining internship and entry-level employment opportunities.

32. If I exit the application, will my information be saved?

Yes. All the information provided will be saved; however, we recommend that you save a copy of all the information submitted, including your essays.

33. Can I review my application before submitting the information?

Yes. You will be able to return to any section to edit and review before submitting. However, once the application is submitted, you will not be able to edit your application.

34. I submitted my application, can I edit my information?

No. Once the application is submitted, you cannot edit the information. However, if you are selected, we will ask you to confirm your address and any other pertinent
What supporting documents will I need to submit?

You will be notified about the need to submit supporting documentation when you are invited to apply, and again, if you are selected to attend a conference.

I am concerned about uploading my personal documents into my application. Do you recommend that I encrypt my files in order to protect my information?

No. HSF’s online system is completely secure. Encrypted documents lead to disruptions in the application review process. If you have any concerns regarding the security of your application, please contact us through the message center.

Can I fax or mail my required documents?

No. Documents sent by fax will not be accepted. Documents sent via U.S. mail will not be accepted. Only documents uploaded electronically into the applicant’s Document Bank will be accepted.

How do I update my online application if my personal information changes?

Once your application has been submitted, you will not be allowed to make any changes. If your information changes and you are selected, you will be able to update your information at a later time.

When will I know if I am selected to attend a conference?

Scholars will be notified of their acceptance via email, approximately 3-4 weeks prior to the event.

Will I be notified if I do not get selected?

Due to a high volume of applicants, only students who are selected will receive immediate notification via email. We will make every effort to notify those who were not selected.

My application and supporting documentation have been submitted, what are my next steps?

The HSF Conference Selection Committee will review all applications. If you are selected, we will notify you of the next steps via email.

What is required for acceptance and confirmation?

If you are selected, you will be asked to accept your invitation and to confirm that you
will participate in the conference. You will be asked to submit additional documents, update your contact information, and complete the required homework assignment prior to the conference.

43. I have a really high GPA and consider myself a strong candidate. Why wasn’t I invited to attend?

HSF Scholars are amongst the top students in the nation, and selections are highly competitive. We receive many more qualified applicants than can be accommodated at any of the conferences. The HSF Conference selection committees use a rigorous selection process to choose a limited number of participants for each conference, as designated.

44. Does HSF offer transportation to the conference/s?

Yes. HSF will offer transportation to the conference/s as needed. Students who are selected will be contacted to provide information about their travel needs. HSF will work with each student to arrange the best form of transportation to the event.

45. Will HSF provide hotel accommodations?

Yes. HSF will provide hotel accommodations for all students who are participating in the conference/s.

46. What if I accept and can no longer attend the conference?

Scholars must make every effort to evaluate the opportunity before accepting. If you cannot attend the event or it conflicts with another activity, do not confirm. Scholars who accept and then cancel will be responsible for covering 100% of the costs incurred by HSF for this reason. Until funds are repaid, all HSF Scholar privileges will be suspended.

47. I got accepted into two conferences, but I can only attend one. What should I do?

Scholars must make every effort to evaluate the opportunity before accepting. If you cannot attend one of the conferences, simply decline the one you cannot attend. Scholars who accept and then cancel will be responsible for covering 100% of the costs incurred by HSF for this reason. Until funds are repaid, all HSF Scholar privileges will be suspended.

48. I have additional questions about the conferences; how/who do I ask?

If you have additional questions, please contact us through the message center.

Youth Leadership Institute FAQs - FAQ
1. What is the Youth Leadership Institute (YLI)?

YLI is a four day, overnight conference for outstanding Latino high school juniors designed to give students the practical tools necessary to apply to top universities, gain full access to scholarship and financial aid opportunities and set a course for academic and career success.

During YLI, you will stay on a college campus, engage with professionals and college mentors, and further develop your leadership skills.

2. When and where are the YLIs?

   June 23 – 26 – University of California, Irvine (CA)
   June 30 – July 3 – University of Pennsylvania (PA)
   July 28 – 31 – The University of Chicago (IL)

3. Why should I attend?

   By participating in the Youth Leadership Institute, you will benefit in the following ways:
   
   - Fine tune the practical tools needed to successfully apply to top universities, effectively access financial aid and scholarship opportunities, and excel in school and beyond.
   - Experience what it’s like to live on a college campus and interact with current college students
   - Interact with Hispanic professionals as well as YLI Mentors.
   - Participate in professional skills training workshops covering interview skills, resume development and social media presence.
   - Create lasting friendships with future leaders from all around the country!

4. Who can apply to participate in YLI?

   Eligibility for YLI:
   
   - Must be a high school senior during the 2016-2017 academic year.
   - Must have an unweighted cumulative GPA above a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, or above an 80 on a 100 point scale.
   - Identify as being from Hispanic heritage.
   - If you have questions regarding your eligibility, please contact us through the message center.

5. When is the application for the Youth Leadership Institute due?

   - The deadline to submit your completed application is April 29, 2016.

6. Can I apply multiple times to the different Youth Leadership Institute locations?

   No, you only apply once to the entire program and select the location(s) that works
best with your summer schedule. If selected, you will be given priority for the first selected location but may be assigned to the alternative location depending on availability.

7. Can I be selected to attend more than one conference?

   No, you will only be selected to attend one conference.

8. How do I apply?

   High school juniors can begin to apply for the Youth Leadership Institute beginning February 1st of each year. Click here to begin your YLI application.

9. What is the application process?
   - If you meet the eligibility criteria, complete your application by clicking here.
   - Applications must be received by the deadline and contain necessary documents including essays and headshots. (See Application FAQ)
   - Once the selection committee has reviewed your application, you will be notified of our decision via email.

10. What happens if I’m selected?
   - If selected, you will be asked to confirm your participation and provide corresponding documents, including your transcripts. (See Supporting Documents FAQ)
   - Once HSF receives all required documents, you will receive a program itinerary and event logistics.

11. Do I have to attend every day of the program? / What if I cannot attend every day of the program?

   Yes. You must be able to attend the conference in its entirety. This includes all sessions, group activities, and workshops. If you cannot attend every day of the YLI program, you will not be eligible to attend.

12. When does the program officially end?

   You may depart following the Closing Ceremonies, which conclude at 4:30pm on Sunday afternoon. Should they be present, your parents and families are welcome to attend and participate in the program only on Sunday (closing day) beginning at 1:30pm through the Closing Ceremonies.

13. What is the cost to participate in YLI?

   The Youth Leadership Institute sessions, meals, room and board are covered by HSF for the duration of the conference. Which means, attending is FREE! However, unrelated expenses must be covered out of pocket by the participant. Out of pocket expenses may include, but are not limited to, purchases from the university
bookstore, additional snack items, gifts, and more. HSF will do their best to accommodate the travel needs of our selected participants on a case-by-case basis, but it is preferred that participants secure their own travel to and from the conference. If you have additional questions, please contact us through the message center.

14. Will meals be provided?

Breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks will be provided for you during the program.

15. If I attended a College Camp, College 101 or any of HSF’s previous programs, can I apply?

Yes. If you meet the eligibility criteria, you are encouraged to apply!

16. If I am not a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident, am I eligible to apply?

If you are a high school junior and have a valid form of identification to travel to the program, then you may apply.

17. If I am a refugee or have established asylum status, am I eligible to apply?

Yes. High school juniors must have a valid form of identification if traveling to the program. If you have additional questions, please contact us through the message center.

18. Do I need to submit essays?

Yes. Each application requires two short essays.

19. If I exit the application, will my information be saved?

Yes. All the information provided will be saved; however, we recommend that you save a copy of all the information submitted including your essays.

20. Can I review my application before submitting the information?

Yes. You will be able to return to any section to edit and review before submitting. Once the application is submitted, you will NOT be able to edit your application.

21. I submitted my application, can I edit my information?

No. Once the application is submitted, you cannot edit the information. If you are selected, we will ask you to confirm your address and any other pertinent information at a later time.

22. What documents do I need to apply?
If you are accepted to the Youth Leadership Institute, you will be notified via email of the necessary documents, including your transcripts.

23. Where do I send my documents?

Upload your documents, per the application instructions. Only documents uploaded into your application’s “Document Bank” will be reviewed.

24. I am concerned about uploading my personal documents into my application. Do you recommend that I encrypt my files in order to protect my information?

No. HSF’s online system is completely secure. Encrypted documents lead to disruptions in the application review process. If you have any concerns regarding the security of your application, please contact us through the message center.

25. Can I fax or mail my required documents?

No. Documents sent by fax or post mail will not be accepted. Only documents uploaded electronically into your Document Bank will be accepted.

26. How do I update my online application if my personal information changes?

Once your application has been submitted, you will not be allowed to make any changes. If your information changes and you are selected, you will be able to update your information at a later time.

27. When will I know if I am selected to attend the program?

If you are selected to participate in the 2016 YLI program, you will be notified of your acceptance approximately 8-10 weeks prior to your scheduled program date.

28. Will I be notified if I do NOT get selected?

You will receive notification of your application status via e-mail. Decisions will be sent to you eight to ten weeks prior to your scheduled program date.

29. My application and supporting documentation have been submitted, what are my next steps?

The HSF Youth Leadership Institute Selection Committee will review all applications. If selected, you will be notified by HSF with the next steps.

30. What happens if I’m selected?

If selected, you will be asked to confirm your participation and provide corresponding
documents, including your transcripts. Once HSF receives all required documents, you will receive a program itinerary and event logistics.

31. What is the confirmation & acceptance?

If you are selected, you will be asked to confirm and accept your participation in the program. You may be asked to submit additional documents and update your contact information. If you are selected to receive transportation assistance, you will be contacted to provide information about your travel needs.

32. Does HSF offer transportation to the YLI?

HSF will offer transportation to the program as needed. If you are selected to receive transportation assistance, you will be contacted to provide information about your travel needs. HSF will work with you to arrange the best form of transportation to the event. HSF will also provide the program itinerary, including the expected arrival times, directions and event information for your convenience.

33. Will HSF provide hotel accommodations?

HSF will provide your room and boarding if you are selected to participate in the YLI.

34. Do I have to attend every day of the program? / What if I cannot attend every day of the program?

Yes. You must be able to attend the conference in its entirety. This includes all sessions, group activities, and workshops. If you cannot attend every day of the YLI program, you will not be eligible to attend.

35. When does the program officially end?

You may depart following the Closing Ceremonies, which conclude at 4:30pm on Sunday afternoon. Should they be present, your parents and families are welcome to attend and participate in the program only on Sunday (closing day) beginning at 1:30pm through the Closing Ceremonies.

36. What if I accept and can no longer attend the conference?

You must make every effort to evaluate the opportunity before accepting. If you cannot attend the event or it conflicts with another activity, do not confirm. If you accept and then cancel, you will be responsible for covering 100% of the costs incurred by HSF.

37. What is the cost to participate in YLI?
The Youth Leadership Institute sessions, meals, room and board are covered by HSF for the duration of the conference. Which means, attending is FREE! However, unrelated expenses must be covered out of pocket by the participant. Out of pocket expenses may include, but are not limited to, purchases from the university bookstore, additional snack items, gifts, and more. HSF will do their best to accommodate the travel needs of our selected participants on a case-by-case basis, but it is preferred that participants secure their own travel to and from the conference. If you have additional questions, please contact us through the message center.

38. I have additional questions about the conferences; how/who do I ask?

If you have additional questions, please contact us through the message center.

40 Ways to Give Back - FAQ

1. Give $1 for each of HSF’s 40 years of empowering Latino families with the knowledge and resources to successfully complete a higher education

   Make your online donation today!

2. Encourage a Latino student to pursue higher education

   Share why a college education is important.

3. Follow HSF on social media and share posts with your network

   HSF Social:

   ![Social Media Icons]

4. Attend HSF events and invite your network

   Visit the HSF Events Calendar.

5. Refer an exceptional Latino student to HSF.net to apply for a scholarship

   Scroll to the bottom of the page and suggest a student.

6. Sign up for a MyHSF profile

   Start your profile now.

7. Tell Latino students to apply for financial aid and visit HSF.net to learn how

   Share the HSF resources.

8. Become an HSF corporate sponsor
Contact us

9. Tell us your HSF Story

Share your story.

10. Volunteer at an HSF event or program

Sign up today by choosing Volunteer Opportunities.

11. Urge parents and students to visit HSF.net for information and resources about going to college

Find internships, interviewing tips and other scholarship information.

12. Become a member of the HSF Honor Roll by contributing $1,000 annually

Join the Honor Roll.

13. Contribute ad space or media to HSF

Donate by clicking here.

14. Designate HSF as your company's Workplace Giving beneficiary

Select HSF for Workplace Giving.

15. In lieu of gifts for a birthday or marriage, encourage guests to give to HSF

Gifts can be made by choosing Donations/Bequests.

16. Distribute information about HSF scholarships and events to schools, churches, and community centers

17. Apply to be an HSF Scholarship Application Reader

Sign up through MyHSF today.

18. Nominate a community leader to be part of an HSF Advisory Council

Make your nomination by clicking here.

19. Enroll in payroll deduction to donate to HSF

Contribute to HSF through payroll contributions.

20. Donate your professional services to HSF

Click here to donate.
21. 21. Share your favorite HSF Video with your family, friends and colleague
   Visit the HSF YouTube Channel to see all our videos.

22. 22. Host a fundraiser for HSF
   Fundraise for HSF.

23. 23. Become an HSF Blogger
   Go to Marketing and Media to learn how.

24. 24. Have your business donate a portion of its proceeds to HSF
   Give today through Donations/Bequests.

25. 25. Take a selfie with your HSF gear or at an HSF event, and post using #HSFturns40
   Get your HSF gear and check out the HSF Events Calendar.

26. 26. Become a member of the HSF Dean's List by contributing $10,000 annually
   Join the Dean's List.

27. 27. Purchase a table or tickets for HSF's Alumni Hall of Fame Gala
   Support the Alumni Hall of Fame.

28. 28. Enroll HSF in your company's matching gift program
   Sign up your organization today!

29. 29. Join the HSF Alumni Association
   Contact us here!

30. 30. Donate a venue, meals, or transportation for an HSF event
   Contact us here!

31. 31. Make a gift to HSF in honor of someone
   Pay homage to someone you love!

32. 32. Sign up to become an HSF Mentor
   Coming Soon

33. 33. Host an HSF Road to College workshop for students and parents
34. Donate money or miles to HSF for outreach efforts by visiting justgive.org

Click on link: https://www.justgive.org/index.jsp and type Hispanic Scholarship Fund or HSF in the search box to start donating.

35. Shop at the HSF Store to show your pride and support for HSF

Visit our HSF Store and check out our new items!

36. Hire an HSF Scholar or Alum

Coming Soon

37. Name HSF in your planned giving, will, or bequest

Find out how to make HSF part of your long-lasting legacy.

38. Support our sponsors and community partners

View our list of sponsors.

39. Sign up to receive the HSF newsletter

Stay up to date with the HSF Newsletter.

40. Share this list with a friend

HSF Social:

Scholarship Application System - FAQ

1. My Profile
   • The My Profile has two pages to complete. Please go to the bottom of the first page and hit “Continue”
   • Anything that is pending will show a “Requires Entry”
If your page 1 is complete, you will be taken automatically to Page 2 of My Profile
Again, anything that is pending will show a “Requires Entry” when you hit “Continue”
Make sure you click “Add” if you are entering any information within a grid.

When you finish this section, go back to your list of all sections and finish by going to “Accept Terms” and click “Finish”
2. My Education
   - The My Education has two pages to complete. Please go to the bottom of the first page and hit “Continue”
   - Anything that is pending will show a “Requires Entry”
   - If your page 1 is complete, you will be taken automatically to Page 2 of My Education
   - Again, anything that is pending will show a “Requires Entry” when you hit “Continue”
   - Make sure you click “Add” if you are entering any information within a grid.
○ When you finish this section, go back to your list of all sections and finish by going to “Accept Terms” and click “Finish”
3. My Career Interests
   - Within My Career Interests, if you check “Other”, the box below will be a required field under In Demand Industries or In Demand Jobs.

   Please make sure you put something in the box with Other Industries or Jobs that interest you
   - Make sure you click “Add” if you are entering any information within a grid.

4. My Future
   - Within My Future, if you check “Other”, the box below will be a required field
under In Demand Majors.

- Please make sure you put something in the box with Other Majors that interest you.
- Make sure you click “Add” if you are entering any information within a grid.

5. My Involvement
   - Within My Involvement, if you hit “continue” you will see anything on the page that is required.
6. My Family
   - Within My Family, if you hit “continue” you will see anything on the page that is required.

   - Make sure you click “Add” if you are entering any information within a grid.
7. My Finances
   - Within My Finances, if you hit “continue” you will see anything on the page that is required
     - A SAR to be uploaded is currently not required. If you have one, please upload here. Do not scan or take print screens. We need to have a PDF copy of the document. If you are a finalist you will be asked later to submit your SAR so don’t worry too much about this right now.
     - Make sure you click “Add” if you are entering any information within a grid.

8. My Details
   - Within My Details, if you hit “continue” you will see anything on the page that is required
   - Make sure you click “Add” if you are entering any information within a grid.

9. Recommenders
   - Within My Recommenders, if you hit “continue” you will see anything on the page that is required
   - Make sure you click “Add” if you are entering any information within a grid.
   - HSF does not accept emailed, mailed and faxed recommendations. Recommenders will receive their recommendation notification via email 24 hours after the applicant submits their scholarship application. The notification will provide recommenders with instructions on how to proceed. HSF requires that applicants have at least 1 academic recommender submitted by March 30th. Recommenders are required to submit an electronic recommendation form. Letters of recommendation are optional and must be uploaded into the recommendation form. Please note, some email security systems block emails from HSF therefore, we recommend that you ask your recommenders to check their spam folders and add HSF to their safe senders list.

10. Essays
    - Within Essays, if you hit “continue” you will see anything on the page that is required
    - Watch out for the length of the essay, the mins and max are posted on the page. Essay 1 & Essay 2 should be between 250 and 500 words. If you are
cutting and pasting from word, you may bring over extra characters that will be counted. We suggest using a plain text editor.

- For the tweet, please note this is 140 characters, not words. The character count includes spaces and punctuations. You will most likely need to condense what you want to say here to 10-15 words max.

11. Accept Terms
   - You are close to being done. Hit Accept Terms & Press Finish
   - Your %complete bar will show 95% if you are at this point. There is nothing else remaining. You are done, this is the last 5% left for you to do.
   - Congratulations!

12. 95% Complete
   - You are close to being done. Hit Accept Terms & Press Finish
   - Your % complete bar will show 95% if you are at this point. There is nothing else remaining. You are done, this is the last 5% left for you to do.
   - Congratulations!

13. Getting to the list of Sections
   - From the Thing’s You’ll Need page, the 3 stacked bars on the upper left hand section next to the logo is where you click to get to your application.

14. Document Bank

Once you locate your document bank, click on the blue plus (+) sign at the bottom right hand corner.
Next, click on “file type” to select the type of document you are uploading, along with the year and term of that document (if applicable). Next, be sure to view the file and certify that you have uploaded the correct document in correspondence to the file type you have chosen. For example, if you have selected “transcript” as the file type, you will need to click “I certify, the document is correct” to confirm that you have uploaded a transcript.

There are many different file type options; Please know that HSF is only requesting the following documents at this time:

- Transcript
- Student Aid Report (SAR) (DACA applicants are not required to submit)
- Employment Authorization Document (EAD) (for DACA applicants only)
- State Financial Aid Report (for DACA applicants only) (optional)
- Resume (optional)

The following documents are not required at this time and will only be requested if an applicant has been selected for a scholarship:
Internship Opportunities - FAQ

1. Anheuser-Busch Internships
   For more information please visit http://www.buschjobs.com/Careers/talent-programs

2. Procter & Gamble Internships
   For more information on Internships & Summer programs, please visit their PDF.

3. National Institute of Allergy & Infectious Diseases
   For research opportunities please visit http://www.niaid.nih.gov/labsandresources/labs/training/inro/Pages/default.aspx

Job Opportunities - FAQ

1. Anheuser-Busch
   For information on opportunities and programs with Anheuser-Busch visit
   http://www.buschjobs.com/Careers/talent-programs

2. Toyota, Financial Services
   Senior Accounting and Reporting Supervisor. For more information on this job opportunity please visit their website.

3. Proctor & Gamble
   For information on opportunities and programs with Proctor & Gamble check out their PDF document HERE

4. Wells Fargo
   Wealth Management business is a leading provider of financial services to high-net worth clients through Wells Fargo Private Bank, and to the affluent segment through partnerships between Wealth Brokerage Services and the Community Bank. Apply HERE

5. STEP-UP
   (STEP-UP) is a federally funded program managed and supported by the Office of
Minority Health Research Coordination (OMHR) in the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) of the National Institutes of Health. Apply HERE

**MentorMatch FAQs - FAQ**

1. **Why join Mentor Match?**
   - Connect with our amazing network of students, Scholars, Alumni, and other distinguished professionals
   - Enjoy exclusive access to our IT Platform, which provides tools and resources that help make the experience valuable and easy to manage
   - Build professional relationships
   - Develop leadership and management skills
   - Gain confidence and aim higher regarding academic and career goals
   - Discover and develop new interests
   - Receive support and encouragement
   - Serve as a friend and role model

2. **Who can be a mentor?**

   HSF MentorMatch program offers HSF Alumni, working professionals, and graduate students an opportunity to serve as mentors. Mentors must meet our screening criteria, which includes a background check. Our short application takes just a few minutes to complete.

3. **Who can be a mentee?**

   If you are any one of the following, you qualify to be matched with a mentor:
   - HSF Scholar
   - Gates Millennium Scholar (GMS) Scholar
   - HSF Scholar Chapter member
   - National Leadership Conference (NLC) program participant
   - Youth Leadership Institute (YLI) program participant

4. **What’s required?**

   Connect with your mentor/mentee a few times a month; meet for coffee, video chat, email, or whatever works best for you and your match. Our MentorMatch IT platform will make it easy to connect with your match and track your progress!

5. **Sign me up!**

   The system is currently under construction and our tech team is working diligently to incorporate the tools and resources that will help you build engaging, effective, and meaningful mentorships. We expect to have our new MentorMatch application in the coming months.
6. Additional Questions?

You may contact us with any questions regarding the MentorMatch program. We look forward to your participation!

For Parents - FAQ

Problems with Login - FAQ

1. If I already have a Scholarship account, will I have to enter all of my profile information again?

Please note that all users of HSF.net will need to set up a MyHSF profile, which becomes your scholarship account. If you already have an account, you will not be asked to enter all of your information again. All of your previous scholarship information will be transferred to your MyHSF profile. If you do not yet have a MyHSF profile, click here to create it.

2. Why can’t I use my existing Scholarship/Applicant ID?

We updated our scholarship application in January 2015. Therefore, previous scholarship/application IDs have been replaced with new ID numbers. Your new scholarship ID will be made available to you once you login to your MyHSF profile. Please make sure to reference the new ID when contacting HSF.

3. I have tried several times to access my scholarship application, but still have issues logging in. How can I get some additional help?

If you have tried creating or logging into your MyHSF account and you are unable to access your scholarship application, please contact us here.

4. I’ve read through the FAQs, what if I have more questions?

If you still have a question after reviewing the FAQ’s, please contact us.

IMPORTANT NOTE: In order to protect a student’s confidential information, HSF cannot disclose student information to third parties (e.g., parents, friends, counselor, teacher, etc.). Applicants must contact our office directly.

For Alumni - FAQ

For Students - FAQ

1. Scholarships

Explore all of the scholarships we have to offer...
To apply for an HSF General College Scholarship, click here. The application period is open January 1st through March 30th for the following academic year.

To learn more about available scholarship opportunities by class level, browse our Scholarship Programs page.

2. Getting Ready for College

Looking for a way to understand the next step on your way to college? Visit our Getting Ready for College page where you will get tons of information to help walk you through the path to success.

3. Programs / Outreach

HSF offers outreach events – such as workshops, special events, and college retention programs – both in home cities, and on or near campuses. These outreach events are a great way for Scholars, their families, and prospective applicants to benefit from our multi-faceted support system, which includes guidance, networking opportunities, ways to get involved in HSF programs, and how HSF can serve as a reference. To learn how you can utilize our resources for your child visit our Programs / Outreach page.

4. HSF Scholar Chapter Network

College students express feelings of isolation on campus. More specifically, Latino students are usually faced with being a minority with regards to the student population on campus. Each campus has student organizations to help mitigate these circumstances. HSF has established student clubs at 36 campuses across the country.

The role of the HSF Scholar Chapter Network is to promote academic success and student engagement among Latino college students by encouraging them to serve as role models and leaders in their communities. Each chapter has a student coordinator trained by HSF who receives guidance on curriculum and programming to assist Latino students on their campus succeed.

5. College Life Series

Transitioning to college can be a challenge but you have HSF at your side with great tips through our College Life Series all year long!

Donation FAQs - FAQ

1. How much of my donation goes to help students and their families?
At least 93 cents of every dollar goes to scholarships and support to students and their families. Click here to see how your donation benefits students and their families.

2. How can I make a donation to HSF?

Donations can be made by Phone, Mail or FAX using this form. Make an online donation by clicking here.

3. I cannot make a donation at this time, but how can I support HSF?

A great way to support HSF is to volunteer for HSF activities, like mentoring a student in your community or volunteering to help at our workshops and special events, like the Alumni Hall of Fame in New York, the Leaders in Education awards in Los Angeles, and other alumni and professional networking events throughout the U.S.

Please contact us to let us know you'd like to help or you can visit Unique Ways to Give for other ways to give to HSF.

4. How do I know HSF is using my donation wisely?

HSF has consistently maintained the highest stewardship standards since its founding more than three decades ago in 1975.

HSF has received A+ rating for 15 years and earned the Top-Rated Charity Seal by the American Institute of Philanthropy's CharityWatch. HSF has also received the GuideStar Exchange Seal for transparency. We maintain an open book policy and you can always check out our audited financial information posted online.

5. What is HSF’s Tax ID number?

The ID number for gifts to HSF is # 52-1051044.

6. How do I update my personal information with HSF?

Click Here.

Scholarship Process and Selection - FAQ

1. How are students selected?

Successful candidates are selected on the basis of academic achievement, personal strengths, leadership, and commitment to giving back to the community. All
completed applications are evaluated by HSF certified readers. Once they have been read, we then begin our rigorous process of selection. Some scholarships are open to all class levels, institutions, majors and locations whereas, others have more specific criteria to which we must match eligible applicants. It is important that the information an applicant provides regarding his/her "intended" school/major be as up to date as possible, prior to our selection process.

2. Can I apply for more than one scholarship?

Yes. However, students need only to submit one application to be considered. While applicants may be considered for multiple scholarships by only completing one application, each may only receive one award. HSF strives to make the best possible match of applicant to scholarship.

3. Can I receive more than one HSF scholarship per academic year?

No. HSF strives to help as many Latino students attend college as possible. Hence, a Scholar may receive only one award per academic year.

4. Are there stages to HSF’s selection process?

Yes. The HSF selection process consists of several stages: Submitted, Finalist, Awarded or Waitlisted.

An applicant will be categorized into the submitted stage when both the application and recommendation form have been received.

Applications given the highest scores by our readers become Finalists and must submit additional documents, such as academic transcripts and final Student Aid Report (SAR), upon request. After all Finalists’ documents have been collected, the top scoring applicants, in descending order, will receive awards or be waitlisted for an award.

Waitlisted may not receive an initial award, but will continue to be considered for an award if additional funding becomes available during the current award cycle. Additionally, waitlisted students will have access to all of the same services and resources that awarded HSF Scholars do, with the exception of the scholarship award, itself.

5. I have a really high GPA and consider myself a strong candidate. Why didn’t I receive a scholarship?

Unfortunately, every year, the applications we get from deserving students greatly outnumber the awards we have available. Accordingly, selection is highly competitive and not every strong student will make the final cut.
It’s also important to remember that if your application is not complete, you will not be considered for a scholarship. Many bright students miss out on opportunities because they submit incomplete applications.

Take charge of your application process by:

- Following up with school officials, as well as recommenders, and making sure they have completed the forms they’re responsible for, correctly and on time.
- Make sure to follow all instructions carefully.
- Have a teacher, counselor or parent look over your application to make sure you didn’t overlook anything.
- Submit all requested documents by the due date

6. I have been selected, and am, or will be, enrolled at more than one institution to make me full-time; am I still eligible for the scholarship?

Documentation between your home institution and host institution will be required. You must submit the following items* when requested by HSF:

- Enrollment Verification Forms from each campus you are attending
- A copy of official documentation from your home institution (i.e. Consortium agreement; Dual enrollment; Transient agreements, etc.). If you are unsure what a Consortium Agreement is, please visit your academic advisor
- A brief written explanation as to why you cannot be full-time at one campus that includes a list of the classes and their unit/hour value, in which you are enrolled, per campus

*We will need to review this documentation in order to make a final decision.

7. I have been selected, and am/will be, deferring school in the fall term; am I still eligible for the scholarship?

No. In order to be eligible for an HSF scholarship, students must be enrolled full-time in the fall and spring terms, for the year in which the scholarship is awarded. Please note that scholarship funds cannot be deferred to another academic term or school year

8. I have been selected and I applied for multiple scholarships. Can I wait to see if I can get a higher award amount?

Our intention is to make the best possible match of scholarship to student. Accordingly, once you are selected for one HSF scholarship, you are out of the running for other HSF scholarships. Hence, we highly encourage you to accept the scholarship offered.
9. I have been notified that I am waitlisted. What does that mean?

Waitlisted scholars may not receive an initial award, but will continue to be considered for an award if additional funding becomes available during the current award cycle. Additionally, waitlisted students will have access to all of the same services and resources that awarded HSF Scholars do, with the exception of the scholarship award, itself.

Please continue to check your email as you will be receiving requests to submit documents and update your status. It is imperative that you complete the necessary information by the due dates provided. Scholars selected to receive HSF scholarships can lose their scholarships if their information isn’t submitted by the requested deadlines; waitlisted scholars that submit their documents in a timely manner, may be awarded scholarship dollars as funding becomes available.

10. What is the pledge and survey?

Students who are selected to receive an HSF scholarship will be required to take an online HSF Scholar Pledge. Completion of the HSF Scholar Pledge is a student’s commitment to serving as a role model and to giving back to the Latino Community. Additionally, HSF Scholars will be required to submit periodic online Scholar Surveys which will provide HSF with insight on the profile and needs of our scholars in order to provide relevant and effective scholar services.

Note, more information about the HSF Scholar Pledge and Surveys will be emailed to HSF Scholars before scholarship funds are disbursed.

11. I was awarded an HSF multiyear scholarship in the past. How do I renew my scholarship?

In order to reactivate your multiyear scholarship, formerly known as “renewal" or “cohort" scholarships, you must login to your MyHSF profile and complete your scholarship application. At the start of the application, you will be required to enter your personal authorization code, formerly known as a coupon code, in order to access the application. Authorization codes will be emailed to each scholar separately, therefore, make sure to update your contact information on your MyHSF profile as soon as possible.

Unlike new applicants, you will NOT be required to answer the application essays and to submit recommendations. Additionally, all multiyear scholarship recipients are required to upload the following documents into their Document Bank on the scholarship application:

- Student Aid Report (SAR)
12. I have been awarded an HSF Scholarship, when will I receive my scholarship money?

Your status as an HSF scholarship recipient is contingent upon verification of full-time enrollment at an accredited, four-year or graduate, not-for-profit institution this year. Once your enrollment verification is received and your Wells Fargo Payment Management profile is created/confirmed, your award will be processed. Instructions on how to set-up a Wells Fargo Payment Management profile will be emailed to scholarship recipients in August. Scholarship awards will be in the range of $500-$5,000 and will be determined based on your financial aid award from your institution. Scholars awarded a scholarship amount of $2,500 or more will receive two disbursements. The first half of their award will be disbursed and the rest in the spring term.

After You Apply - FAQ

1. How do I update my online application if my personal information changes?

Once your scholarship application has been submitted, you will not be allowed to make any changes to it. However, if your information changes, and you are selected as a finalist, you will be able to update your information at a later date.

All finalists will be sent an email in the “awards confirmation process”. Further, all selected recipients will be asked to update their information during the “awards acceptance process”. The following information must be correct prior to disbursement:

- Email
- Address
- Phone Number
- Institution
- Major

2. When will I know if I am selected to receive an award?

Notifications of scholarship awards are emailed in June-July.

3. Why is HSF asking me to update my institution, class level and major/field of study?

If selected to move forward in the HSF selection process, HSF will request that you
confirm which institution you will attend in the fall, your fall class level and major or field of study (for graduate students). Additionally, if you are going to be a freshman, transfer student or 1st year graduate student in the fall, you will be asked to provide the names of any other institutions you were accepted to.

4. Will I be notified if I do not receive an award?

All applicants who complete the application process will receive notification, via email, once the selection process has been completed. To check the status of your application, please refer to your MyHSF profile. Note: HSF funds may continue to be available for a period of time after the initial notification. Please check your email regularly in case you are selected at a later date.

5. If I am selected for a scholarship, when should I expect my disbursement?

Scholarship awards are disbursed between the months of September through November in the fall term of the year awarded. Please note that all scholarship awards are contingent upon proof of full-time enrollment and the student’s total financial aid package.

**Tips For Success - FAQ**

1. Best Practices:
   - Make sure that Scholarshipdept@hsf.net is saved in your email contact list to be sure you receive emails concerning your application.
   - Recommendation Form – Make sure you find someone to complete the form and provide them with as much time as possible. Make sure they agree to do it on time and please confirm their email and contact information that you provide to us.
   - Review ALL the information in your application carefully and remember to have someone else read it. Note that once you click on the Legal Agreement within your the application, you will not be able to make any further revisions to your essays.
   - Keep track of your supporting documents and application status by logging into your online account.
   - Mark deadline in your calendar. Some scholarship programs have different deadlines so it’s very important to keep track of them!
   - Time! Time! Allow enough time! Don't wait until the last minute!

   Best of Luck to you!

2. Essay Tips:

**Grades and Activities**
A good applicant is not only the student with a 4.0 GPA. An individual with a 4.0 GPA
who isn’t involved in any extracurricular activities (sports, community service, extracurricular or volunteer activities) is not the strongest applicant. In contrast, a student with a 3.0 GPA, who has taken honors or advanced courses and been involved in extracurricular and/or volunteer activities, is considered a more competitive applicant. This individual is well rounded and demonstrates experiences that have contributed to his/her growth. Many scholarship programs, including HSF, seek applicants who have both a strong academic background and a range of activities to which they are dedicated.

The Essay
Your personal essay is a critical part of the scholarship application. The essay requires you to answer a specific set of questions. You will be evaluated on your responses that are scored according length, content, use of examples, correct grammar, spelling and punctuation. Let’s break it down:

Length
Use the maximum number of words allowed for each essay. We understand it may not be the exact number, but if you are allowed 600 words, please try to use them. The space will allow you to provide good examples and a solid response to your essay question.

Content
Focus. Make sure you answer the question that is asked. If you write a good essay but never answer the question, chances are that essay will receive a low score.

Use of Examples
Do not simply state what you did. Provide an example of an activity that directly contributed to that experience.

Grammar, Spelling and Punctuation
This is an area where students make the most errors, especially if they are completing the essay last minute and/or do not take the time to have anyone read their work.

Follow these steps to help write excellent essays and make your application stand out:

- Brainstorm
- Write a draft of the essay(s)
- Have a teacher, counselor or academic advisor review your essay(s)
- Edit the essay(s) using the suggestions made by your teacher, counselor or advisor
- Re-read the essay(s) to make sure they say what you want them to and thoroughly answer the questions
- Submit your essay(s) on time
Best of Luck to you!

**Applying for Scholarships - FAQ**

1. **How do I apply?**

   [APPLY ONLINE HERE](#)

   * Note: Please use Google Chrome to access the scholarship application

2. **Do I need an email account to apply for a scholarship?**

   Yes. Please be sure to periodically check your spam and/or junk email*. All communication regarding students’ status is done electronically; therefore, students are responsible for checking email regularly. *Please note, that each applicant must use his/her own, personal, email address – not a family member’s email address.

3. **Does HSF accept paper applications?**

   No. Applicants must submit scholarship applications using the MyHSF online application system. Click [here](#) to be redirected to our student application site to begin your application.

   * Note: Please use Google Chrome to access the scholarship application

4. **I am applying to multiple universities. What university should I put on my application?**

   The scholarship application allows you to list numerous schools. However, you will be required to declare the specific institution you plan to attend in the fall, by May 15th. Once you have made a final decision, log into your MyHSF account to update your profile, as soon as possible. You must attend an accredited, four-year, degree-granting institution during the fall term, in order to remain eligible for an HSF scholarship.

5. **Is there a fee to apply?**

   No. Scholarship applications should never require a fee.

6. **I missed the priority deadlines, am I too late to apply for HSF scholarships?**

   No. If your application and recommendations were not submitted by any of the priority deadlines, you still have the option of submitting your application and recommendations by the final deadline of March 30th.

7. **Can I still apply after the March 30th deadline?**

   No. Once the deadline for the application passes, the application will close and will no
Eligibility - FAQ

1. Do I have to be Hispanic/Latino to apply?

   Yes. To qualify for this program, students must be at least one-quarter Hispanic/Latino. Hispanic/Latino is an ethnic category, not a racial category; students may be of any race. For purposes of the Hispanic Scholarship Fund, students must be from a family whose ancestors came from at least one of these countries: Argentina, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, Puerto Rico, El Salvador, Spain, Uruguay, or Venezuela.

2. I do not come from a low-income family. Do I have a chance to receive a scholarship?

   Yes. Financial need is not considered during selection. The amount awarded each scholarship recipient varies, according to relative need.

3. Is there a minimum GPA requirement?

   Yes. High school students must have a minimum cumulative 3.00 GPA, based on a 4.00 scale (or equivalent), and college/graduate students must have a minimum of a 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent).

   - High School graduating seniors - Cumulative GPA is the average of grades earned from 9th through the first semester/term of the 12th grade (if available).
   - Undergraduate college students - Cumulative GPA is required for a minimum of 12 units/credits earned.
     - If you are a first-year freshman at the time you apply, enter your high school information and upload your high school transcript, when requested.
     - First-year transfer students must enter their high school and community college information on the application. If selected, applicants will need to submit their community college transcripts.
   - Graduate students - Cumulative GPA is required for a minimum of 9 units/credits earned.
     - If you are a first-year graduate student at the time you apply, you will enter your undergraduate college information, and when requested, submit your undergraduate transcripts.

4. I completed and passed a General Education Development (GED) test. Am I eligible for HSF scholarships?

   Yes. Students with a GED are eligible for HSF scholarships. However, you must longer be available for that academic year.
Yes. Students with a GED are eligible for HSF scholarships. However, you must attend a four-year college the following fall term.

5. Do I have to be a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident to apply for a scholarship?

No. Applicant must be a U.S. citizen, permanent legal resident, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA), or eligible non-citizen (as defined by Federal Student Aid). For more information, click here.

6. If I am a refugee or have established asylum status, am I eligible to apply?

Yes. Additionally, students with refugee or asylum status must submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in order to qualify for an HSF scholarship. For more information about FAFSA eligibility, click here.

7. If I have an International Student Visa or a Work Visa, am I eligible to apply?

No. Applicant must be a U.S. citizen, permanent legal resident, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) or eligible non-citizen (as defined by Federal Student Aid). For more information, click here.

8. I do not fall into any of the citizenship/residency categories cited above, but believe I may still be eligible; what should I do?

Please contact HSF’s Scholarship Department here. Make sure to provide a description of your citizenship or residency status in your message so that the HSF Scholarships Team can determine your eligibility.

9. I am a high school student. When can I apply?

High school seniors can begin to apply for HSF scholarships beginning January 1st of every year. Click here to begin your scholarship application.

10. I will be graduating from high school early; am I eligible to apply?

High school seniors can begin to apply for HSF scholarships beginning January 1st of every year. Click here to begin your scholarship application.

11. If I attend, or have attended, a high school or university in another country, am I eligible to apply?

Yes. However, applicants with high school or college grades from another country must report their GPA on the scholarship application. Additionally, all recipients must attend a U.S.-accredited four-year university or graduate school for the fall and spring terms, during the year in which they are awarded.

12. I am older than the traditional college student. Am I eligible to apply?
Yes. Our scholarships are not age-based. Students may apply as long as they meet all the eligibility requirements, regardless of age.

13. Do you offer scholarships for Community College Students?

Yes. HSF has a scholarship program specifically for community college students who will transfer to a four-year institution in the fall of the upcoming academic year. Students can only receive HSF funds if they are transferring to an accredited four-year college.

14. I am enrolled part-time. Am I eligible to apply?

Yes. Applicants may be enrolled part-time at the time of application. However, students must be enrolled full-time in the fall term, in order to be eligible to receive funding. HSF verifies enrollment before scholarship awards are disbursed.

15. I am a home-schooled student. Am I eligible to apply?

Yes. As long as your home school program will issue you an official high school transcript to submit to HSF, you are eligible to apply. Additionally, you may submit a transcript produced by your program or the person in charge of your home schooling, however, the transcript must be signed by credentialed teacher or an individual with a master degree that can attest that the grades listed on the transcript are valid.

Additionally, you must pursue a degree at a four-year college the following school year.

16. I will be on deferment for the fall term, am I still eligible for an HSF scholarship?

No. HSF requires all recipients to be enrolled full time at a U.S. accredited four-year college/university or graduate school for the fall term in the year in which they are awarded. Please note, official institution deferments, documented leaves of absence and gap year programs in the fall will not be considered.

17. I am planning to apply to or currently enrolled in a post baccalaureate or credential program. Am I eligible for an HSF scholarship?

No. Applicants must be pursuing a degree such as a bachelor’s or master’s degree in order to be eligible for HSF scholarships.

18. I am planning to pursue a second degree. Am I eligible to apply?

Yes. Students pursuing a second bachelor’s or master's degree qualify for HSF scholarships. You must report the first degree on your application when asked about your educational history.