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2010 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PROGRAM INFORMATION
Scholarship Award Competition for Students of Hispanic Descent
Class of 2010 for the Upstate of South Carolina

The Hispanic-American Women's Association (AHAM) welcomes applications from Upstate South Carolina high school seniors for its 2010 Scholarship Award Program. AHAM is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to promoting higher education among high school students of Hispanic descent through educational scholarships. This is our 12th consecutive year granting scholarships and we are pleased to announce our 2010 awards to eligible students in the following counties in the Upstate South Carolina: Abbeville, Anderson, Cherokee, Greenwood, Greenville, Laurens, Oconee, Pickens, Spartanburg, and Union.

Candidates must be of Hispanic descent (only Spanish speaking countries, first or second generation), have legal status in the USA, be a public or private high school class 2010, have a GPA of 3.5 or higher. All applicants must be accepted as full time students at a college, university, technical college, or vocational school **accredited** in the United States or USA territories for the fall of 2010. AHAM will make the scholarship applications available to the guidance counselors on **January 19, 2010**. Please direct any questions regarding the application process to your high school senior guidance counselor or aham-scholarships@ahamsc.org.

Applicants must enclose the following documentation (failure to submit a document will disqualify the applicant):

- 1) Complete and signed application form including address, e-mail, and cellular and home telephone numbers (include area codes). Applications that are incomplete and/or not signed will not be accepted.
- 2) An official and sealed school transcript.
- 3) SAT scores report, if applicable.
- 4) Copy of household federal income tax return for the year 2009. Family income no greater than \$60,000.
- 5) A short essay (250 words or less) describing career goals, how they feel about their Hispanic background, and ways they would like to help and give back to the community.
- 6) Letter of acceptance to an accredited college, university, technical college, or vocational school.
- 7) Copy of document showing legal status in the USA.
- 8) Proof of residency in any of the counties listed above.

All applications must be postmarked by March 31, 2010. No exceptions. Mail applications to AHAM, Attn: 2010 Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 17674, Greenville, SC 29606.

Scholarship award winners will be scored and selected based on four categories: financial need, academic performance, quality of the essay, and interview. Finalists will be interviewed about their ideas, Hispanic heritage, community service, career goals, etc. on **April 21 and 22, 2010**. The interviews will be held at The University Center located at McAlister Square (225 S. Pleasantburg Dr., Greenville). Interviews will be by invitation only.

The Scholarship Awards Ceremony will be held at 2 p.m. on **Saturday, May 22, 2010**, and it will be open to the public. The local media will be notified. Scholarship funds will be sent directly to the financial aid office or the business office of the school that the student will attend in the fall of 2010 to use towards tuition and books only. Students must make sure to include the correct address where funds should be mailed.

2010 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

First Place: \$ 5,000.00	Second Place: \$ 4,500.00	Third Place: \$ 4,000.00
Fourth Place: \$3,500.00	Fifth Place: \$ 3,000.00	Two (2) Merit Awards: \$ 2,500.00

Thank you and best wishes,

Lissette Treanor

Chair, AHAM Scholarship Committee 2010
aham-scholarships@ahamsc.org



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This application may be photocopied and distributed. Print clearly or type.

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**Hispanic-American Women's Association
AHAM 2010 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD COMPETITION**

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

1. Name: _____ 2. Date of birth: _____
Last First Middle MM/DD/YYYY

3. Social Security Number _____ - _____ - _____ 4. Home phone: _____

5. Cell phone (include area code): _____ 6. E-mail: _____

7. Permanent Address: _____
City, State, Zip Code: _____

8. Name of high school from which you will graduate: _____

9. Address of high school: _____
City, State, Zip Code: _____

10. Graduation date: _____ 11. GPA: _____ 12. SAT score: _____

13. Please list your extracurricular activities, honors, etc. in school and in the community. Attach an additional sheet if needed.

14. List any previous work experience: _____

15. List name and location of college you plan to attend in the Fall Semester of 2010: _____

16. What will be your major area of study? _____

17. Your anticipated enrollment status will be? (check one) Full time (≥ 12 hours) Part time (< 12 hours)

18. Are you a legal resident or citizen of the United States? Yes No

19. Do you have a criminal record or have you ever been convicted of possession of drugs? Yes No

20. Are you of Hispanic origin? Yes, which country? _____ No

All applications and required documentation must be postmarked no later than March 31, 2010. All correspondence postmarked after March 31, 2010, will not be accepted. No exceptions.¹

I have completed the necessary steps in the scholarship application process and I understand that by signing below (must initial all spaces after reading):

_____ I certify that the information I have supplied as an applicant is, to the best of my knowledge, true and accurate. I understand that this application is not for determining, nor will it be used to determine, my eligibility for federal or state financial aid.

_____ If I am a finalist and/or a scholarship recipient, my name and picture may be used for publicity purposes without any compensation owed and/or due to me or my family by the Asociación Hispano-Americana de Mujeres or its members.

_____ If I am a 2010 scholarship award recipient, I agree to volunteer a minimum of ten (10) hours with AHAM during the 2010 Artisphere Festival, which will be held in Greenville, SC, on May 7, 8, and 9, 2010. I will contact fundraising@ahamsc.org or call (864) 420-2787 for information. By signing below, my family and/or I waive and hold AHAM, its members, and/or sponsors harmless of any incident and/or accident, which may happen during my time as AHAM volunteer.

_____ If I am a 2010 scholarship recipient, I am required to attend the awards ceremony on May 22, 2010, at 2 p.m. and I will arrive 30 minutes early. By signing below, my family and/or I waive and hold AHAM, its members, and/or sponsors harmless of any incident and/or accident, which may happen during the scholarships awards ceremony.

_____ I understand that scholarship funds will be mailed directly, by June 30, 2010, to the financial aid office or business office of the school that I will attend as a full time student in the United States or United States territories in fall of 2010 for use towards tuition or books only. Scholarship funds must be mailed to (include correct address):

Attention: _____
Name of Office: _____
Name of School: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip Code: _____
E-mail: _____
Telephone (include area code): _____

Applicant's Signature _____ Date: _____

Print or type name: _____

Check list:

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**MAIL APPLICATIONS POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MARCH 31, 2010, TO:
AHAM, ATTN: 2010 SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE, P.O. BOX 17674, GREENVILLE, SC 29606**

¹ Make sure all required documentation is included with the application. Failure to submit a document will disqualify the applicant.