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AHAM COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AWARD PROGRAM FOR 2012
Scholarship Award Competition for Students of Hispanic Descent
Class of 2012 for the Upstate South Carolina

The Asociación Hispano-Americana de Mujeres (AHAM) welcomes applications from Upstate South Carolina high school seniors of Hispanic origin or descent for its 2012 College Scholarships Award Program. AHAM is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting higher education among high school students of Hispanic descent in Upstate South Carolina through educational scholarships. This is our 14th consecutive year granting college scholarships and we are pleased to announce our 2012 awards to eligible Hispanic high school seniors in the following counties in the Upstate SC: Abbeville, Anderson, Cherokee, Greenwood, Greenville, Laurens, Oconee, Pickens, Spartanburg, and Union.

Candidates must be of Hispanic origin or descent (only from Spanish speaking countries, first or second generation), have legal status in the USA, be in a public or private high school Class of 2012, and have a GPA of 3.5 or higher. All applicants must be accepted as a full time student at an **accredited** university, technical college or vocational school in the United States or USA territories for the fall 2012 semester. AHAM will make the scholarship applications available to the guidance counselors by **January 30, 2012**. Please direct any questions regarding the application process to your high school Senior Guidance Counselor or send an e-mail to scholarships@ahamsc.org or call (864) 270-2366.

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

- 1) A complete and signed application form including address, e-mail, and cellular and home telephone numbers (including area code). Applications that are incomplete and/or not signed will not be accepted.
- 2) An official and sealed high school transcripts.
- 3) SAT scores report, if applicable.
- 4) Copy of household federal income tax return for the year 2011. Family income no greater than \$ 60,000.
- 5) A short essay (250 words or less) describing career goals, how they feel about their Hispanic heritage, and ways they would like to help and give back to the community.
- 6) Letter of acceptance to an accredited university, technical college, or vocational school in the USA or USA territories for the fall 2012 semester.
- 7) Copy of document showing legal status in the USA. (U.S. passport, green card, residency card, social security card, or driver's license, etc.)

All complete application packets must be postmarked by March 30, 2012. No exceptions. Mail applications to AHAM, Attn: 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 ideals, Hispanic heritage, community service, career goals, etc. on **Wednesday, April 25 and Thursday, April 26, 2012**. The interviews will be held at the University Center located at McAlister Square (225 S Pleasantburg Dr., Greenville, SC). Interviews will be by invitation only.

The Scholarships Award Ceremony will be held on **Tuesday, May 15, 2012**, at 6:30 p.m. at the University Center Auditorium located at McAlister Square (225 S Pleasantburg Dr., Greenville, SC) and will be open to the public. The local media will be notified. No later than June 29, 2012, AHAM will mail the scholarship funds directly to the financial aid office of the college that the student will attend in the fall of 2012 to use towards tuition and books only.

2012 SCHOLARSHIPS 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
Sixth Place: \$ 2,000.00

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to send an e-mail to scholarships@ahamsc.org or call (864) (864) 270-2366.

Thank you and best wishes,

Julia Pinto
President (2011-2012)
president@ahamsc.org

Lissette Treanor
Chair, 2012 AHAM Scholarships Committee
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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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**Hispanic-American Women's Association
AHAM 2012 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD COMPETITION**

1. Name: _____ 2. Date of birth: _____
Last First Middle
3. Social Security Number _____ — _____ — _____ 4. Home Phone: () _____
5. Cell Phone: () _____ 6. E-mail: _____
7. Permanent Address: _____
8. Name and address of high school from which you will graduate: _____
_____ 9. County: _____
10. Graduation date: _____ 11. GPA: _____ 12. SAT Score: _____
13. Please list your hours of extracurricular activities, honors, etc. in school and in the community. Attach an additional sheet if needed. _____

14. List any previous work experience and corresponding dates: _____

15. List name and location of college you plan to attend in the Fall Semester of 2011: _____

16. Tuition cost: _____ 17. Room and board cost: _____ 18. Total cost: _____
19. What will be your major area of study? _____
20. Your anticipated enrollment status will be? _____ Full time (≥ 12 hours) _____ Part time (< 12 hours)
21. Are you a legal resident or citizen of the United States? _____ Yes _____ No
22. Do you have a criminal record or have you ever been convicted of possession of drugs? _____ Yes _____ No
23. Are you of Hispanic origin? _____ Yes _____ No If yes, from which country? _____

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All correspondence postmarked after March 30, 2012 will not be accepted. No exceptions.¹

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

- _____ I certify that the information that 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, I understand that my name and picture will be used for publicity purposes without any compensation due to me or my family by AHAM or its members.

- _____ By submitting this application, I agree to volunteer a minimum of ten (10) hours with AHAM during any of its 2012 fundraising events. I will contact fundraising@ahamsc.org or call (864) 420-2787 for more information. By signing below, my family and/or I waive and/or 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 scholarship recipient, I am required to attend the awards ceremony on Tuesday, May 15, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. at the University Center Auditorium (McAlister Square) and I will arrive 30 minutes early. By signing below, my family and/or I waive and/or 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 29, 2012, to the financial aid office of the school that I will attend as a full time student in the United States or United States territories for the fall of 2012 for use towards tuition or books only.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Applicant's Name (Print or Type): _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

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