



Houston Association of Panamanians, Inc.

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Scholarship Application

For

The 2020 Trailblazer Scholarship Award

Mail completed application to:

Houston Association of Panamanians, Inc.

P. O. Box 941835

Houston, Texas 77094-8835

Or scan to:

Email: houstonpanamanians@gmail.com

Deadline – Wednesday, July 1, 2020



Houston Association of Panamanians, Inc. Trailblazer Scholarship Application Information and Guidelines

The Houston Association of Panamanians, Inc. is a 501c (3) nonprofit organization that awards scholarships to eligible candidates based on weighted criteria. The weighted criteria are: demonstrated financial need, high school/college GPA, demonstrated leadership skills, written essay, Houston Harris County or adjacent county residency, community service, and Panamanian heritage. Application packet is available on our website www.houstonpanamanians.com on April 1st of the application year.

Monetary Scholarship Award: \$500.00 - \$1000.00 per recipient is awarded in the fall.

Deadline: Entire application packet must be postmarked by July 1st, or scanned and transmitted via email by midnight July 1st of the application year.

Eligibility:

- Current high school Senior in Houston Harris County or adjacent counties (Montgomery, Liberty, Chambers, Galveston, Brazoria, Ft. Bend, and Waller)
- Current college or university freshman or enrolled in a vocational/technical school within the state of Texas.
- High School graduate or General Equivalency Diploma (GED) recipient from an accredited institution.
- High School or College/University GPA at least 2.50.
- U.S. citizen or legal resident of the United States of America.
- **Commit to volunteer at a HAP, Inc. event during the application year.**

Scholarship Application Packet Documents

- Completed Application Form.
- If a high school Senior, high school transcript.
- If a college freshman, current college or university freshman transcript.
- 500-word essay. Select one of the following topics:
 - My life
 - Importance of Continued Education
 - My True Life Hero
- Copy of High School Diploma or Copy of General Equivalency Diploma (GED) Diploma.
- Two letters of recommendation from a professional contact.
- SAT/ACT scores results for high school applicants.
- Signed Hold Harmless Agreement/Release form.

Processing Scholarship funds to College/University/Vocational Trade School

- An award letter will be emailed to the recipient(s) by August 1st of the application year. The scholarship recipient should accept the award through a letter addressed to HAP, Inc. – Attention Scholarship Committee. Acceptance may be transmitted via email.
- The correspondence should contain the
 - College/university/trade school admission letter,
 - Educational facility's mailing address,
 - A current photo, and
 - Recipient's social security number or student ID number.

- HAP, Inc. will transfer the funds directly to the designated educational institution by August 31st.

Submitted information and documentations become the property of HAP, Inc. Applicants are encouraged to make personal copies of all documentation submitted.



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PRINT LEGIBLY

Legal Applicant Name _____ Male Female email _____ (Last, First)
(circle one)

Date of Birth _____ Previous HAP, Inc. Scholarship Recipient Y N
(MM/DD/YYYY) (circle one)

If yes, when? _____ (YYYY)

Home Address: _____
(House No., Street) (City, State) (Zip code)

Home Phone: (____) (____ - _____) Mobile Tel. No. (____) (____ - _____)

Parent's Names _____/
(Father) (Mother)

Parent's Home Tel. No. _____ Parent's Mobile No. _____

Parent's Mailing Address _____
(Street) (City, State) (Zip Code)

Parent's email address _____

Panamanian heritage Y N Whom _____
(circle one) (name/relationship to the applicant)

Current High School/College _____

City _____ County _____ Phone _____ Fax _____

College or High School Contact Person/Title _____/_____

Graduation Date _____ Number in Graduating Class _____ Class Rank _____

Grade Point Average (GPA) _____

SAT score: _____ or ACT score _____ Date of Exam(s): _____

Have you been accepted to a college/university/vocational/technical school? Y ____ N ____ N/A _____

Educational Institution to which you've been accepted: _____

Educational Institution address: _____

Target enrollment date to this institution _____

Major field of study in college/university/vocational trade school: _____

Occupational objective: _____

Financial Information:

Name of College/University _____

Name of Vocational/Technical School _____

Avg. tuition cost per semester hour _____ # of hours _____ = total semester tuition _____

Student fees per semester \$ _____ Approximate cost for books: \$ _____

Housing cost per semester \$ _____ On-campus Dormitory: Yes _____ No _____

Anticipated miscellaneous expenses: _____

Weekly Income: \$ _____

Are you applying for other grants, or loans to cover your college expenses? Yes No
(circle one)

Explain your need for financial assistance:

Accolades (Honors, Awards)

(Use this space)

Award		Date
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

Participation in Community Activities (Volunteer):

ORGANIZATION	SERVICE PROVIDED	DATE (s)	DURATION (years)



**Statement of Certification – Authorization to Verify, Photograph – and
Hold Harmless Agreement**

I, _____ certify that the statements and information submitted in this HAP, Inc. Scholarship Application Packet are accurate and correct, and that I presently meet all required eligibility criteria contained within the language of this application.

I understand the terms and conditions required for consideration of my candidacy; including the completeness of this form with required information. I also understand that I'm committing to volunteer for a HAP, Inc. event during the application year (2019).

I authorize a bona fide representative of HAP, Inc. to seek and obtain verification of my submitted data.

And I further authorize any agency, or legitimate custodian of my personal information to release to HAP, Inc. any information related to the matter of data or statements submitted within; including but not limited to academic records, civic activities, citizenship or residency, and financial status. A copy of this authorization bearing my signature is deemed to have equal effect and enforcement as the original copy.

Any person or agency releasing relevant information described within this authorization is hereby absolved from libel.

I further grant HAP, Inc. permission to photograph me and conduct interviews with me for purposes related to the selection process, potential awards, and publicity related to the Scholarship Initiative of its organization. I understand and further authorize HAP, Inc. to use the photos and collected data in non-damaging publicity by television, films, visuals, graphics, electronics, and printed or other media.

I agree to release, indemnify, and hold harmless the Houston Association of Panamanians, Inc. or its Board of Directors with respect to claims related to photographs, or information collected in writing or by interviews for this Scholarship Initiative.

I have read, acknowledged, and further understand the content of this Statement of Certification-Authorization to Verify, and Hold Harmless Agreement.

The effective date of this agreement is the date of my signature below; and it shall expire at the end of the academic year in session. Terms understood, and agreeable.

Applicant's Name (print): _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Names (print) _____ | _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature: _____ | _____

Date: _____



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2019 Trailblazer Scholarship Packet – Checklist

- _____ Application Form – Completed
- _____ High School Transcript – official copy
- _____ College Freshman Transcript - official copy
- _____ Copy of High School/GED Certificate/Diploma
- _____ 500 Word Essay
- _____ Letters of Recommendation (2)
- _____ SAT/ACT Scores – copy of official report
- _____ Hold Harmless Agreement – Signed