Tracy Chamber of Commerce

HISPANIC BUSINESS GROUP
2020 Scholarship Application

Tracy Chamber of Commerce, Hispanic Business Group (HBG) announces the 17th Annual Scholarship Program. HBG was founded in 2002 by a group of Tracy business owners and professionals who had a desire to promote the successes of local Latino Leaders while promoting small business owners.

The Four Pillars of the HBG are to:

1.) Promote business within the Latino community
2.) Support education of local students
3.) Provide service to the community
4.) Recognize community leadership.

This year the organization is awarding *between 8-12 scholarships* (depending on available funding) of at least $500 to Tracy area high school seniors who are pursuing an education and/or vocational training beyond high school. Review the criteria carefully before submitting your application.

Academic Achievement: Students with a grade point average of 3.0 and above are eligible.

Athletics/Sports: Students who have demonstrated overall achievement (2.0 G.P.A.) and participation in high school athletics or a community sports programs are eligible.

Visual and Performing Arts: Students who are involved in various forms of ongoing artistic education including but not limited to visual arts, performing arts (drama/voice/music), graphic arts and media are eligible. Must demonstrate portfolio, tape etc… An overall G.P.A. of 2.0 is required.

Vocational/Trade: Students who will be enrolling in vocational training and/or business schools are eligible. An overall G.P.A. of 2.0 is required.

Community Service: Students who have performed a minimum of 200 hours of volunteer work for community and school causes and activities are eligible. Students who have held positions representing youth (Youth Commissions, Student Governments, etc.) are also eligible. An overall G.P.A. of 2.0 is required.

El Futuro: Students in need of general financial assistance are eligible. Students applying for these scholarships must explain the need for financial assistance. An overall G.P.A. of 2.0 is required.

Health and Science: Available for students who are pursuing a career in medicine and/or science. An overall G.P.A. of 3.0 is required

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ELIGIBILITY:

- Applicants must be of Hispanic/Latino descent.
- Must be attending a high school located within the Tracy Unified School District Boundaries.
- Must have an average of 2.0 G.P.A. **Academic & Health/Science** scholarships require a 3.0+ G.P.A.
- Must be a high school senior graduating in June.
- Must plan to enroll full time in a university, community college, state college, and/or vocational /trade school in the Fall of 2020.
- Students can only apply for one (1) category.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

- Application available at the Tracy Chamber of Commerce, High School Career Centers and the Tracy Chamber website at: www.tracychamber.org
- All questions must be completely answered on the application and the form must be properly filled out.
- Scholarship award process involves a written application and an oral interview.
- Application must be received on or before the deadline: **Friday, February 7, 2020.**
- Only the top 20 applicants will receive an invitation to the final selection step, an oral interview. Oral interviews will be scheduled in the middle of February.
- ***Application must be delivered or mailed to:***

  Tracy Chamber of Commerce
  223 East 10th Street
  Tracy, CA 95376.

FORMAT/DOCUMENTATION:

- Application must have a cover sheet with students name, school and category.
- Completed Scholarship Application including responses to all questions.
- Transcript copy, report card, or other proof of grade point average, G.P.A.

AWARD PRESENTATIONS: The selected scholarship recipients will be notified of the award by phone and in writing and/or via email. ***Attendance at the Group Business Mixer and Award Ceremony is mandatory. The Group Business Mixer is on Thursday, March 26,2020 at a location to be determined.***

DISBURSEMENT: Awards will be disbursed directly to the student ***upon verification of high school graduation and verification of full time (12 units) college enrollment for the Fall of 2020.***

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Applicant legal name:_____School: _____

Home address:_____City_____Zip_____

Cell number _____ Other Phone number: _____E-mail_____

Check the 1 scholarship you qualify for: ❑ Academic ❑ Athletics/Sports ❑ Visual/Performing Arts

❑ Vocational/Trade ❑ Community Service/School Leadership ❑ El Futuro/Financial Assistance

❑ Health and Science

On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following questions

1. What are your future educational goals and career goals?
2. How do you plan to achieve both goals?
3. Please explain. Why do you qualify for the scholarship award in the category you are applying?
4. What recognitions or awards have you received and which one means the most to you?
5. How do you envision yourself giving back to the Latino community?
6. How has growing up Latino (a) affected your life?
7. List the post-secondary schools you have applied to you?

REMEMBER TO…

- ✓ Present your application in a professional manner, either typed or written neatly.
- ✓ Place your name, school and scholarship category on the right hand corner of every page.
- ✓ If you are writing, please make sure that your penmanship is legible.
- ✓ If you are typing your responses please use a size 12 font and set your line spacing to 1.5. with 1 inch margins.
- ✓ **Above all, DO YOUR BEST and PUT YOUR BEST FOOT FORWARD!**