



2012–2013

## ESTAMOS UNIDOS DE PENNSYLVANIA SCHOLARSHIP

(This scholarship is intended ONLY for Latino/Hispanic students who qualify to apply.)

A total of eight hours (8) of volunteer service with EUP are required preferably in July\*

ESTAMOS UNIDOS DE PENNSYLVANIA (EUP) ANNOUNCES THE AVAILABILITY OF SCHOLARSHIPS FOR COLLEGE BOUND LATINO/HISPANIC SENIOR STUDENTS IN HIGH SCHOOL, NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENTS\* AND CURRENT LATINO/HISPANIC COLLEGE STUDENTS. The scholarship's fund will be applied to recipient's accounts for tuition, fees and/or books expenses. Awards for 2012-2013 will be \$1,000 for full time students or prorated to reflect part-time status.

### WHO WE ARE

In 2002, Estamos Unidos de Pennsylvania began as a Latino/Hispanic community-based group of volunteers from the Harrisburg area. Our goal was to support and encourage Hispanic students in three main areas: Cultural Heritage, Educational Advancement and Mentoring Programs. Today our mission is to offer the Latino/Hispanic community avenues to advance, enrich, and better our lives through education, leadership, and social skills. In addition we provide cultural awareness through the arts, traditions, family values and assist the community, especially our Latino/Hispanic students through the integration process into the community at large.

### PURPOSE OF OUR SCHOLARSHIP

The EUP Scholarship for Latino/Hispanic students who qualify has been established to motivate and support **talented Latino/Hispanic students**, who are American citizens or permanent legal non-citizens that reside in the state of Pennsylvania; who aspire or are working to achieve a technical, vocational, or college education.

\***Non-traditional student:** An adult or non-traditional student is not defined only by age (usually over 24); they are also students with life circumstances different from the typical traditional student. What makes adult students unique from other students and similar to each other is the multiple roles they assume in order to attend college.

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### APPLICATION DEADLINE

Your application and all supporting materials must be submitted **TOGETHER** and postmarked **NO LATER** than **JUNE 1st, 2012**. Mail your application and supporting materials to:

CHAIR SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE  
ESTAMOS UNIDOS DE PENNSYLVANIA  
P.O. BOX 1853  
HARRISBURG, PA 17105-1853

If you need additional information contact:

- Professor Yolanda Perez-Rivera 717-780-2573
- Dr. Hector Ortiz 717-608-0444

### APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS

All applicants must meet the following requirements:

- 1) Have a high school diploma or a GED (General Equivalency Diploma); Read #3 below.
- 2) Be enrolled at least half time (6 credits) in a regional postsecondary institution (technical, vocational school, or college/university);
- 3) Demonstrate academic success — have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.75 for high school seniors, 3.0 for college students, and GED recipients must score at 2,925 points or above.
- 4) Complete the financial aid form by filing the 2012-2013 FAFSA online at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) by **March 15, 2012** to calculate financial need. Use 2011 Federal Taxes (1040). The Financial Aid Office at the college you plan to attend or are attending, needs this information to

complete Section 7 of this scholarship application.

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## INSTRUCTIONS

Complete Sections 1 - 6 of this application. In addition, **THE FOLLOWING FIVE ITEMS MUST ALL BE SUBMITTED TOGETHER IN ORDER FOR THE APPLICATION TO BE CONSIDERED COMPLETE AND FOR YOU TO BE ABLE TO COMPETE WITH OTHERS FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP:**

1. **An OFFICIAL high school transcript (seniors) or OFFICIAL college academic transcript (college students) or GED Scores.** Foreign high school or college transcripts should be evaluated and changed to the American GPA System before submitting.
2. **A recommendation letter** from a guidance counselor or professor, not a family member nor a friend.
3. **The University/College Scholarship Financial Aid Section (Section 7)** of the application must be completed by the Financial Aid Office at the institution you will attend. **YOU MUST SUBMIT THIS TO THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE AT THAT UNIVERSITY NO LATER THAN MAY 1ST 2012.** Generally, most Financial Aid Offices will need at least one week to complete the information. When you submit the form to the Financial Aid Office, you can either ask when it would be convenient for them to have you pick up the completed form **OR** you can provide the Financial Aid Office with a legal size self-addressed, stamped envelope so they can mail the form back to you to be included in the application packet.
4. **Fall 2012 Class Schedule**
  - COLLEGE STUDENTS - attach a copy of your class schedule for Fall 2012.
  - SENIORS IN HIGH SCHOOL - attach a copy of your admissions letter and your class schedule for Fall 2012. If you do not yet have a class schedule for Fall 2012 to attach to the required packet YOU must contact the Estamos Unidos de Pennsylvania Scholarship Committee Chair to disclose when you will have the Fall 2012 class schedule to be submitted to the Committee in a timely manner. You may contact Professor Yolanda Perez-Rivera at 717-780-2573 or at [y9perez@hacc.edu](mailto:y9perez@hacc.edu).
5. **A typed essay of no more than two pages, double space, 12pts and in Times New Roman font.** The essay should describe briefly, but specifically, the following:
  - Reasons why you are the best candidate. 5 Points
  - Reasons why education is important to you. 5 Points
  - How this scholarship money would assist you in pursuing higher education. 5 Points
  - Where do you see yourself five years from now? 5 Points
  - What are your future personal and academic goals? 5 Points

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## ADDITIONAL AWARD CRITERIA

- **10 Point** — Grade Point Average (GPA) is above the required minimum. Minimum GPA is 2.75 for high school students; 3.00 for college students, and 2,925 points for individuals with GED scores.
- **5 Points** — Participation in school or community activity.
- **5 Points** — The college or high school the applicant is from is located in Dauphin, Cumberland, Perry, Lancaster, York, Lebanon or Adams County.
- **5 Points** — Applicant is from Harrisburg, Central Dauphin or Steelton-Highspire school districts.
- **10 Points** — Applicant is attending or will attend a university, college or technical institution in Dauphin, Cumberland, Perry, Lancaster, York, Lebanon or Adams County.
- **10 Points** — Application submitted on time, properly completed, with all required documents turned in at the same time.



**Estamos Unidos de Pennsylvania**

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Harrisburg, PA 17105-1853

# 2012-2013 ESTAMOS UNIDOS DE PENNSYLVANIA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** Submitted or postmarked **NO LATER** than June 1st, 2012.

## 1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
LAST FIRST M.I.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
NUMBER STREET CITY STATE ZIP

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Ethnic Origin: \_\_\_\_\_

School District of Residency: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your citizenship status?  U.S. Citizen  Permanent Legal Non-Citizen

Where is your Latino Hispanic Heritage from? \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. EDUCATION

1. IF YOU ARE A HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR PLEASE PRINT THE FULL NAME OF THE HIGH SCHOOL WHERE YOU GRADUATED FROM OR WILL GRADUATE.

\_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

High School Track of Study: \_\_\_\_\_ High School GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

2. WHAT COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY/VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL SCHOOL WILL YOU ATTEND DURING THE 2012- 2013 ACADEMIC YEAR? \_\_\_\_\_

3. WHAT IS OR WILL BE YOUR INTENDED MAJOR IN COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY/VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL SCHOOL AND REASONS WHY YOU CHOSE IT?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY A COLLEGE STUDENT, HOW MANY COLLEGE CREDITS HAVE YOU COMPLETED? \_\_\_\_\_

5. WHILE ATTENDING COLLEGE HOW MANY CREDITS WILL YOU BE ENROLLED IN 2012-2013?

15 credits  12 credits  9 credits  6 credits  Other

6. IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY A COLLEGE STUDENT, WHAT IS YOUR CUMULATIVE GPA? \_\_\_\_\_

7. HAVE YOU RECEIVED ANY OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE 2012–2013 ACADEMIC YEAR?

Yes → Name of scholarship: \_\_\_\_\_  No

8. WHAT ARE YOUR CAREER PLANS? (Attach a separate sheet if necessary with the heading “Career Plans”)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**3. VOLUNTEER/COMMUNITY SERVICE, SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, AND ACADEMIC AWARDS**

List any volunteer/community service, school activities, in which you have participated while in high school or college. List academic awards you have received. (Attach a separate sheet if necessary with the heading Community Service/Awards)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**4. WORK EXPERIENCE**

Provide your employment history for the past two years starting with the most recent:

JOB TITLE/POSITION	EMPLOYER	DATE(S)	HOURS/WK

**5. RELEASE OF INFORMATION AND SCHOLARSHIP AGREEMENT**

I hereby give permission to EUP Board, EUP Education/Scholarship Committees, pertinent employees, and to Madrinas/Padrinos who will coach and/or guide me as needed to access my:

- 1) academic records,
- 2) information provided through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA),
- 3) financial aid award letter
- 4) email & home address, phone numbers (cell & home)
- 5) contact me as need

If I should be awarded a scholarship, but withdraw from the university/college voluntarily or otherwise before the end of the term, I authorize the Financial Aid Office of the institution I attend to return the scholarship money to EUP. If I withdraw or stop attending the institution before the end of the term, I understand that I could owe funds to the university/college I attend or to EUP.

I agree to abide by the scholarship requirements. All information offered is true and correct.

**\*IF AWARDED A SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR, I COMMIT TO VOLUNTEER WITH EUP A\* \*TOTAL OF 8 HOURS - 4 HOURS IN THE FALL SEMESTER AND 4 HOURS IN THE SPRING SEMESTER OR 8 HOURS IN JULY DURING THE SUMMER CAMP “HABLANDO ESPANOL” FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN.\***

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Parent signature if recipient is under 18 years of age: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 6. AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE TO RELEASE INFORMATION

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To Student:

COMPLETE THIS SECTION AND SUBMIT IT TO THE VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL SCHOOL, COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY'S FINANCIAL AID OFFICE YOU ARE ATTENDING OR PLAN TO ATTEND IN THE FALL 2012. IF YOU WOULD LIKE THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE TO MAIL THE UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID VERIFICATION PAGE TO YOU, PROVIDE THE OFFICE WITH A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE. OTHERWISE, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PICKING UP THE COMPLETED FORM. POLITELY ASK WHEN IT WILL BE READY. REMEMBER THIS SECTION MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH YOUR ENTIRE APPLICATION TO EUP BY JUNE 1ST, 2012.

I authorize the Financial Aid Office at \_\_\_\_\_ to complete and release the attached Financial Aid Form to EUP in reference to the EUP Scholarship Application. This will include institutional costs, scholarships, grants, loans I have accepted and signed for, and expected family contribution (EFC) that have been or are available to establish my basic financial need for the next academic year. "2012-2013".

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
PRINT LAST PRINT FIRST M.I.

Cell phone #: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Student College ID #: \_\_\_\_\_ Campus: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 7. UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE, VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIP FINANCIAL AID SECTION

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To the Financial Aid Officer:

The student listed above has applied for scholarship assistance from EUP, a grassroots community organization in Harrisburg. The Education/Scholarship Selection Committee would appreciate your help in analyzing the financial need of this student by completing the enclosed "Financial Aid Form". Do not include loans the student qualifies for but have not been awarded yet.

It is understood that grants and loans for 2012-2013 may not be firm, but any estimated (PLEASE NO TENTATIVE LOANS) grants, scholarships for the actual profile of assistance will help in the analysis of this student. The completed "Financial Aid Form" will provide the Selection Committee with financial information to determine the student's financial need.

1. **ADMISSIONS STATUS:** Has the student applied for admission to your institution?

Yes → Continue to next question.

No → Stop. Return the form to the student.

2. **ENROLLMENT STATUS:** Has the student enrolled full-time for 2012-2013?

Yes

No

3. **2012-2013 GRADE LEVEL**

FR  JR

SO  SR

4. **FINANCIAL AID STATUS:** Has the student filed the 2012-2013 FAFSA with your institution?
- Yes → Continue to next question.
- No → Stop. Return the form to the student.

5. **STUDENT STATUS**

- Dependent

- Independent

6. **HOUSING PLANS**

- On campus
- Off campus
- With parent

**COSTS FOR THE 2012-2013 ACADEMIC YEAR**

Description	Amount	
	Estimated <input type="checkbox"/>	Actual <input type="checkbox"/>
Cost of Tuition	\$	
Room and Board	\$	
Books and Supplies <small>(Allowance \$1,200)</small>	\$	
Personal Expenses <small>(Allowance \$500)</small>	\$	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	\$	

**EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION**

	Amount	
	Estimated <input type="checkbox"/>	Actual <input type="checkbox"/>
Student	\$	
Parent	\$	

**2012-2013 FINANCIAL AID AWARD**

	Amount	
	Estimated <input type="checkbox"/>	Actual <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>GRANTS</b>	\$	
College	\$	
Pell	\$	
SEOG	\$	
PHEAA	\$	
Other Grants	\$	
<b>*LOANS*</b>	\$ **	
Stafford	\$	
Perkins	\$	
Other	\$	
<b>SCHOLARSHIPS</b>	\$	
Private	\$	
Institutional	\$	
<b>OTHER AID – Please list:</b>	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
<b>TOTAL FINANCIAL AID AWARD</b>	\$	

**\*\*IMPORTANT: PLEASE do not include loans unless the student has already been awarded and have signed for the loan.\*\* Thanks!**

THIS CERTIFIES THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED REFLECTS DATA CURRENTLY ON FILE AT THIS INSTITUTION AND IS CORRECT AS OF THIS DATE. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT GRANTS AND LOANS FOR 2012-2013 MAY NOT BE FIRM, ANY ESTIMATE OR ACTUAL PROFILE OF ASSISTANCE WILL AID IN THE ANALYSIS OF THIS STUDENT FINANCIAL NEED.

Financial Aid Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone #: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT or Type E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**THIS PAGE FOR YOUR PERSONAL USE**

**DO NOT INCLUDE THIS PAGE WITH YOUR APPLICATION AND MATERIALS.**

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**FINAL CHECKLIST (FOR YOUR USE ONLY)**

This checklist is to help you do a final review of your application and materials before you submit them to the EUP Education/Scholarship Committee.

The following items **MUST** have been completed:

- Completed the Government financial aid request by filing the 2012-2013 FAFSA online by **March 1, 2012** at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov). Included in the School Section of the FAFSA all the technical schools, colleges/universities I am currently considering to attend or attending where my financial information should be released to.
- Attached the completed vocational/technical school or university/college scholarship financial aid section (pages 5 and 6).
- Provided an OFFICIAL academic transcript from my high school, technical school/university/college or the GED scores. (Foreign high school or college transcripts should be evaluated and changed to the American System GPA before submitting)
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- SENIORS IN HIGH SCHOOL – attached a copy of my admissions letter and the class schedule for Fall 2012. If I do not yet have a class schedule for Fall 2012 to attach to the required packet I must contact the Estamos Unidos de Pennsylvania Scholarship Committee Chair to disclose when I will have the Fall 2012 class schedule to be submitted to the Committee. I will contact Professor Yolanda Perez-Rivera at 717-780-2573 or at [y9perez@hacc.edu](mailto:y9perez@hacc.edu).
- Provided a letter of recommendation from a teacher/counselor/professor, not a relative nor a friend.
- Completed a typed two (2) page essay, “no more than two pages long”, double space, 12 pts, Times New Roman font”.

**DO NOT INCLUDE THIS PAGE WITH YOUR APPLICATION AND MATERIALS.**