DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Hispanic Federation is a service-oriented membership organization that works with more than 100 Latino nonprofits in the Northeast and nationwide to promote the social, political and economic wellbeing of the Latino community.

Continuing its commitment to serve and support New York City’s young immigrant population, Hispanic Federation is proud to provide scholarships to aid eligible immigrant youth applying for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). HF is awarding scholarships to cover the $495 DACA application fee. Applicants must be eligible for DACA and must not qualify for or have been denied the USCIS fee exemption. Grants will be awarded to individuals based on financial need and a personal essay. Hispanic Federation will only accept and consider applicants referred by designated member organizations.

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

First Name ____________________________ M.I. ____________________________ Last Name ____________________________

Address ________________________________________________________________

City ____________________________ State ____________________________ Zip Code ____________________________

Phone Number ____________________________ E-mail ____________________________

Date of Birth ____________________________ Country of Origin ____________________________

Are other siblings/family members currently applying for DACA? ☐ Yes ☐ No

II. REFERRING AGENCY INFORMATION

Name of Agency ________________________________________________________________

Address ________________________________________________________________

City ____________________________ State ____________________________ Zip Code ____________________________

Phone Number ____________________________ E-mail ____________________________
SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

1. Individuals must meet the following DACA eligibility requirements:
   ▶ Be under the age of 31 as of June 15, 2012;
   ▶ Arrived in the United States before reaching your 16th birthday;
   ▶ Continuously resided in the United States since June 15, 2007, up to the present time;
   ▶ Physically present in the United States on June 15, 2012, and at the time of making your request for DACA consideration;
   ▶ Entered without inspection before June 15, 2012, or your lawful immigration status expired as of June 15, 2012;
   ▶ Currently in school, have graduated or obtained a certificate of completion from high school, have obtained a general education development (GED) certificate, or are an honorably discharged veteran of the Coast Guard or Armed Forces of the United States; AND
   ▶ Not been convicted of a felony, significant misdemeanor, three or more other misdemeanors, and do not otherwise pose a threat to national security or public safety.

2. Individuals applying for this scholarship must demonstrate financial need. Applicants must earn or reside in a household with an annual income at or less than 300% of the U.S. Poverty Level as defined by the U.S. Census ($36,420 for individual; $75,300 for a family of four) or 350% of the U.S. Poverty Level ($42,490 for individual; $87,850 for a family of four) if there are additional DACA applicants from the same family.

Please provide one of the following forms of documentation:
   ▶ Evidence of your/household current income such as a tax return, bank statement or paystub OR
   ▶ An affidavit from a community-based or religious organization that attests to your financial need.

Please submit a written or typed essay (500-700 words, in English or Spanish). The essay should tell us your story and address the following subjects:
   ▶ Your journey to and transition in the United States, including the challenges you've faced and the personal successes you're most proud of; and
   ▶ What is your American Dream? What do you hope to accomplish in the future?

APPLICANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I certify that the information provided is true and correct. I understand that I may have to provide verification for the information I have stated in this application. If I am selected as a winner of a grant, I agree to allow the Hispanic Federation to share highlights of my story.

I understand that this application should NOT be construed as legal advice and that I may want to consult with an attorney of my choice. I understand that the awarding of the scholarship does not constitute U.S. Government approval of consideration for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals.

Printed Name ___________________________ Signature ___________________________ Date __________

MEMBER AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE ATTESTATION

I certify that I have reviewed the above applicant’s Hispanic Federation DACA Scholarship Application and USCIS DACA Request and can attest that said applicant is eligible.

Representative’s Printed Name ___________________________ Signature ___________________________ Date __________