

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