



Association for Hispanic School Administrators

2016-2017 OFFICIAL RULES FOR ROGER IBARRA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

I. MISSION

The Association of Hispanic School Administrators (AHSA) Scholarship Fund provides scholarships for Hispanic seniors (2015 -2016) entering their first year of college in the fall of 2016, and pursuing a degree in education to increase the number of Hispanic school administrators and teachers in the education profession.

In order to protect the integrity of the AHSA Scholarship Fund, the following Official Rules ("Rules") shall bind all applicants.

Applicants are expected to enroll in a full academic course of study and attend an accredited college/university for the 2016-2017 academic year.

II. ELIGIBILITY

Scholarship candidates may be either new or existing applicants to the AHSA Scholarship Fund. Applicants for scholarships must be:

- a) A Spring 2016 graduate from the Houston Independent School District (HISD) Sam Houston Math, Science and Technology Center high school; and
- b) Applying/have applied for Fall 2016 admission to an accredited institution of higher education; and

III. APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Scholarship candidates must submit the application form in its entirety prior to the application deadline. In submitting a scholarship application, candidates:

- 1. Agree to abide by the AHSA Scholarship Fund Official Rules;
- 2. Certify that they do not have any Conflicts of Interest as defined in the Official Rules. If any potential Conflicts of Interest are present, they must disclose them fully;
- 3. Certify that their answers are correct and truthful;
- 4. Agree that the data in their application may be shared with and evaluated by the AHSA Scholarship Fund and its Committees.

IV. EVALUATION PROCESS AND CRITERIA

Applications will be reviewed by the AHSA Scholarship Fund Awards Committee. While financial need will be strongly considered, awards may be based on a combination of factors including the following: academic, professional, or other accomplishments of the candidate; obstacles overcome by the candidate; contributions to the local community; the candidate's interest in pursuing a career in the education profession; and other personal characteristics that indicate the individual is a strong candidate to receive a scholarship and represent AHSA in a professional manner.

The AHSA Scholarship Fund may contact applicants if additional information is required, but reserves the right to disqualify application packages from consideration if key information is not included or if guidelines are not adhered to accordingly.

V. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The Scholarship Candidate must disclose to the AHSA Scholarship Fund in writing any and all actual or potential conflicts of interest, including but not limited to those listed below, which may compromise the integrity of the scholarship.

AHSA Scholarship Fund may, in its sole discretion, refuse to accept any application, or cancel a scholarship award, where an actual or perceived conflict of interest exists.

Potential Conflicts of Interest include:

- a) Candidate is a close familial relative (spouse, parent, child, sibling, grandparent, grandchild, niece, nephew, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, or first cousin) of an Officer or Executive Board Member of AHSA or the AHSA Scholarship Fund;
- b) Candidate solicits or provides any compensation or other consideration in exchange for the Scholarship Award
- c) Candidate engages in any conduct that may reflect negatively upon the AHSA Scholarship Fund;
- d) Candidate is a current officer or Executive Board member of the AHSA Scholarship Fund or AHSA.

The 2015-2016 AHSA Scholarship Fund Executive Board Members and Officers:

POSITION	NAME
President	Justin Fuentes
Treasurer	Gerardo Leal
Secretary	Yolanda Rodriguez
Awards Committee Chair	Magdalena Strickland
Board Member	Michael Cardona
Board Member	Rupak Gandhi
Board Member	Noelia Longoria
Board Member	Orlando Reyna
Board Member	Rocio Saldana

VI. SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS/ RECIPIENTS

1. The AHSA Scholarship Fund shall award scholarships in its sole discretion. All decisions are final.
2. Awards may not be sold, transferred, or assigned and are not convertible to cash.
3. Recipients must be enrolled in an accredited institution of higher learning by August 1st of the award year.
4. Awards must be used in the year they are granted. No deferrals are allowed.