



## **Houston Association of Panamanians, Inc.**

Preserving the Past and Inspiring the Future

### **Scholarship Application**

**For**

### **The 2017 Trailblazer Scholarship Award**

**Mail completed application to:**

**Houston Association of Panamanians, Inc.**

**P. O. Box 941835**

**Houston, Texas 77094-8835**

**Or scan to:**

**Email: [hap@houstonpanamanians.com](mailto:hap@houstonpanamanians.com)**

**Deadline – Extended to July 31, 2017**



## **Houston Association of Panamanians, Inc. Trailblazer Scholarship Application Information and Guidelines**

The Houston Association of Panamanians, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that awards scholarships to eligible candidates based on weighted criteria. The weighted criteria are: demonstrated financial need, high school/college GPA, demonstrated leadership skills, written essay, Houston Harris County or adjacent county residency, community service, and Panamanian heritage. Application packet is available on our website [www.houstonpanamanians.com](http://www.houstonpanamanians.com) on April 1<sup>st</sup> of the application year.

Monetary Scholarship Award: \$500.00 - \$1000.00 per recipient is awarded in the fall.

Deadline: Entire application packet must be postmarked by July 1, or scanned and transmitted via email by midnight July 1<sup>st</sup> of the application year.

### Eligibility:

- Current high school Senior in Houston Harris County or adjacent counties (Montgomery, Liberty, Chambers, Galveston, Brazoria, Ft. Bend, and Waller).
- Current college or university freshman or enrolled in a vocational/technical school within Texas.
- High School graduate or General Equivalency Diploma (GED) recipient from an accredited institution.
- High School or College/University GPA at least 2.50.
- U.S. citizen or legal resident of the United States of America.
- Commitment to volunteer at a HAP, Inc. event during the application year.

### Scholarship Application Packet Documents

- Completed Application Form.
- If a high school Senior, high school transcript.
- If a college freshman, current college or university freshman transcript.
- Written 500-word essay based on one of the following topics:
  - My life
  - Importance of Education
  - My Hero
- Copy of High School Diploma or Copy of General Equivalency Diploma (GED) Diploma.
- Two letters of recommendation from a professional contact.
- SAT/ACT scores results for high school applicants.
- Signed Hold Harmless Agreement/Release form.

### Processing Scholarship funds to College/University/Vocational Trade School

- An award letter will be emailed to the recipient(s) by August 1<sup>st</sup> of the application year.
- The scholarship recipient should accept the award through a letter addressed to HAP, Inc. – Attention Scholarship Committee. Acceptance may be transmitted via email.
- The correspondence should contain the College/university/trade school admission letter, educational facility's mailing address, a current photo, and the recipient's social security number or student ID number.
- HAP, Inc. will transfer the funds directly to the designated educational institution by August 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Submitted information and documentations become the property of HAP, Inc. Applicants are encouraged to make personal copies of all documentation submitted.**



Houston Association of Panamanians, Inc. Trailblazer Scholarship Application

PRINT LEGIBLY

Legal Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_ Male Female email \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last, First) (circle one)

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Previous HAP, Inc. Scholarship Recipient Y N If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_  
(MM/DD/YYYY) (circle one) (YYYY)

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(House No., Street) (City, State) (Zip code)

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) (\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_) Mobile Tel. No. (\_\_\_\_) (\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_)

Parent's Names \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
(Father) (Mother)

Parent's Home Tel. No. \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Mobile No. \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City, State) (Zip Code)

Parent's email address \_\_\_\_\_

Panamanian heritage: Y N Whom \_\_\_\_\_  
(circle one) (name/relationship to the applicant)

Current High School/College \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

College or High School Contact Person/Title \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_ Number in Graduating Class \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Point Average (GPA) \_\_\_\_\_ SAT scores: \_\_\_\_\_ or ACT score \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Exam(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Have you been accepted to a college/university/vocational/technical school? Y \_\_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_\_ N/A \_\_\_\_\_

Educational Institution to which you've been accepted: \_\_\_\_\_

Educational Institution address: \_\_\_\_\_

Target enrollment date to this institution \_\_\_\_\_

Major field of study in college/university/vocational trade school: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupational objective: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Financial Information:**

Name of College/University \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Vocational/Technical School \_\_\_\_\_

Avg. tuition cost per semester hour \_\_\_\_\_ # of hours \_\_\_\_\_ = total semester tuition \_\_\_\_\_

Student fees per semester \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Approximate cost for books: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Housing cost per semester \$ \_\_\_\_\_ On-campus Dormitory: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated miscellaneous expenses: \_\_\_\_\_

Weekly Income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Are you applying for other grants, or loans to cover your college expenses? Yes No  
(circle one)

Explain your need for financial assistance:

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## Accolades (Honors, Awards)

(Use this space)

Award

Date

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## Participation in Community Activities (Volunteer):

ORGANIZATION

SERVICE PROVIDED

DATE (s)

DURATION (years)

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**Statement of Certification – Authorization to Verify, Photograph – and Hold Harmless Agreement**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ certify that the statements and information submitted in this HAP, Inc. Scholarship Application Packet are accurate and correct, and that I presently meet all required eligibility criteria contained within the language of this application.

I understand the terms and conditions required for consideration of my candidacy; including the completeness of this form with required information. I also understand that I’m committing to volunteer for a HAP, Inc. event during the application year (2017).

I authorize a bona fide representative of HAP, Inc. to seek and obtain verification of my submitted data. And I further authorize any agency, or legitimate custodian of my personal information to release to HAP, Inc. any information related to the matter of data or statements submitted within; including but not limited to academic records, civic activities, citizenship or residency, and financial status. A copy of this authorization bearing my signature is deemed to have equal effect and enforcement as the original copy. Any person or agency releasing relevant information described within this authorization is hereby absolved from libel.

I further grant HAP, Inc. permission to photograph me and conduct interviews with me for purposes related to the selection process, potential awards, and publicity related to the Scholarship Initiative of its organization. I understand and further authorize HAP, Inc. to use the photos and collected data in non-damaging publicity by television, films, visuals, graphics, electronics, and printed or other media.

I agree to release, indemnify, and hold harmless the Houston Association of Panamanians, Inc. or its Board of Directors with respect to claims related to photographs, or information collected in writing or by interviews for this Scholarship Initiative.

I have read, acknowledged, and further understand the content of this Statement of Certification-Authorization to Verify, and Hold Harmless Agreement.

The effective date of this agreement is the date of my signature below; and it shall expire at the end of the academic year in session. Terms understood, and agreeable.

Applicant’s Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Names (print) \_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_

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



## **Houston Association of Panamanians, Inc.**

### 2017 Trailblazer Scholarship Packet – Checklist

- \_\_\_\_\_ Application Form – Completed
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ High School Transcript – official copy (if applicable)
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ College Freshman Transcript - official copy (if applicable)
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ Copy of High School/GED Certificate/Diploma
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ 500 Word Essay
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ Letters of Recommendation (2)
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ SAT/ACT Scores – copy of official report
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hold Harmless Agreement – Signed