



California State University, Bakersfield

HISPANIC EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP FUND (HESF)

Announcement

**The 2009-2010 Scholarship Application is now available
for students accepted and planning to attend CSUB in Fall 2009**

- High School Seniors / Incoming CSUB Freshmen
- Community College Transfers
- Continuing CSUB-HESF Students (Renewal)

\$1,500 Scholarship Awards

Deadline (Postmarked): March 23, 2009

Applications are now available in PDF (Adobe Acrobat) format.

Print this application form located at <http://www.csub.edu/hesf/>

HESF is a CSUB initiative established in 1984 to increase access to a college education for academically excellent, financially needy students with leadership potential. CSUB's HESF scholarship program is available to students planning to attend CSUB in fall for the 2009-2010 academic year. Since its inception, HESF has awarded approximately 1,000 scholarships totaling almost \$2 million. For AY '09-'10, HESF plans to award 50-70 scholarships of at least \$1,500 each.

New Freshmen (High School Seniors) and Community College Transfers

Must complete and submit by mail, the entire HESF Scholarship Application.

Continuing CSUB-HESF Recipients (Renewal)

Continuing and past CSUB-HESF (or, CSUB-HESF / HSF) scholarship recipients who continue to meet the eligibility criteria may apply to renew their scholarships. *These students need only complete the 2009-2010 scholarship application and submit it along with a current transcript.* These students "need not" submit a new Personal Statement nor Letters of Recommendation.

**If you have any questions or need assistance, please call:
California State University, Bakersfield
(661) 654-3406**

2009-2010 Hispanic Excellence Scholarship Fund Application

Postmark Deadline: March 23, 2009

Eligibility Requirements

You must:

- Be a United States citizen or legal permanent resident (with permanent resident card)
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale)
- Attend CSUB in Fall 2009—Incoming Freshmen / High School Seniors, community college transfers, and continuing CSUB HESF (or HSF-HESF) recipients

Note:

- Special attention is given to students who are first in their family to attend college and to students with economic need.

Instructions

Please mail the following documents with your application:

- **Transcript(s)** (unofficial transcripts are acceptable)
 - ___ Please include complete transcript(s) showing course work and cumulative GPA
 - ___ If you are entering CSUB in Fall 2009 at the freshman level, please submit your high school transcript(s)
 - ___ From your FAFSA application confirmation, please provide your “Expected Family Contribution” (EFC) Code
- **Letter of Recommendation**

Please include one letter of recommendation, titled “Letter of Recommendation,” from a college official or teacher who can discuss your:

 - Current academic status
 - Academic and extracurricular achievements
 - Personal qualities such as motivation, leadership, and commitment
 - Potential for future success and contributions to your community
- **Personal Statement**

Your personal statement is one of the most important aspects of this application and it is equivalent to an interview. Your statement should be written solely for the HESF Selection Committee; statements written for other admission or selection committees will not be accepted.

Please type your essay and title it “Personal Statement.” Your essay should be double-spaced, 12 point font, two pages or less, with no cover sheet. Be sure to address in your statement the topics listed below:

- Personal and academic achievements, and an explanation of educational disadvantages you have faced;
- Academic plans and career goals, giving specific examples;
- Past and current efforts, as well as future plans towards making a difference in your community;
- Financial need for this scholarship for educational purposes

As with CSUB’s Future Scholars Program, all HESF applicants must explain the educational disadvantages he or she has faced during their college and/or high school education.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO

- High School Seniors / Incoming College Freshmen
- Community College Transfers
- CSUB Undergrad and Grad Students

Through a separate joint endowment account between CSUB's (HESF) and the Hispanic Scholarship Fund (HSF), a separate national entity based in San Francisco, approximately 10 additional scholarship awards of up to \$2,500 each may be available.

First-Time Freshmen / High School Seniors should also apply to HSF directly for one of these joint CSUB-HESF & HSF awards.

“Applying for both will increase your chance of receiving an award and of receiving the larger \$2,500 award.”

However, in no case would the student receive both scholarships.

To apply to HSF, go to: <http://www.hsf.net>
Then, click on **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Be sure to indicate your intent to attend CSUB.

NOTE: “Their Deadline Date is also, February 18, 2009”

(Final award under the joint CSUB-HESF/HSF awards program will require verification of actual enrollment at CSUB)

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Please check one:

- First-Time Freshman
 Community College Transfer
 Continuing (or past) CSUB HESF (or HSF-HESF) recipients

Type or print legibly. Fill out all sections

1. Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____
2. Gender: Male _____ Female _____
3. Name: First _____ Middle _____ Last _____
4. Mailing Address: Number & Street: _____ Apt # _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
5. Permanent Address: (if same, write SAME) _____ Apt # _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
6. Telephone (_____) _____ - _____ E-mail _____
7. Date of birth: (month/year) _____ Current Age _____
8. Did either of your parents ever attend college? Yes _____ No _____
If yes, does one or both hold a four-year college degree? _____
9. Current high school or college attending: _____
City and State _____
10. If you are a transfer student, number of units (credits) earned to date: _____
Transferring: Month/Year: _____/_____
You are entering the university as a: Freshman _____ Sophomore _____ Junior _____ Senior _____
(If you are entering as a Freshman or Sophomore, you are required to submit your high school transcript(s))
11. Father's occupation: _____
12. Mother's occupation: _____
13. Parent(s)' marital status: Married _____ Single _____ Separated _____ Divorced _____
14. Your marital status: Married _____ Single _____ Separated _____ Divorced _____
15. Have you completed an application for financial aid listing your intent to attend CSUB? Yes _____ No _____
If so, please provide your "Expected Family Contribution" (EFC) Code from your FAFSA application confirmation: _____

If you have not yet applied for financial aid, we suggest that you apply immediately. Some colleges have deadlines as early as January and you may be required to fill out forms in addition to the "Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)." Contact your college financial aid advisor for the application and for more information.

How did you originally learn about this scholarship? (Please check one):

- Counselor Name: _____ School: _____
- Teacher Name: _____ School: _____
- Other(specify): _____

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Certification: Student **MUST** read and **SIGN BELOW** to be eligible for consideration.

- If selected, I will use this award toward college expenses at CSUB and will notify the Financial Aid Office of the award.
- I certify that I intend to enroll as a full-time student for the 2009-2010 academic year at CSUB. I understand that if I do not enroll as CSUB in Fall '09, it will result in loss of this scholarship.
- I give the University consent to release to HESF all information pertaining to this application package including GPA, enrollment, financial, and contact information.
- I certify that all the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- I certify that I am a U. S. citizen or legal permanent resident.
- I understand that I must attend the HESF Awards Dinner to be held at The DoubleTree Hotel on Saturday, September 26, 2009.

Student's signature: _____ **Date:** _____ / _____ / _____

Mailing Instructions:

- _____ Please remove all staples from all materials you send.
- _____ Be sure that your application packet is complete and legible. Please submit your original application along with two photocopies for the committee's use.
- _____ Be sure to include complete transcript(s) with cumulative GPA
- _____ Letter of Recommendation (at least one)
- _____ Personal Statement (no more than two pages)
- _____ Be sure that your application is signed.
- _____ Please do not FAX or E-mail applications.
- _____ Please write your full name and Social Security Number on each document you submit.
- _____ Applications must be postmarked by March 23, 2009. **MAIL EARLY TO:**

ATTN: Dr. Thomas R. Martinez
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