



HWC Scholarship Application for NEW APPLICANTS

Letter of Reference

Applicant

Please print or type your name below. Request letters of reference (3) from individuals who can evaluate your academic potential and who can adequately evaluate your abilities (e.g., former instructors/faculty [for highest value], co-workers or employers). References from family members are greatly discouraged.

Form with columns: Last Name, First Name, Academic Year, Today's Date

Person providing this reference:

The woman whose name appears above is applying for the HWC Scholarship. Please provide your evaluation and comments in response to the items below. Place this form in an envelope, seal and sign over the seal, and return it to the applicant. The applicant will then include your letter of reference with her complete application packet.

About the HWC Scholarship:

The New Mexico Hispanic Women's Council is a not-for-profit, intergenerational organization founded in 1988 to promote, support, and create opportunities for Hispanic women. The HWC Scholarship Program is established to provide academic scholarships and mentorship to Hispanic women who are residents of New Mexico. It is available to continuing college students (traditional and non-traditional). With these scholarships, the HWC envisions creating a legacy of: a) educating Hispanic women; b) moving them into professions; and c) enabling them to become valuable leaders in our community. The mentoring component of the scholarship requires the recipient to meet with an HWC mentor at UNM for academic and career advising. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of the strength of the applicant's personal statement (content & writing) and the potential to succeed based on letters of reference. Successful awardees will be considered for scholarship renewal.

Name of Reference \_\_\_\_\_ Position / Title \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known this applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

What was/is the nature of your interaction with the applicant?
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Rate the applicant on the attributes listed below, using the following scale:

- 1 – Outstanding
- 2 – Superior
- 3 – Above Average
- 4 – Average
- 5 – Below Average
- U – Unknown

\_\_\_ Intellectual capacity  
\_\_\_ Motivation and drive  
\_\_\_ Scholarship  
\_\_\_ Ability in written expression  
\_\_\_ Ability in oral expression

\_\_\_ Emotional maturity and stability  
\_\_\_ Self-reliance and independence  
\_\_\_ Integrity  
\_\_\_ Interpersonal Skills  
\_\_\_ Community Involvement

Describe the applicant's strengths:

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Provide a statement below, or on an attached page, describing why this applicant should be selected to receive the HWC Scholarship.

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Provide any additional information:

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Signature

Date

- \* Send your reference to [hispanicwomenscouncil@gmail.com](mailto:hispanicwomenscouncil@gmail.com)
- \* Please ensure that the applicant's name is on the email subject
- \* Questions? Email Dr. Leila Flores-Dueñas, Ph.D. at [lflores@unm.edu](mailto:lflores@unm.edu)

**Thank you!**