



LATINO AMERICAN COMMISSION

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2016 Hispanic Heritage Month Scholarship

The Nebraska Latino American Commission invites Nebraska college students to participate in the Second Annual Hispanic Heritage Month State Commemoration College Scholarship

Hispanic Heritage Month: National Hispanic Heritage Month was enacted into law on August 17, 1988 observing September 15 to October 15 as a period to celebrate the histories, cultures, and contributions of those who can trace their ancestry to Mexico, Spain, Central America, South America, and the Caribbean.

We are asking for college students to tell us in their own words about the following:

The upcoming election will take place on Nov. 8, 2016 for both national and local elected positions. As a future leader of your community, what does it mean to be a voter?

Guidelines: Remember to cite any research that you include. Please consider one or more of the following along with your answer to the above question: How will the 2016 election impact international relations? How does being a Latino/a shape your views on voting? How will the 2016 election impact international college students?

Judging: The Nebraska Latino American Commission staff and Commissioners will judge your essay on grammar, content, originality, and understanding of the theme.

Eligibility: Students of all ethnicities currently enrolled in a Nebraska state or private college or university, or enrolled in a community college or professional trade college, seeking their Associate's, Bachelor's, or Master's degree. International students are also welcome to apply. Entries are welcome in English or Spanish, and must include a signed entry form and two letters of recommendation from a professional who is unrelated to you.

Rules: Essays must be original, typed in 12-size font, and double-spaced. The word length is 800 – 1,000 words for the essay. We reserve the right to disqualify essays that contain offensive language, political messages, contain derogatory statements or have been plagiarized.

Scholarship: A single scholarship of \$1,500.00 will be granted to a college student with the selected essay. The scholarship will be sent directly to the students' college or university for tuition, student fees and books.

Submission: All essays due by **Monday, Sept. 26, 2016** at 5 P.M. Essays and entry forms may be submitted by email to Jasel.Cantu@nebraska.gov, via fax at 402-471-4381, or mailed to:

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