

# Excelen-ΣΙΑ Academic Scholarship

## 2019 Application

Thank you for applying to the Solidaridad Inspiración Amistad Community Foundation, Inc. and Hermandad de Sigma Iota Alpha, Inc. Excelen-ΣΙΑ Academic Scholarship. Each year we award a scholarship to an individual embarking upon their first or second academic year at a 4-year institution of higher learning.

### Eligibility Requirements

- Be a recently graduated high school senior beginning freshman year in an accredited 4-year college or university in the Fall of 2019 or a college freshman entering sophomore standing attending a 4-year college or university in the United States or its territories in the Fall of 2019;
- College freshmen: Submit an official, sealed transcript from the university registrar indicating a minimum overall GPA of 2.50 on a 4.0 scale.
- Recent high school grad: Submit official transcript of a high school academic average of 90 or better (3.7 on a 4.0 scale) and/or a minimum score of 23 on the ACT

### Required Documents

- Application form
- Letter of acceptance to 4-year college/university (if beginning as a Freshman in Fall 2019)
- Please list, in priority order, the organizations, activities, jobs and internships that indicate your special contributions, talents, honors and abilities in the areas of extracurricular activities, service and work. Current, official transcript (from most recent educational institution)
- 2 letters of recommendation, from the following: a teacher/professor, community leader, advisor, administrator, counselor, and/or employer
- 1-3 page essay/personal statement (double spaced, 12 point font in Associated Press or MLA style)
- Resume (Include extra curricular involvement, leadership roles, volunteer/service work, awards, and/or work experience)
- OPTIONAL: 2" x 2" photo. Picture might be considered for use in promotional materials.

### Basis of Selection, Notification & Disbursement of Award

- Applications will be reviewed by a committee based on content, clarity, and cohesiveness. Only complete application packets postmarked by June 2nd, 2019 will be reviewed.
- The total award is \$500 presented as a onetime payment. The candidate selected for the scholarship award will receive formal notification by July 1, 2019
- The scholarship recipient will be announced at our 29<sup>th</sup> annual anniversary banquet held on July 20, 2019 in San Antonio, TX.  
For banquet info visit [siaconvention.chapterspot.com](http://siaconvention.chapterspot.com)

### Submission Details

- Please submit all completed applications, via electronic submission, by **June 2, 2019**  
**Scholarship Committee**  
**[scholarship@hermandad-sia.org](mailto:scholarship@hermandad-sia.org)**
- Only complete applications will be considered.
- Direct all inquiries to:  
National President: Arianna P. Almanzar - Taveras, at **[scholarship@hermandad-sia.org](mailto:scholarship@hermandad-sia.org)**