



HISPANIC HERITAGE YOUTH AWARDS

YOUTH AWARDS ESSAY QUESTIONS

Before entering your responses to the essay prompts in this section, we strongly recommend saving a copy of your essays in a word processor (e.g., Microsoft Word, Google Docs, Notepad). This will ensure your work is not lost in the event of unexpected technical issues, as we are unable to recover any unsaved data.

Please note that the category you select will be reflected within the category application section.

1. What stands out as your proudest accomplishment in ***the category you selected***? Please select one achievement to discuss in detail. Why is this achievement particularly significant to you? **(250-word limit)**
2. What influenced your interest in ***the category you selected***? Beyond what is mentioned in your response to the previous essay prompt, please provide additional specific examples of programs, classes, activities, and projects you have participated in or led, that demonstrate your commitment and dedication to ***the category you selected***. Highlight the achievements and accomplishments within these experiences that showcase your potential to excel in this field and make you a strong candidate for this category. **(250-word limit)**
3. How has your upbringing/background influenced your approach in ***the category you selected***? **(250-word limit)**
4. What is an issue that affects your community? Define the issue and what actions you propose to address it. **(250-word limit)**
5. Community service requires dedication and time. What inspires you to give back? How have you been active in your community? Tell us about the different ways in which you have been of service and share any meaningful experiences you have had while giving back. Provide details

on what they were, how they made you feel, and their impact on those you served. **(400-word limit)**

Optional

While this section is optional, providing additional insights can enhance our understanding of you as a candidate and potentially strengthen your application. Please note that choosing not to submit this essay will not adversely affect your chances.

6. Beyond what has been shared in your application, are there additional details of your experiences, accomplishments, or personal journey you would like us to consider? If there are any awards, recognitions, or extracurricular activities listed earlier in your application that you would like to elaborate further upon, this is an ideal opportunity to do so. You can also provide us with any links to projects, articles, or websites that pertain to your experience. We invite you to share more with us. **(250-word limit)**

You are REQUIRED to create and submit the application online to be eligible for the Youth Awards. We cannot accept essays over email.