



# ACHIEVING THE DREAM: 2009 SCHOLARSHIPS



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Dear Students,

The **First Coast Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (FCHCC)** is proud to continue with its tradition of supporting education in our community. This brochure contains scholarship requirements, selection criteria and an application form.

We encourage you to apply for our 2009 **Achieving the Dream** Scholarships.

Sincerely,

**Jose A. Rodriguez**  
*Director of Education, FCHCC*

## FCHCC MISSION

To promote the welfare and growth of Hispanic business utilizing our strength in numbers and unity.

## BASIS FOR SELECTION

Scholarships are awarded on the basis of merit, based solely on the content of the application. Applications will be evaluated and selections made by a panel of judges consisting of current officers, and/or directors of the FCHCC. Applicants' scores will be based upon the following criteria:

Academic Transcripts and Grades.....	20%
Honors and Awards .....	20%
Extracurricular Activities .....	40%
Essay.....	20%

## DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

Applications must be received no later than September 4, 2009. Applications must be mailed to:

**FCHCC**  
**Re: Achieving the Dream Scholarship Application**  
P.O. Box 57972  
Jacksonville, FL 32241

Selections will be made by the scholarship selection committee. Recipients will be informed in early October and honored at our annual scholarship event on October 23, 2009.

## SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

The FCHCC has established scholarships in the amount of up to \$2,000 to be awarded to Hispanic students that meet the following criteria:

- The applicant must be currently accepted to and planning to attend a two- or four-year university, or currently a full-time undergraduate student that has maintained a GPA average of 3.0 or better.
- The applicant must not be more than a third generation Hispanic with established residency in the Florida First Coast region: Duval, St. Johns, Clay, Baker or Nassau Counties; for at least three (3) years prior to the awarding date of the scholarship.
- Applicants must submit with their application, copies of grades, show proof of enrollment and an essay between 400-450 words on why they need or deserve to receive this scholarship.
- The stipend will be used to pay for tuition and/or books and will be in addition to and not to conflict with any other scholarships or grants the student may be entitled to.





# ACHIEVING THE DREAM: 2009 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



## First Coast Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Application *High School, Jr. College, College or University Student*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Citizen: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ First Coast Resident: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Name of High School, Jr. College, College or University Currently Enrolled:

\_\_\_\_\_ Name City State

Class: ( ) Freshman ( ) Sophomore ( ) Junior ( ) Senior ( ) Graduate Student

Academic Field of Study:

\_\_\_\_\_

Academic Grade Point Average: Cumulative: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Semester: \_\_\_\_\_

If in Graduate School:

Years of undergraduate degree: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

GRE Scores: Verbal \_\_\_\_\_ Quantitative \_\_\_\_\_ Analytical \_\_\_\_\_

Name of college you plan to attend during 2009-2010:

\_\_\_\_\_ Name City State

Honors and Awards (including dates) – attach paper if needed:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Extracurricular Activities (include school, work and community) – attach paper if needed:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Prepare a double-spaced typewritten essay between 400-450 words. In your essay discuss your goals, your field of study, and your reasons for seeking this scholarship. Place the title of the essay along with your name at the top. In the event of applicants with similar qualifications, this essay will be the determining factor.

Submit a certified copy of your high school or college transcripts. Please make sure that your SAT and/or ACT scores are included on the transcript or attach a copy of the official test results. Your high school guidance counselor should include a description of the curriculum and grading system used and indicate those courses in progress for the second semester of the 12th grade.

I hereby certify that I am a legal U.S. resident or citizen and all information submitted on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that submitting non-factual information will automatically disqualify me for consideration for scholarship monies.

Applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_