



**LATINO AMERICAN COMMISSION**

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## 2015 Hispanic Heritage Month Scholarship

The Nebraska Latino American Commission invites Nebraska college students to participate in the First 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 ask for college students to tell us in their own words about the following:

Latinos are among the fastest growing populations in Nebraska. What do you believe is the largest obstacle Latinos face in Nebraska, what can be done to overcome, and how can this be accomplished? What do you believe the future looks like for Latinos in Nebraska, with or without any of your recommended changes? Please include your own personal experiences and observations of others. Remember to cite any research that you include.

**Judging:** The staff and Commissioners of the Nebraska Latino American Commission 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. Entries are welcome in English or Spanish, and must include a signed entry form.

**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 \$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 and books. The winning student will be recognized and asked to read their essay at the Hispanic Heritage Month State Commemoration scheduled for October 9, 2015 at the Nebraska Capitol Building in Lincoln.

**Submission:** All essays due by **Thursday, October 1, 2015** at 5 P.M. Essays and entry forms may be submitted by email to [Jasel.Cantu@nebraska.gov](mailto:Jasel.Cantu@nebraska.gov), via fax at 402-471-4381, or mailed to:

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