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HASB Offers Scholarships to Perris Students

The Perris-based Hispanic Association of Small Businesses is offering scholarships to four Perris high school graduates who plan to continue their education.

The \$500-scholarships will be granted to students from Perris High School, Heritage High School, Citrus Hill High School and Val Verde High School, said Armando Hurtado, founder and president of the business support and development group.

To be eligible, a student must have applied to a two or four-year school, have a minimum grade-point average of 3.5 and submit an essay in support of their application. Students must also "demonstrate a value for volunteerism and involvement in their community."

HASB Scholarship Flyer

HASB Scholarship Guidelines

Students from economically disadvantaged families will be given priority, Hurtado said, and applicants also are encouraged to submit a letter of recommendation from a teacher.

Hurtado announced the scholarship program at the March 8 Perris City Council meeting.

"Education is the foundation of a successful business and a successful community," said Hurtado, a real estate broker who owns a tax preparation and notary public business in north Perris. "One of the missions of our organization is promoting small businesses, entrepreneurs and education. An educated community is a strong community."

Hurtado thanked the City for its support of small business and the scholarship program.

"We're looking forward to reading some excellent applications," he said.

The deadline to complete and submit scholarship applications is March 31.

Students may apply by accessing the www.hasb.org scholarship link and scholarship information page. The application may be submitted online, in person at the HASB office at 4194 North Perris Blvd., Perris, CA, 92570 or with the designated school career counselor.

Additional information is available by contacting Hurtado at 909.725.2935.

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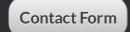
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