

Rising Latino high school seniors across America can apply to the **Youth Awards** program presented for the 17th year by the **Hispanic Heritage Foundation (HHF)**. The 2015 Youth Awards application is available on our website at www.HispanicHeritage.org or by clicking on the following link: bit.ly/12JlKix.

The application deadline is **Thursday, October 15th, 2015**.

To participate in the Hispanic Heritage Youth Awards you must be:

- **A current high school rising senior, graduating in the Spring of 2016**
- **Planning to enroll in college in 2016-2017**
- **Of Hispanic/Latino descent (at least one parent)**
- **Minimum 3.0 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) or 7.5 (on a 10.0 scale)**
- **Willing to travel at own cost to the awards ceremony in your selected region (regional ceremony attendance is mandatory for students who are selected)**

Students are selected for their accomplishments in the classroom and community, and for their focus on various categories. Recipients are awarded up to \$3,000 in educational grants to be used for their college education or to fund a community service effort. In each of the 11 regions, three students will be honored in various categories including those listed below. The regions include: **Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, Miami, New York, Phoenix, Rio Grande Valley, San Jose and Washington, DC**. Students from across the USA can apply in the region nearest to their area of residence in an effort to ensure all Latino students have an opportunity for the Youth Awards. If selected, the students only have to attend the awards event to receive their award.

The 2015 Youth Awards categories are:

- **Business & Entrepreneurship**
- **Community Service** - sponsored by Colgate-Palmolive Company
- **Education** - sponsored by Southwest Airlines
- **Innovation & Technology** - sponsored by Entertainment Software Association Foundation
- **Engineering & Mathematics** - sponsored by ExxonMobil
- **Healthcare & Science** - sponsored by CVS Health
- **Sports & Fitness**

Students that are not able to take advantage of this opportunity are encouraged to join our **Latinos On Fast Track (LOFT) Network**. LOFT is a leadership and workforce development program which connects emerging Latinos to each other, to experts, to resources, to platforms, and career paths in STEM fields, business and finance, education and other fields. Join the LOFT Network at <http://loftnetwork.org>.

Please feel free to contact us at info@hispanicheritage.org or **202-861-9797** with any questions.