

## Alhambra Latino Association Scholarship Application Essay Instructions

On a separate sheet of paper submit an essay about your plans and discuss the impact your choices will make in your future. Essay must be typed and will be scored on: Plans/Objective, Impact of Choices, Grammar/Presentation, Originality/Inspiration.

Be sure to include an introduction that illustrates your passion for your goals and a conclusion that helps the reader understand your ability to reach your goals. When writing your body paragraphs, approach this essay as a two-part question.

**1. Your plans.** Tell the reader about your specific education and career goals:

- Tell the reader why your specific career choice is so important to you.
- What have you done to explore this career and what do you plan to do to prepare for this career in the future? (internships, job-shadow, courses, clubs, organizations, community service, research)
- Tell the reader what activities outside of class influenced your career decision.
- Besides a paycheck, what do you hope to learn or gain from this career?
- Make the reader understand why your chosen major enthralls you. Why do you find this subject so fascinating?
- How did you first discover this interest and what made you like this interest more and more?
- What specific knowledge, skills and experience do you hope to gain by studying this subject?

**2. What impact will your career and education choices have on your future?**

- Tell the reader how your education and career choices influenced your thoughts, opinions and actions in high school.

- How did your education and career choices change the way you thought about yourself?
- How do you expect your life to change in college?
- What specific resources do you intend to utilize inside and outside of college courses?
- How do you intend to share your unique perspective with others in the college community?
- How will your personal life change in college?
- What do you expect your life to be like after college?
- What type of job, co-workers and employment setting do you hope to pursue?
- How do you expect your specific thoughts, opinions and actions to change when you become a working professional?
- How do you intend to impact others as a professional?