National statistics indicate that Hispanic students are neither enrolling nor completing engineering curricula in proportion to their increasing population. In order to close this glaring educational gap, more students from Hispanic backgrounds must be motivated, assisted financially and supported with programs to complete higher education degrees.

The Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, Twin Cities Professional Chapter (SHPE-TC) is dedicated to providing scholarship funds and educational support systems for engineering and science students of Hispanic backgrounds. The SHPE-TC Academic Scholarship supports Hispanic students in the fields of engineering and science. The Chapter will be awarding multiple scholarships starting at $1,000.

**Eligibility Requirements**

To be eligible for the SHPE-TC Academic Scholarship, you must:

- Be a High School senior, University student, or attending Graduate school
- Be a resident of, or student in Minnesota (regardless of status)
- Be of Hispanic or Latino heritage
- Have a minimum cumulative high school or college grade point average (GPA) of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.
- Be planning to, or already, attend an accredited U.S. college or university, or community college by fall 2017.
- Be planning to, or are currently on the way to, earn a degree focused on science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) as defined by the Appendix on the National Science Foundation’s document NSF-16-588.
- Be able to submit to SHPE-TC confirmation of your enrollment for the fall of 2017.
- Be able to attend the Scholarship Gala on April 28, 2017.

**Application Materials to Submit**

- Application Form
- Personal Statement
- Statement of Financial Need
- Letter of Recommendation
- Official or Unofficial High School or College Transcript(s) – through fall 2016 semester
- Copy of Acceptance Letter From the College/University (if available)
- Resume (if senior undergraduate university student, graduate student or professional)

**Application Deadline and Mailing Address**

Complete and e-mail the application NO LATER THAN March 31st, 2017

**Attention:**
Hernán Mercado-Corujo

**Email:**
scholarships@shpetwincities.org

**NOTE:** Award winners must provide official transcripts to SHPE-TC prior to scholarship allocation.
APPLICATION FORM:

(Name: Last, First, Middle) (Sex)

(Home Address) (City)

(State) (Zip Code) (Home Phone)

Ethnic Background:

High School you are graduating from spring 2017, or college currently enrolled in:

Schools (community college or university) that you are applying to with plans to start in fall 2017. Include all and city and state for each. (leave blank if currently in college)

Planned Major or field of study (may list more than one):

High School or College cumulative GPA (required) (of 4.0)

Extracurricular activities:

Leadership Positions:

NOTE: Remember that you also need to include your resume and letter of acceptance with your application.
PERSONAL STATEMENT:

How would this scholarship assist you in reaching your long-range goals beyond a college degree? What would you do if you didn't receive the scholarship? Please include individual goals, what inspired you to choose your planned major and profession, and aspects other than the need for financial assistance. This can be handwritten or typed and attached separately. Limit this statement to no more than one page.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL NEED:

Living with:  Both Parents  ( )  Mother Only  ( )  Father Only  ( )  On Your Own  ( )

Number of family members living in your present household:  

Is your family receiving any form of assistance?  Yes ( )  No ( )

Are you currently employed?  If yes, how many hours per week?  

What is your family’s and/or your approximate annual income from all sources? (Also include explanation of any special circumstances)

I certify that the statements and information provided in this application are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Date:  

Applicant’s Printed Name:  

Applicant’s Signature:  
LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION:

This Letter of Recommendation is to be completed by a teacher, community leader, or mentor.

Please comment on the applicant’s 1) Desire to Further Education, 2) Ability & Potential, 3) Leadership & Character and 4) Say what organization, school or other you know the applicant through.

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Signature of Person Writing Recommendation

Title & Employer

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