

Title: **Houston Salsa Dancers Scholarship Program**

Deadline: **November 1, 2021**

Award Amount: **Varies**

### **Program Description/History:**

**The focus of the HSD Scholarship Program is to recognize the outstanding community service of Undergraduate and Graduate students by supporting their academic goals.**

Houston Salsa Dancers, Inc. ("HSD") is a nonprofit organization that rewards annual scholarships to Texas residences entering into an accredited college or university who are involved in community services or part of a community-based program at school or in their community.

**The duty of the Scholarship Committee is to encourage higher education by rewarding those who give back to their community.** Scholarships are awarded at the Houston Salsa Congress and will be made available to the college or university of the student's choosing. Reward amounts and the number of recipients are determined on an annual basis based on the applications received.

**Website/Application:** <http://houstonsalsadancers.org/scholarship-program/?fbclid=IwAR0jSiZU-wamArPjjhwiHgriQPs6ruhsjXLP3riXghepQvWZXrb4vEnKbp0>

### **Eligibility:**

- Must be a Texas resident and a US citizen or Permanent Resident.
- LIKE and FOLLOW the HSD Scholarship Program Facebook page for updates.
- We also recommend LIKING and FOLLOWING our event Facebook page as well, but it's not required.
- Have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale (or the equivalent).
- Emphasis will be placed on community service work. You will need to provide proof of the community service/program listed.
- You do NOT have to be a dancer or involved in dance to be eligible for this scholarship.
- SAT/ACT scores are not required. High School students must attach if transcript is not available.
- Write an essay in MLA format in font Times New Roman between 800-1,000 words (1,000 max). Your essay needs to include your name and date completed (see paper sample). Title must be centered. See application for essay subject.
- Enrolled or are enrolling in a college or equal higher learning institution during the upcoming year at an accredited two- or four-year college or university. Disbursement of funds is dependent upon the Committee's verification of enrollment.

- For Reference Letters, an email will be sent to the person(s) you list with instructions. Reference Letters attached to your application will NOT be accepted and must come directly from the email you list. If special circumstances need to be made, please contact us.
- You or a representative must be able to attend and accept the award on stage at the Awards Ceremony Saturday night during the Houston Salsa Congress. Event passes are included with award.
- Previous year's winners are ineligible to apply, but may do so the following year.
- Funds can be used for tuition, fees, books, supplies, and room & board expenses.
- The HSD Scholarship Application must be completely filled out and signed with all the required (\*) information.
- All documentation must be submitted in ONE (1) PDF file.