

CONEXIONES, Inc.

Premios Superación for Hispanic High School Seniors

- Who is eligible?** Hispanic Seniors in Howard County Public High Schools who will be graduating in 2009
- How to apply?**
1. Complete, print, and mail the application form.
 2. Include an essay (in English or Spanish). Please use the essay to provide more in-depth information about yourself.
 3. Have your school send a copy of your unofficial transcript to the address below.
 4. Have a school official complete and return the recommendation to the address below.
- What are the Criteria?** Awards will be given on the basis of one or more of the following:
- Academic Excellence (a minimum 3.5 GPA required)
 - *Outstanding Community Service or Leadership
 - *Demonstrated Perseverance in Overcoming Challenges to graduate. Challenges may include learning English as an older student; working through high school to assist your family; illness, disability or death in the family; other hardships.
- *A minimum 2.0 GPA is required to be considered for an award for Community Service/Leadership or Overcoming Challenges.
- When to apply?** Complete applications **MUST** be received by April 3rd, 2009
- For an application packet:** Contact your Guidance Office at your school or download from Conexiones Website www.conexioneshc.org.
- If you have questions, contact:** Luis Tapia (Ltapia@wsscwater.com)
- Send completed application to:** **CONEXIONES, Inc.**
P.O. Box 6997
Columbia, MD 21045

Awards Application Form

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Please check the category of the competitive award you are applying for (You may check more than one):

- Academic excellence
- Outstanding community service or leadership
- Demonstrated perseverance in overcoming challenges to graduate (e.g., learning English as an older student; working to help meet family needs; dealing with illness, disability, death in family.)

Individual Information:

Name: _____ High School _____

Names of Parent(s) or Guardian(s) _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Home _____

Mobile _____ e-mail (please print) _____

Date of birth _____ Female Male

Ethnic Origin (please check the category that applies to you and give country of origin):

- Student was born in Latin America or Spain
Country _____ Year you arrived in the USA? _____
- Both parents and/or grandparents were born in Latin America or Spain
Country _____ Year they arrive in the USA? _____
- One parent is Hispanic/Latino
Country _____

Please continue on the next page

High School Activities Information: (Complete the sections that correspond to the categories in which you are applying for an award. Use extra paper if needed.)

I. Academic Excellence - High School _____

Cumulative GPA _____

Academic achievements, awards, extracurricular activities: _____

II. Community service or Leadership (church, school, service projects).

Type of Activity _____ One Time (# hrs). or Weekly (# hrs)

III. Challenges you have overcome to graduate: _____

Plans after high school. Give name(s) of college, university, community college, technical school, or work you will seek: _____

Career Goal (if decided): _____

Additional Comments: _____

ESSAY. Please type an essay of 250 words or more, in English or Spanish. Please use the essay to provide more in-depth information about yourself. For example you can choose the topic below or one of your choice:

- ✓ How my family and heritage have influenced me.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

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Recommendation Form

The goal of the CONEXIONES Hispanic High School Graduates Award Program is to recognize high school completion and excellence in: 1) **Academic Achievement**, 2) **Contribution to Others** through community service and leadership and 3) **Perseverance in Overcoming Challenges** to graduation.

The CONEXIONES Awards selection is a competitive process.

Thank you for your recommendation. We value your assessment.

Name of student: _____

High school: _____

Name of school official: _____

Relationship to the student: _____

**Please assess the candidate on a scale of 1 to 5 (with 5 being outstanding)
We welcome additional comments on the back of this form or on a separate page.**

Attitude toward education	1	2	3	4	5
School work habits	1	2	3	4	5
Community service endeavors	1	2	3	4	5
Overcoming challenges/obstacles to graduate	1	2	3	4	5
Civic behavior at school	1	2	3	4	5
Leadership	1	2	3	4	5
Seriousness toward his/her future	1	2	3	4	5
Concern for others	1	2	3	4	5
Positive role model to others	1	2	3	4	5
Extracurricular activities	1	2	3	4	5

Signature _____ Phone Number _____

E-mail _____ Date _____