

HIAS Scholars Application for 2012-2013 Academic Year

Thank you for entering the 2012-2013 HIAS Scholars Competition.

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* Required

Please begin by verifying your eligibility for the HIAS Scholars Program.

These questions must be answered before proceeding to the application.

Did you immigrate to the United States with the help of HIAS? *

- Yes
- No

Eligibility Verification (Continued)

Have you been in school for the last two semesters (spring and fall 2011)? *

- Yes
- No

Section A: Contact Information

Please fill out the section below with your updated information.

Title *

Mr.

Mrs.

Ms.

First Name *

Last Name *

Date of Birth * Please enter all dates in the format of: MM/DD/YYYY.

Marital Status *

Single

Married

Other:

Permanent Street Address *

City *

State * Please use the two capital letter state abbreviation (for example: NY or CA).

Zip Code *

Home Phone Number *

Please enter your phone number in the format of: XXX-XXX-XXXX.

Cell Phone Number *

Please enter your phone number in the format of: XXX-XXX-XXXX.

E-mail Address *

Is your permanent street address the same as your mailing address? *

Yes

No

Current Address Information

(This page will only display if you indicated above that your mailing address is not the same as your permanent address)

You indicated that your current address is not the same as your permanent address. Please provide your current mailing address below. If your current mailing address is the same as your permanent address, you must go back to the last question and select “Yes” to continue on to the rest of the application.

Current Street Address *

City *

State *

Zip Code *

Immigration and Additional Information

Section B - Part 1: Immigration Information

Birth Location *

Please enter in the format of: City, Country

Date of Arrival in the United States *

Please enter the date in the format of: MM/YYYY.

Location Migrated From *

Please enter in the format of City, Country

List of Family Members that Immigrated with You *

Please include their names, ages when immigrated, and relationship to you (for example: Abraham Abramovich, 50, father).

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Section B - Part 2: Past HIAS Scholarship Award Information

Have you previously won a HIAS Scholars or Scholarship Award? *

You are eligible to apply for this year's competition even if you have won an award in past years.

Yes

No

If yes, please write below the year(s) in which you won the award.

Please separate multiple years with a comma, for example 2006, 2007

Section C - Part 1: Academic Background

Please fill out the information below to verify your eligibility for the 2012-2013 HIAS Scholars Competition. You must also submit an official transcript to the HIAS Scholarship Department, 333 Seventh Avenue, 16th floor, New York, NY 10001, postmarked by February 29, 2012.

Name of Current School *

Date of Enrollment in Current School * Please enter the date in the format of: MM/YYYY.

Expected Graduation Date * Please enter the date in the format of: MM/YYYY.

Degree *

Major *

GPA *

To be eligible for the HIAS Scholars program, you must have studied for at least the past two semesters in an educational institution in the US. Is your current school the only school you have studied in during the last two semesters? *

Yes

No

Additional School Information (This page will only display if you indicated above that you studied at more than one school in the last two semesters.)

Since you indicated on the last question that you studied at an additional school during the last two semesters, please provide the information about that previous school below. **PLEASE NOTE that you will be required to submit official transcripts from both your current school and the school listed below.

If you have only attended one school during the last two semesters, please go back and select "Yes" for the previous question.

Name of School *

Date of Enrollment in the School * Please enter the date in the format of: MM/YYYY.

Graduation Date/Date of Departure * Please enter the date in the format of: MM/YYYY.

Degree *

Major *

GPA *

Section C - Part 2: Test Scores

Please select the MOST RECENT standardized test that you have taken from the list below.*
You will be entering your score from the test in the next question.

SAT

ACT

GRE

GMAT

LSAT

MCAT

Other:

Please enter the score you received for this test. *

If you would like to enter additional standardized test information, please do so below (not required).

Please select an additional standardized test score that you would like to enter below.
You will be entering your score from the test in the next question.

SAT

ACT

GRE

GMAT

LSAT

MCAT

Other:

Please enter the score you received for this test.

Section C - Part 3: Future Academic Plans

Will you continue studying at your current school during the entirety of the 2012-2013 academic year?*

Yes, my studies will continue at the above mentioned institution through the end of the 2012-2013 academic year.

No, I am graduating or transferring from my current school but don't know yet which school I will be attending in the fall.

No, I will be attending a new school, and I already know which school and what I will be studying.

2012-2013 School Information (This page will only display if you indicated above that you are changing schools AND know the name of the school you will be attending.)

Since you answered "No" to the previous question, please fill out the information below about the institution you will be attending in the 2012-2013 academic year.

If you will be attending the same school in 2012-2013 as you are currently attending, please go back and select "Yes" to the previous question.

Name of Academic Institution You Will Be Attending in 2012-2013 *

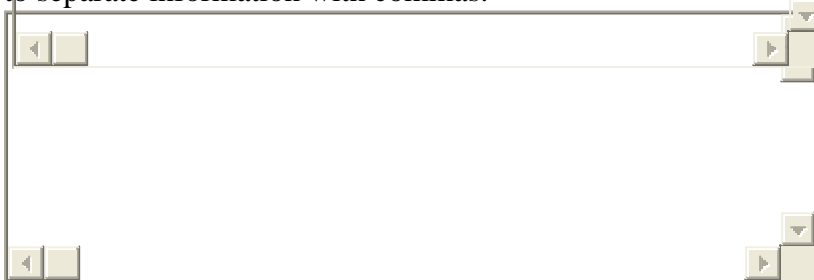
Please fill out this field if you will be attending a different institution than you were attending in the 2012-2013 academic year.

Date of Enrollment in Your New School *

Please enter the date in the format of: MM/YYYY.

Expected Graduation Date * Please enter the date in the format of: MM/YYYY.

Responses should be listed as: project name, affiliated organization, time period involved, positions held, and 1-2 sentences describing the type of activities in which you participated (For example: Clean Up Your Town!, Hometown Youth Service Organization, 2007-2009, Volunteer Coordinator, I organized and led teams of volunteers to clean graffiti in parks.). This should include any volunteer work you have done to better your community. Please make sure to separate information with commas.



Please describe in greater detail your role in one of the organizations or projects listed above.*

Please list below your extracurricular involvement.*

Responses should be listed as Organization Name, Time Period involved (i.e. 2007-2009 or Spring 2008), Positions Held (i.e. Member, Chair, Leadership Role, etc.), and the types of activities you participated in. Please make sure to separate information with commas.



Please list below any awards or honors that you have received.*

Responses should include title of the award or honor, who issued it, the year it was received, and what the award is for. (For Example: Outstanding Community Service Award, US High School, 2009, Awarded for leadership in organizing community service projects).

Do you have any special talents? Please list and describe below.*

If you are a musician, please mail in a recording of your music.

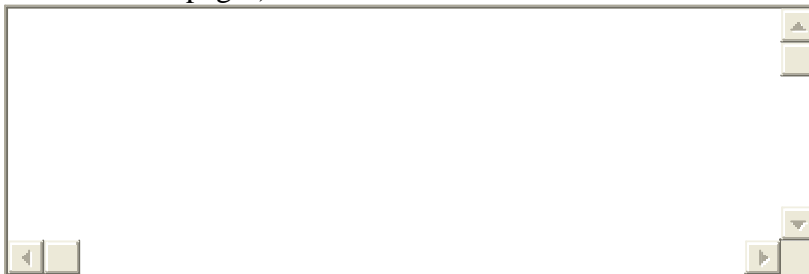
Section F: Essay 1

Please tell us more about yourself. How will becoming a HIAS Scholar (receiving a \$4,000 academic award, learning more about current issues affecting immigrants and refugees, networking with other HIAS Scholars and scholarship alumni, learning new leadership skills, and completing a community service project) help you achieve your personal goals? How will participation in the program help you become more civically engaged? What skills, knowledge, experience, etc. are you hoping to gain from the program, and how would you ideally like to apply these? (Note: Answer should be 1-2 pages) *



Section G: Essay 2

Please describe a key issue affecting immigrants on your campus, in your community, or in other local immigrant communities. Are you aware of current local programs addressing this issue? If so, please describe the program and tell us why or why not you think it is effective. (Note: Answer should be 1-2 pages)



Please describe, in detail, a possible approach or project idea that would address the issue described in the previous question. Carefully consider what logistical, social, financial, and, if applicable political issues that would need to be considered for this approach to work. (Note: Answers should be 1-2 pages.)

Terms and Conditions *

HIAS, Inc. reserves the right to use any information from this application for further outreach; demographic research; general HIAS, Inc.; and HIAS Scholars Competition publicity and donor correspondence. I also understand that failure to submit any of the required forms or documentation by the deadline will make me ineligible to receive an award.

- Yes, I agree to the terms and conditions described above.

Final Page

PLEASE READ- The HIAS Scholars Program will be highly selective and open to a limited number of awardees. Please note that finalists should be prepared for an interview (phone or in-person). If you are chosen to become a HIAS Scholar, the final determination of your candidacy will be based on your ability to be a full participant in the program, including participation in all HIAS Scholars activities and events (in-person and online), completion of a community service project serving a local immigrant community, and submitting a written report of your experience, as well as several HIAS Blog posts and evaluations. Full participation may include presence and participation in an orientation in New York or Los Angeles taking place over several days, the cost for which would be covered by HIAS. More details will follow if and when you are accepted to the program. Please be advised that full participation in the HIAS Scholars program is a mandatory part of the program, and full receipt of your scholarship award an consideration for future years of the HIAS Scholars Program may be contingent on your full participation in the program. If you are unable to participate fully in the HIAS Scholars Program, you are advised not to apply or, if chosen, not to accept.

Please note that by clicking the "Submit" button, all information that you have entered will be officially submitted and you will no longer be able to edit any part of this form.

How did you hear about the HIAS Scholars Competition?*

I verify that all the information contained in this application is true to the best of my knowledge, and that I have read the text above. I affirm this statement by typing my full name in the box below. *