



## NHMA x NDC Nutrition and Dairy Conference Scholarship

### Scholarship Name:

1. Emerging Leaders in Dairy Nutrition Science Scholarship

### Scholarship Overview:

The **Emerging Leaders in Dairy Nutrition Science Scholarship** is a joint initiative of the National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA) and National Dairy Council (NDC). This scholarship is designed to support students who demonstrate a strong interest in nutrition science, dairy education, culinary medicine and improving health outcomes within Latino communities.

The program will provide three (3) selected scholars with financial support to attend the **2026 NHMA Annual Conference**, while also encouraging professional engagement through thought leadership, social media dialogue, and community-focused influence. Scholars will gain exposure to leaders in health, nutrition, and policy, while contributing their perspectives on the role of nutrition and dairy science in improving health outcomes.

**Note:** While this scholarship centers on Latino health, it is open to all students, regardless of race, ethnicity, or background, who demonstrate a commitment to serving Latino communities.

### Eligibility at a Glance:

- Be a current **student** (undergraduate, graduate, or professional program).
- Must attend a school in the United States
- Must submit:
  - Unofficial Transcript
  - The full online application and ensure all required documents are uploaded by the deadline
- Demonstrate an **interest in nutrition, dairy science, and/or food systems**.
- Be willing to repost the scholarship recipient graphic.
- Be willing to participate in an in-person, recorded interview at the 2026 NHMA Annual Conference to discuss conference experiences and key learnings related to nutrition and dairy science.
- Be willing to repost and collaborate on social media channel posts regarding acceptance of the scholarship, experience at the NHMA annual conference, and key learnings on nutrition and dairy science.



- Must attend the full 2026 NHMA Annual Conference (May 27–29, 2026) in Leesburg, Virginia.

### Scholarship Sponsorship Includes:

Each selected student will receive a scholarship package valued up to \$1,625, which may include:

- Conference registration for the 2026 NHMA Annual Conference (fully covered)
- Hotel accommodations for the duration of the conference (up to three nights, arranged by NHMA)
- Airfare stipend to support travel to and from the conference
- Local transportation stipend (e.g., rideshare, train, or other ground transportation during the conference)

**Note:** Stipends are intended to support conference participation. Any expenses beyond the covered registration, hotel accommodations, and provided stipends are the responsibility of the recipient.

### Application Components:

All applicants must complete the scholarship application and submit the required materials below.

SECTION 1: Contact & Academic Info	Field	Type
	Applicant Name (First name and Last Name)	Short answer
	Email Address	Short answer
	Phone Number	Short answer
	School Name	Short answer
	Degree Program	Short answer
	Expected Graduation Date (Month, Year)	Short answer
	Current GPA	Short answer
	Do you currently live in or attend school in the United States?	Yes/No
	Please Provide your Home Address (Street address, city, state, zip code, country)	Shorter answer/drop down

	Please provide your School Address (Street address, city, state, zip code, country)	Show answer/drop down
	Upload Unofficial Transcript	File upload
<b>SECTION 2: Interest in Nutrition and Dairy Science</b>	What aspects of nutrition or dairy interest you the most, and why?	Long answer
	Are you taking any coursework or experiences related to nutrition, dairy science, and/or food systems? If yes, please briefly describe	Yes/No And long answer
	What motivates your interest in nutrition and dairy science as it relates to Latino health?	Long answer
<b>SECTION 3: Social media Engagement</b>	If selected to receive this scholarship, you agree to participate in promotional and educational activities related to your experience. These activities may include reposting the scholarship recipient graphic on social media, participating in in-person and recorded interviews at the 2026 NHMA Annual Conference to share your conference experience and key learnings in nutrition and dairy science, and collaborating on posts about your scholarship acceptance and your time at the NHMA Annual Conference.	Yes/No
<b>SECTION 4: Interest in Attending Conference</b>	How could attending the 2026 NHMA Annual Conference support your	Long answer

	personal and professional goals?	
<b>SECTION 5: Acknowledgements and Availability</b>	Will you be able to attend the 2026 NHMA Annual Conference in person for its full duration, May 27–29, in Leesburg, Virginia?	Yes/No
	Do you give permission for your photo and quote to be used in NHMA promotional materials?	Yes/No
	If selected, would you be willing to present, participate in a panel, or share your experience at the conference (in person or digitally)?	Yes/No
	I confirm that all information submitted is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.	I agree
	By submitting this form, you agree to receive updates, event invitations, and news from the National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA) and its affiliated initiatives, including NHMA Alliance. You may unsubscribe from communications at any time.	I agree

### Scholarship Review Process:

All applications will be reviewed by one NHMA leader and one NDC leader. Applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- Interest in nutrition and dairy science, academic preparation, and connection to Latino health outcomes.
- Ability to fulfill scholarship requirements, attend the full conference, participate in interviews/panels, and engage in social media collaboration.



- Enthusiasm for participating in the NHMA Annual Conference, contributing to dialogue, and sharing insights on nutrition and dairy science.

Selected recipients will be notified by email.

**Timeline:**

<b>NHMA x NDC Scholarship Timeline</b>	
January 1 – February 2	Scholarship creation and finalized
February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Application Open
March 27 <sup>th</sup>	Application Closes
March 30 <sup>th</sup> – April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Applications are reviewed
April 6 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup>	Notification and Acceptances
April 13 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup>	Finalize recipients stipends
May	Conference