

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Are high school students able to apply?

No, students must be enrolled in a college/university at time of application. ¡Lánzate! Official Rules and Guidelines require an Enrollment Verification Form for you and your college/ university to complete and submit with your application.

2. Are graduate students able to apply?

Yes, graduate students are eligible to apply if they meet all the eligibility criteria. ¡Lánzate! Official Rules and Guidelines require an Enrollment Verification Form for you and your college/ university to complete and submit with your application.

3. Is this program ONLY for Hispanic students?

Yes, student must identify direct or parental ties to a specific country to determine Hispanic origin.

4. Do you have to be a legal U.S. resident?

Yes, per ¡Lánzate! Official Rules and Guidelines, you must be a legal U.S. resident & have a valid government issued photo ID for air travel. If selected for the award, students will be required to complete and sign an IRS Form W-9 with the student's full social security number.

HACU staff will not assess or determine the status of individual applicants via email or over the phone during the application period. Please <u>click here</u> for a list of legal definitions.

5. I am transferring schools, can I apply?

Yes, currently enrolled students who are transferring next school year may apply. ¡Lánzate! Official Rules and Guidelines require an Enrollment Verification Form from your current college/university. You may indicate in your essay that you will use the e-passes while enrolled at your new institution.

6. I am continuing my higher education studies next year, but I am currently not enrolled in school. Can I still apply?

No, students that are not currently enrolled in college/university, or taking a "gap year," at the time of application are not eligible to apply.

7. My hometown or college/university is outside of the continental United States and outside of the Southwest Airlines domestic destinations (i.e. Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico). Can I still apply?

No, hometown locations must be within the continental 48 United States <u>and</u> the college/university the student is enrolled in must be within the continental 48 United States.

Per ¡Lánzate! Guidelines: ground transportation, hotel accommodations, and travel expenses are not provided. Recipients are responsible for transportation to and from the designated Southwest Airlines destination.

8. What if my institution's registrar will not sign HACU's Enrollment Verification Form, but will provide their own version?

Please feel free to submit the documents that your school provides, in lieu of the HACU template form. Enrollment Verification Forms must:

- 1.) be signed by the university registrar
- 2.) confirm enrollment, and
- 3.) confirm GPA.

Also, you may submit any additional documents (i.e. copy of transcript with GPA) along with your school's enrollment verification form to meet these 3 requirements.

9. When will the e-pass(es) be issued?

Selected students will receive an email communication, and the awarded number of flight epasses from Southwest Airlines by **August 4, 2023**.

10. How many e-pass(es) will be issued?

Selected students may receive 8 (eight) one-way Southwest Airlines flight e-passes as determined by the selection committee.

11. Do e-pass(es) have expiration dates?

Yes, all e-pass(es) have expiration dates. Southwest e-passes will be valid from **August 7**, **2023 - August 7, 2024**. Travel must be completed on or before the expiration date. HACU and Southwest Airlines will not reissue e-pass(es) if lost, stolen, or expired. The Southwest flight e-pass is non-refundable, non-transferrable, and is not redeemable for cash or credit.

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