The Treviño Family HAO Legacy Scholarship Fund
Through The Defiance Area Foundation

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Established by the Treviño family to honor the enduring civic legacy of Tristan and Berta Treviño—who, alongside fellow community leaders, co-founded the Hispanic Awareness Organization (HAO) in the 1980s—The Treviño Family HAO Legacy Scholarship Fund provides annual educational awards to graduating Latino seniors. Rooted in the belief that industriousness, family commitment, and community service are the cornerstones of lasting success, this fund serves as an active bridge for students navigating the transition from high school to post-secondary education. Rather than focusing solely on conventional academic rankings, this scholarship deliberately honors perseverance and resolve: recognizing students who balance coursework with paid employment, family responsibilities, and civic pride. Through this endowment, the Treviño family invests in the next generation of Latino leaders, tradespeople, professionals, and creators whose talents and perseverance will enrich Defiance County and beyond.

Student Eligibility Requirements

1. **High School Affiliation:**
   - Graduating senior from **Ayersville High School**, **Defiance High School**, or **Four County Career Center** (must reside within the Ayersville or Defiance school district).
2. **Cultural Heritage:**
   - Self-identifies as Hispanic, Latino/a/e, or of Hispanic/Latino descent via application self-declaration and personal narrative.
3. **Academic Baseline:**
   - Minimum cumulative unweighted high school GPA of **2.50**.
4. **Post-Secondary Enrollment:**
   - Accepted to and planning to enroll full-time or part-time at an accredited 4-year university, 2-year community college, vocational trade school, or certified technical/apprenticeship program.
5. **Field of Study:**
   - **Open to all majors and vocational disciplines** (e.g., liberal arts, STEM, business, skilled trades, culinary, apparel/design, nursing, and technical certifications).

Recipient Benefits

- **Award Value: $1,000 annual non-renewable award**.
- **Payment Use:** Paid directly to student's accredited college, trade school, or certified training program for tuition, fees, books, or course mandated trade tools/supplies, and professional equipment for the recipient's field of study.
- **Career Mentorship Benefit (Optional):** Selected recipients gain access to an optional, one-on-one virtual **"Bridge to Year One"** career and college navigation session with the Treviño family selection committee prior to starting classes.

Note: Vocational and trade applicants whose formal acceptance or financial aid package is pending rolling admission may still apply by March 31st by listing their program of intent, with final proof of enrollment submitted prior to award disbursement
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Application Information:

Submit applications by March 31 via email to dani@defianceareafoundation.org or by mail to 613 West Third Street. Mailed applications must be postmarked by March 31.

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PART I – APPLICANT INFORMATION – print or type

Name: _____
last first middle

Permanent Address: _____
street address

_____
city state zip

E-mail Address:_____ Date of Birth: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Sex: ☐ M ☐ F

College/Vocational/Technical School/Program Attending: _____

College/Vocational/Technical School/Program Expected College Graduation Date: _____

City, State, Zip (where check will be sent): _____

Acceptance Letter Received (date)_____Field of Study: _____

PART II – ACTIVITIES – attach separate sheet if necessary.

Work Experience- Include both formal paid employment and informal family business/trade labor.

Employer	Start date	End date	Hours per week	Primary Duties

Extracurricular Activities
List all campus activities in which you have participated during your year(s) in High School (e.g. music, clubs, theatre, student government, SkillsUSA, FFA, HOSA, BPA, trade competitions, etc.).

Activity	No. of years	Letter # of years	Special Awards/Honors/Offices held

Sports Participation
List the years you have participated in high school sports.

Sport	No. of years	Letter # of years	Special Awards/Honors/Offices held

Community Service & Household Responsibility
List all activities in which you have participated without pay during your year(s) in high school (e.g. community, church, volunteering, caring for younger siblings, elderly relatives, family translating/interpreting and household management).

Activity	No. of years	Special Awards/Honors/Offices held

Industry Credentials / Certifications Line: (*Industry Credentials / Certifications Earned (e.g., OSHA, CPR/First Aid, ASE, AWS Welding, STNA, ServSafe, etc.): (please list if applicable)*

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PART III – APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Check the items you have attached and provide an **explanation** for any items that will be mailed at a later date.

- ☐ School Fee Sheet/Cost of Attendance Breakdown (official documentation for tuition, mandatory fees, housing/meal plans, books, or required vocational equipment/tools)
- ☐ Financial Aid Award letter attached (Note: Receiving existing financial aid or grants does not disqualify you. Documentation is used to help the committee identify your remaining unmet financial need.)
- ☐ Financial Aid Summary (Indicating financial need)

Estimated annual total (sum of tuition, fees, housing/food, or program supplies/tools): $_____
Current cumulative GPA _____

Essay –Attach this information, typed and double spaced, to your application.

1. **Both Short Essays (200–300 words each):**
    - **Essay 1 (Perseverance & Resolve):** "Describe a significant challenge, personal obstacle, or demanding balancing act (such as managing work, family responsibilities, and academics) you have faced. How did your perseverance carry you through, and what did that experience teach you about your own character and resolve?"
    - **Essay 2 (Heritage & Purpose):** "What does your cultural heritage and family journey mean to you, and how do you plan to use your future education or trade to open doors for yourself, your family, or your community?"
2. **One Letter of Recommendation** or character affirmation from a teacher, school counselor, coach, employer, or community mentor speaking directly to the student's reliability, character, and perseverance.

I, _____, hereby consent, approve, and authorize the Defiance Area Foundation and/or any of its Applicable Committees, for the sole purpose of my being considered for this award, to contact, verify and obtain any and all academic and/or financial records from any high school, university or college identified above. Further, I consent and approve the use of a copy of this application for the purpose of obtaining such information in lieu of an original and that same may be faxed, mailed, or e-mailed to any such institution so identified above. Said consent and/or authorization is granted for the entire year in which the application or grant of scholarship applies.

By affixing my signature to this application, I verify that all statements above are true.
Signature_____ Date _____