

# **¡Lánzate!/Take Off! Higher Education Travel Award Program**

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

**Eligibility for the program will not be limited by race, ethnicity, or national origin.**

### **Are high school students able to apply?**

**No**, students must be enrolled in an accredited college/university at time of application. ¡Lánzate!/Take Off! Higher Education Travel Award Program Official Rules and Guidelines require an Enrollment Verification Form for you and your college/university to complete and submit with your application.

### **Are graduate students eligible to apply?**

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

### **Do selected student recipients have to complete Form W-9?**

**Yes**, if selected for the award, selected students will be required to complete an [IRS Form W-9](#) with the student's Social Security Number (SSN) or other [Taxpayer Identification Number \(TIN\)](#). HACU staff will not assess or determine the status of individual applicants via email or over the phone during the application period.

### **I am transferring schools, can I apply?**

**Yes**, currently enrolled students who are transferring next school year may apply. ¡Lánzate!/Take Off! Higher Education Travel Award Program 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.

### **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. ¡Lánzate!/Take Off! Higher Education Travel Award Program Official Rules and Guidelines require an Enrollment Verification Form for you and your college/university to complete and submit with your application.

### **My permanent home address or college/university is outside of the continental United States. Can I still apply?**

**No**, permanent home address locations must be within the continental 50 United States **and** the college or university the student is enrolled in must be within the continental 50 United States. Per ¡Lánzate!/Take Off! Higher Education Travel Award Program Guidelines: ground transportation, hotel accommodation, and travel expenses are not provided. Recipients are responsible for transportation to and from the designated Southwest Airlines destination.

**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.

**What if my college/university does not issue a GPA or is not on a GPA grading system?**

Please make sure to attach a supporting document along with the Enrollment Verification form of your college/university's grading system – i.e. Satisfactory/No Credit system or other.

**When will the e-passes be issued?**

Selected students will receive email communication, and the awarded number of flight e-passes from HACU by **July 31, 2025**.

**How many e-passes will be issued?**

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

**Do e-passes have expiration dates?**

**Yes**, all e-pass(es) have expiration dates. The Southwest Airlines flight e-passes will be valid from **August 1, 2025 - August 1, 2026**. Travel must be completed on or before the expiration date. ¡Lánzate!/Take Off! Higher Education Travel Award Program will not reissue e-passes if lost, stolen, or expired. The Southwest Airlines flight e-passes is non-refundable, non-transferable, and is not redeemable for cash or credit.

**Do I qualify if I am a dependent of a Southwest Airlines Employee or a dependent of a HACU Employee?**

**No**, you are not eligible for the ¡Lánzate!/Take Off! Higher Education Travel Award Program.

For additional information, contact HACU Student Services at [scholarship@hacu.net](mailto:scholarship@hacu.net).