

# National Puerto Rican Day Parade, Inc.

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## HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE APPLICATION

### National Puerto Rican Day Parade 2018 Scholarship Opportunity

Scholarship Awards Program was established. This year, NPRDP will award one hundred **(100) \$2,000** scholarships to exceptional Puerto Rican High School Seniors and full time two/four years accredited Puerto Rican College students who are making a difference in their community.

Applicant shall:

#### ELIGIBILITY

- be of Puerto Rican descent
- demonstrate Grade Point Average (G.P.A.) of 3.0 or better or the equivalent high school grade
- be High School or College/University students between the ages of 17 and 25
- be enrolled in an accredited two/four year College/University (Freshmen through Junior) or a senior in High School
- have proof of volunteer/community service • undergo an interview with the Selection Committee

A **complete** application package must include:

#### MANDATORY GUIDELINES

- a completed & signed Application Form
- a Bio
- the required Essay
- two Letters of Recommendation.
- Official Academic Transcript
- Transfer students shall submit all transcripts
- Head Shot Photo

Letters of recommendation can come from teachers, professors, counselors, mentors, clergy, community leaders or other significant people in your life, except family members. The letter should describe the experience with applicant and length of the relationship. The following factors are considered when evaluating scholarship applicants. No one factor is dispositive. The factors provide

#### EVALUATION GUIDELINES

guidelines for the Selection Committee to consider the totality of applicant's candidacy:

- Grade Point Average (G.P.A.) of 3.0 or better or the equivalent high school grade
- Applicant's educational achievements
- Applicant's achievement in the community
- Applicant's volunteer/community service
- Applicant's understanding of the Puerto Rican culture
- Applicant's extracurricular activities
- Membership in organizations, clubs, societies, etc.
- Applicant's understanding of society & his/her participation therein
- Applicant's ambitions

#### DEADLINE

All applications must be submitted electronically to [NPRDP.Scholars@gmail.com](mailto:NPRDP.Scholars@gmail.com) by **Friday, March 30, 2018**. Letters of recommendation and sealed transcripts should be mailed together to National Puerto Rican Day Parade Inc., P.O. Box 975, New York, NY 10272 by **Friday, March 30, 2018**. Applications, letters of recommendation and official transcripts received after this date will be disqualified. Additionally, applications received by the deadline will be disqualified should any of the following conditions occur: (1) recipient provides false information on application; (2) recipient is not enrolled in a full-time accredited 2 or 4 year college or university; (3) recipient is not of Puerto Rican descent; (4) applicant fails to provide high school/college transcripts, two letters of recommendation, essay, written bio, and head shot photo. If selected as a NPRDP scholar, a recipient living in the Tri-State area must attend three of the NPRDP events such as: Presentation of the Scholars, Empowerment/Enrichment Day, and the National Puerto Rican Day Parade. Exceptions made on individual basis. If recipient is a family member or is affiliated with a NPRDP board member, full disclosure of said relationship must be made, and your application will go through an additional review process for consideration.

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## CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Full Legal Name:

Full Mailing Address: City: State: Zip:

Home Phone: Mobile:

Email:

Mother's Name: Occupation:

Father's Name: Occupation:

High School/College/University:

Address: City: State: Zip:

Telephone Number: Fax Number:

Advisor/Guidance Counselor:

G.P.A: Major: Anticipated Date of Graduation

Residence: On-Campus \_\_\_ Off- Campus \_\_\_

List any awards or scholarships received:

List of community service performed:

**High School Applicants:** College/University you will attend, address and start date, (if known)  
Name:  
Address:  
Start Date:  
Phone #: Fax#: Email:

For Information Only

How will you use the scholarship if awarded? Tuition \_\_\_ Room & Board \_\_\_ Computer/Tablet \_\_\_ Books \_\_\_

Other, please specify.

## ESSAY

Please respond in 500 words to the topic below:

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Describe how the Puerto Rican culture has influenced you and how you apply the lessons you've learned from that cultural influence in your life and your interactions with people and the community. In the process, share with us one Puerto Rican hero/heroine (excluding family members and current celebrities) that inspires you and why.

### WRITTEN BIO

In 250 words tell us about yourself. Please include any extracurricular, volunteer or community work, club memberships, sports as well as your interests, goals, dreams, career objectives, etc.

Attach two letters of recommendation, one of which must come from your community service site.

I the undersigned do fully agree and comply with the requirements and rules as stated herein by the National Puerto Rican Day Parade Scholarship Award Program. I attest that the information provided herein by me, the undersigned, is true and

### LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

accurate and further understand that if the information proves to be inaccurate or false, it will serve as grounds for immediate disqualification. If selected as a 2018 NPRDP scholar, and I am living in the Tri-State area, I agree to participate in three of the

### AGREEMENT

NPRDP events, as for example the Presentation of the Scholars, Empowerment/Enrichment Day, and The National Puerto Rican Day Parade.

Signature:

Date:

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