

National Puerto Rican Day Parade, Inc.

P.O. Box 975, New York, NY 10272

nprdp.scholars@gmail.com

www.NPRDPinc.org



HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE APPLICATION

National Puerto Rican Day Parade 2018 Scholarship Opportunity

The National Puerto Rican Day Parade was established to create national awareness of Puerto Rican contributions. NPRDP's mission is to empower the Puerto Rican community through promoting culture, education, scholarships, and civic engagement. To this end, a 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.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicant shall 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

MANDATORY GUIDELINES

A **complete** application package must include:

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

EVALUATION GUIDELINES

- 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 ambition

DEADLINE

All applications must be submitted electronically to NPRDP.Scholars@gmail.com by **Friday, March 30, 2018**. Letters of recommendation and sealed transcripts should be mailed 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.

National Puerto Rican Day Parade, Inc.

P.O. Box 975, New York, NY 10272

nprdp.scholars@gmail.com

www.NPRDPinc.org

**ATTACH PASSPORT
SIZE PHOTO HERE**



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: Colleges/Universities to which you have applied and the status of application(s): _____

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

How will you use the scholarship if awarded? Tuition ____ Room & Board ____ Computer/Tablet ____ Books ____
Other, please specify. _____

National Puerto Rican Day Parade, Inc.

P.O. Box 975, New York, NY 10272

nprdp.scholars@gmail.com

www.NPRDPinc.org



ESSAY – Respond in 500 words

Describe how the Puerto Rican culture has influenced you and how you apply the lessons you have 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 – Respond 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.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

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

AGREEMENT

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

Signature:

Date:
