

National Puerto Rican Day Parade, Inc.

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NATIONAL PUERTO RICAN DAY PARADE – 2015 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 thirty **(30) \$2,000** scholarships to exceptional Puerto Rican High School and college students who are making a difference in their community.

ELIGIBILITY

- Applicant must be of Puerto Rican descent
- Applicants must have a minimum Grade Point Average (G.P.A.) of 3.0 or better.
- Applicants must undergo an interview with the Selection Committee.
- College/ University applicants must be between the ages of 17 and 25.
- Applicants in High School must be in their senior year.
- Applicants in college must be in an accredited four year institution. (Freshmen, Sophomore or Junior)

GUIDELINES

A completed application package must include:

- Completion of the NPRDP application
- Essay – based on one of the topics provided
- A Written Bio
- Two letters of recommendation
- Official Academic Transcripts
- Head Shot Photo

DEADLINE

All applications must be submitted electronically to NPRDP.Scholars@gmail.com by **Friday, March 6, 2015**. Letters of recommendation and sealed transcripts should be mailed together to National Puerto Rican Day Parade, P.O Box 975, New York, NY 10272 by Friday March 6, 2015, (Application, letter of recommendation and official transcripts received after this date will be disqualified). Applicants selected for an interview will be notified by email. Interviews will take place the week of March 9, 2015 or March 16, 2015. Recipients of the National Puerto Rican Day Parade Scholarship will be disqualified should any of the following conditions occur: (1) recipient provides false information on application; (2) recipient is not enrolled in an accredited college or university; (3) recipient is not of Puerto Rican descent; (4) 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; (5) applicant fails to provide high school/college transcripts, two letters of recommendation, essay, written bio, and head shot photo.

APPLICATION PACKAGE

A completed application package must include an application form, essay, a written bio, volunteer community service statement, two letters of recommendation of which one letter of recommendation must be from the site where the student performs his/her volunteer work, academic transcripts and head shot photo. Letters of recommendation should be requested from teachers, professors, counselors, mentors, clergy, community leaders, etc. The letters should highlight the applicant's volunteer community service, length of the relationship with the candidate, and the specific contributions the applicant has made to the community.

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CANDIDATE INFORMATION

ATTACH PASSPORT SIZE PHOTO HERE

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Cellular:

Email:

Social Security Number:

Mother's Name:

Occupation:

Father's Name:

Occupation:

College/University:

Address:

Telephone Number:

Fax Number:

Advisor:

G.P.A.:

Major:

Anticipated Date of Graduation

Residence:

On-Campus ____

Off- Campus ____

List any awards or scholarships received:

For Information Only

How will you use the scholarship if awarded? ____ Tuition ____ Room & Board ____ Computer ____ Books ____

Other, Please specify:

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ESSAY

Please respond in 250 words to one of the topics below:

1. How has your culture/community molded you as a young Puerto Rican adult?
2. Describe your leadership commitment to the Puerto Rican community in a global world.
3. What defines who you are as a Puerto Rican?

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.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Attach two letters of recommendation, one of which is directly from one of your community service sites.

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.

In addition, I agree to participate in the Rising Star Challenge.

Signature:

Date: