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Dear High School Guidance Counselor/College Advisor/Candidate:

The National Puerto Rican Day Parade, (NPRDP), is currently accepting applications for its 2017 Scholarship Awards Program. The scholarship winners will be presented at the NPRDP's Educational Leadership Reception in Spring of 2017.

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. NPRDP will award one hundred (100) \$2,000 scholarships to exceptional Puerto Rican youth who are making a difference in their community.

To be eligible:

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

A completed application package must include an application form, essay, a written bio, volunteer community service statement, and two letters of recommendation. Letters of recommendation can come from teachers, professors, counselors, mentors, clergy, community leaders or other significant people in student's life, except family members. The letter should describe the experience with candidate and length of the relationship and the specific contributions the applicant has made to the community.

All applications must be submitted electronically to [NPRDP.Scholars@gmail.com](mailto:NPRDP.Scholars@gmail.com) by Monday, February 20th, 2017. 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 Monday, February 27th, 2017, (Application, letter of recommendation and official transcripts received after this date 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. (5) Recipient living in the Tri-State area must attend three of the following events: Presentation of the Scholars, Empowerment/Enrichment Day, Macy's Rising Star Challenge, and the National Puerto Rican Day Parade. Exception 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.

Applications can be downloaded from our website, [www.nprdpinc.org](http://www.nprdpinc.org) or requested via email. Thank you for your assistance in publicizing this information and identifying students from your High School/ College that meet our criteria to receive one of these scholarships. Please email applications to: [NPRDP.Scholars@gmail.com](mailto:NPRDP.Scholars@gmail.com), mail letter of recommendations and official transcripts to P. O. Box 975, New York, NY 10272.

Thank you,  
NPRDP Education Committee