



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS OF PUERTO RICAN DESCENT

ACADEMIC ADVISORS AND/OR GUIDANCE COUNSELORS PLEASE POST AND DIRECT TO ALL ELIGIBLE STUDENTS

Established in 1987, Comité Noviembre is the only collaboration of its kind in the United States. It brings together the strength and talents of key Puerto Rican organizations which make up its member agencies. The mission of Comité Noviembre is to plan and promote events and forums that highlight the contributions Puerto Ricans have made to this country. Since its inception Comité Noviembre has placed special focus on volunteerism and educational excellence as the key to the future of the Puerto Rican Community. To this end, in November of 1996, in celebration of the tenth anniversary of Puerto Rican Heritage Month, the Comité Noviembre Scholarship Awards Program was established. This year, Comité Noviembre will award \$1,000 scholarships to exceptional Puerto Rican youth who are making a difference in their community. All applications must be E-mailed to scholarshipcommittee@comitenoviembre.org or via regular Post Office to Jaime Bello, Co-Chair Scholarship Committee @ PO Box 652, Bronx, NY 10473.

Overnight, Express or Return Receipt applications will not be accepted. The preferred delivery method is online via e-mail with all attachments and photo. Any questions or concerns may be directed to Mr. Bello who can be reached telephonically (917) 299-4191 or via e-mail at scholarshipcommittee@comitenoviembre.org.

ELIGIBILITY

- Applicants must be of Puerto Rican descent.
- Applicants must have a minimum of one-year of volunteer community service experience.
- Applicants must be enrolled in a full time undergraduate degree program in an accredited college or university upon receipt of the award.
- Applicants must have a minimum Grade Point Average (G.P.A.) of 2.75 or better.
- Applicants must undergo a face to face interview with the Selection Committee (Exigent circumstances must be discussed with Jaime Bello)
- Applicants must be between the ages of 17 and 25

GUIDELINES

A completed application package must include an application form, essay, a biographical sketch, 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 (for College Students), SAT scores and Transcripts or last Report Card (for High School Students), and Head Shot Photo. All items must be submitted in one package. Letters of recommendation should be requested from teachers, counselors, mentors, clergy, community leaders, etc. The letters should highlight the applicant's volunteer community service, how long has the person known the candidate, and the specific contributions the applicant has made to the community. Letters of recommendation should be attached to the application package and e-mailed or mailed with complete application and not mailed separately. It is not meant to be an anonymous recommendation letter.

Application package must be received or post-marked by April 15, 2012. Application packages postmarked after the postmark date will be disqualified. Applicants who will be invited for an interview will be notified by e-mail or snail mail by. Recipients of the Comité Noviembre Scholarship will be disqualified should any of the following conditions occur: (1) recipient provides false information on application; (2) recipient fails to graduate from High School by June of 2012; (3) recipient is not enrolled in an accredited college or university by fall of 2012 and (4) recipient is not of Puerto Rican descent. Scholarship payment will be made by Comité Noviembre at a time determined by Comité Noviembre and only upon receipt of official college registration and other requested documentation.

APPLICATION PACKAGE MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS: Failure to provide any of these items application will disqualify applicant.

High School Applicants:

- High School transcripts or last report card
- Two letters of recommendation (Personal and Community Service)
- Essay
- Biographical Sketch
- Community Service Statement
- Head Shot Passport Photo
- Sat Score

Undergraduate Applicants Only:

- College transcripts
- Two letters of recommendation (Personal and Community Service)
- Essay
- Biographical Sketch
- Community Service Statement
- Head Shot Passport Photo

Teresa A. Santiago – Chairperson

James Anthony Bello (Jaime) – Co-Chair Scholarship Committee

Jane Arce-Bello – Co Chair Scholarship Committee

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: c/o Jaime Bello ♦ P.O. Box 652*Bronx, NY 10473 ♦

Phone: (917) 299-4191 ♦ e-mail: scholarshipcommittee@comitenoviembre.org

MEMBER AGENCIES

INSTITUTE FOR THE PUERTO RICAN/HISPANIC ELDERLY • ASPIRA OF NEW YORK • EL CENTRO DE ESTUDIOS PUERTORRIQUEÑOS • EL MUSEO DEL BARRIO • EL PUENTE • EUGENIO MARÍA DE HOSTOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE • LATINO JUSTICE – PRLDEF • NATIONAL CONGRESS FOR PUERTO RICAN RIGHTS – JUSTICE COMMITTEE • NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LATINO POLICY • PUERTO RICO FEDERAL AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATION



Comité Noviembre - mes de la herencia puertorriqueña

2012 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

**2012 APPLICATION MUST BE E-MAILED AND/OR POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN April 15, 2012
(NO EXPRESS, OVERNIGHT MAIL OR RETURN RECEIPT MAIL ACCEPTED- Preferred delivery method is E-mail or via regular postal service)**

Early applications encouraged and welcomed

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone#: _____ Cell #: _____
E-Mail: _____ Social Security Number: _____
Mother's Name: _____ Occupation: _____
Father's Name: _____ Occupation: _____

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ACADEMIC INFORMATION

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

High School: _____ Telephone # _____ Fax#: _____
Address: _____
Guidance Counselor: _____
Grade Point Average: _____ SAT SCORE: _____ List other awards: _____
List other scholarships applied for: Do you plan to apply for financial aid? _____
List Colleges and Universities you are applying for listing your 1st preference first:
1. _____
2. _____ If already accepted list college attending: _____
3. _____

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY STUDENTS:

College/University: _____ Telephone #: _____ Fax#: _____
Address: _____
Advisor: _____ G.P.A. _____ Major: _____
Anticipated date of graduation: _____ Residence: On-Campus ___ Off-Campus
Do you receive Financial Aid? _____ List other scholarships: _____
List any awards received _____

ESSAY: In your opinion what is the most important issue affecting the Puerto Rican Community today? State how you would address the issue as a leader in the community. Give examples of how you would resolve this situation. What would your role be? Explain why your recommendations would be successful.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH: In 500 words tell us about yourself. Include your interests, goals, dreams, career objectives, etc.

COMMUNITY SERVICE STATEMENT: List any volunteer community work you have participated in which involved the Puerto Rican community/Hispanic community (i.e. voter registration, census drives, neighborhood clean-up, mentoring, tutoring, youth groups, etc...) Describe your activities. Discuss when, why and how you became involved in each community service initiative. Describe how this community service impacts the Puerto Rican Community.

ATTACH TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION one of which is directly from one of your community service sites. I the undersigned do fully agree and comply with the requirements and rules as stated herein by Comité Noviembre - mes de la herencia puertorriqueña 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.

Signature and Date: _____

Teresa A. Santiago - Chairperson

James Anthony Bello (Jaime) & Jane Arce-Bello - Co-Chairs Scholarship Committee

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**E-MAIL ALL COMPLETED APPLICATIONS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION TO
SCHOLARSHIPCOMMITTEE@COMITENOVEMBER.ORG**

**Due date April 15, 2012 Early Applications encouraged and welcomed
Feel free to duplicate application forms and disseminate as desired**