



COMITÉ NOVIEMBRE SCHOLARSHIP CAMPAIGN  
IN THE NAME OF FAMILIES, INDIVIDUALS OR IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE  
AUTHORIZATION FORM

This is to certify that the authorizing individual listed below has made a commitment for the following to the Comité Noviembre Scholarship Program:

**Commitment**

\_\_\_ Scholarship(s) of \$1,000 each for a commitment of \_\_\_ year(s).

*Please specify number of scholarships and for how many years*

*EXAMPLE: 5 scholarships of \$1000 for five years*

Name of Scholarship: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Family Name                      \_\_\_ Individual Name                      \_\_\_ In Memory of a loved one

Please indicate the purpose of the scholarship. Example for volunteerism, nursing, education, sports, music, engineering, pre-med, environmental studies, etc.

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Please specify if your scholarship is for: \_\_\_ Only undergraduate students \_\_\_ Only graduate students \_\_\_  
Both grad and undergraduate students

Please specify any age limit. *Currently all scholarships are 17 to 25 except for Josephina Aguado Scholarship for Single Parents.* \_\_\_\_\_

**Individual Donations**

▪ \_\_\_ I am not able to make a long-term commitment at this time, but I would like to make a donation.  
*Please specify amount:* \_\_\_\_\_

▪ \_\_\_ I would like to sponsor a Scholarship(s) in the amount of \$1,000

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

AUTHORIZING  
SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

***Make Check Payable To: COMITÉ NOVIEMBRE***

**C/O TAS Communications, LLC, 45 East Hartsdale Avenue, Suite 3L; Hartsdale, NY 10530;**

**ATTN: Teresa A. Santiago. (914) 263-6599**

**Please submit an authorization form and payment by Friday, February 29, 2024**

**In memo section of check please earmark donation for your scholarship**

**Or You can pay by Paybee (a small fee will be charged)**



## **Comité Noviembre Scholarship Program**

For the past 37 years, CN has developed programs geared to the support of educational opportunities and leadership development for Puerto Rican and Hispanic youth. These programs are firmly rooted in the belief that, in order to succeed in life, you must pursue a higher education, give back to your community through volunteer efforts and know your cultural roots. Each one of our over 390 scholars are making an impact in the communities in which they live.

### **Current Scholarship Descriptions**

**Comité Noviembre Scholarship for Volunteerism:** 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. In November of 1996, in celebration of the tenth anniversary of Puerto Rican Heritage Month, the Comité Noviembre Scholarship Awards Program was established. Comité Noviembre scholarships to exceptional Puerto Rican youth who are making a difference in their community through their volunteer efforts.

**Richie Perez Scholarship for Peace & Justice:** In 2004, the Puerto Rican community lost an advocate, community leader and urban warrior. Richie Pérez was an activist and leader in the fight for social justice and human rights. Richie believed greatly in the power and potential of young people to create social change. In his memory, Comité Noviembre established the Richie Pérez Scholarship for Peace & Justice to recognize Puerto Rican young people for their commitment, activism, and achievements in the areas of human rights and social justice.

**The Ernesto Malave Scholarship for the Arts:** Ernesto Malave was the Vice Chancellor for Budget and Finance at The City University of New York. he passed away unexpectedly in 2009.

Mr. Malave was instrumental in making the Annual Comité Noviembre Artisans Fair a reality by providing funding and resources. To commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Fair, CN established the Ernesto Malave Scholarship for the Arts. The award recognizes Puerto Rican students pursuing higher education majoring in the Arts. This annual award will both promote the advancement of new artists and invest in their continued growth by providing support for their ongoing education and artistic development.

**The Josefina Aguado Scholarship for Single Parents** is awarded to single parents pursuing a college or a graduate degree. This scholarship is made possible by a generous donation from the husband-and-wife philanthropist team of Bill Aguado and Kathi Pavlick. This is the fourth year of their five-year two-scholarship commitment. The scholarship is named in honor of Mr. Aguado's mother to recognize the sacrifices single parents make on behalf of their families.

**The Dr. Evelina Antonetty Scholarship for Community Activism** is awarded to a young person age 17 to 25, that has volunteered, advocated or has taken action to affect change in the Puerto Rican/Hispanic community for more than five years consecutively in the areas of civic, educational, humanitarian or social justice issues, Evelina Antonetty was a labor organizer, meticulous strategist, master diplomat and tactician who could analyze any situation and move people thoughtfully and spiritually, charismatic advocate of bilingual education and parents' rights, and a mentor to a cadre of young people who would impact New York in the arts, politics, and social service.

**The Nolda Vivó Scholarship** is awarded to low-income students pursuing a degree related to bilingual education. Recipient must be committed to advancing the educational attainment of K-12 grade students from low socio-economic backgrounds through humanizing and transformative educational approaches.

## **Comité Noviembre Scholarship Selection Committee**

Over the years, CN has selected leaders from various sectors of the community who have demonstrated interest in the educational excellence and leadership development of our youth to serve on the selection committee. The scholarship selection committee is headed by Lisa M. Rodriguez, MSW, education and youth advocate, and Elba Cabrera, community leader who jointly co-chair the committee, Zenaida Muslin, Retired Diversity Coordinator Founder & Leader of Latino Educators in NY Schools, and Sandy Figueroa, Business Professor at Hostos Community College, now retired. All serve on a volunteer basis.

## **Selection Process**

The selection process is competitive and documented community service is key to be selected for all scholarship programs.

To be eligible to receive any of the CN scholarships:

- 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 for the Fall of that year.
- Applicants must have a minimum Grade Point Average (G.P.A.) of 3.0 or better.
- Applicants must undergo a virtual interview with the Selection Committee (in English or Spanish).
- Applicants must be between the ages of 17 and 25.
- Applicants cannot be a former CN scholarship awardee of any CN Scholarships.

A completed application package must include:

- An application form
- Essay
- A biographical sketch
- Volunteer community service statement
- One letter of recommendation
- Academic transcripts (for College Students)
- High School transcript (for High School Students)
- Headshot photo

*The letter 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. The letter of recommendation must be written on organizational letterhead with a contact phone number of the person writing the recommendation letter.*

## **Scholarship Campaign Donors 2021 to 2023**

**The Josefina Aguado Scholarship for Single Parents**, sponsored by Mr. William Aguado & Ms. Kathi Pavlick,

2023 Scholars: Imani DuBois, Graduate student, The Chicago School. Major: Clinical Mental Health Counseling and April Martinez, Junior attending Lehman College – CUNY majoring in Sociology and Early Childhood Education.

2022 Scholars: Corine Perdomo & Elizabeth Soto,

2021 Scholars: Carmen Martinez & Mercedes Perdomo

**The Cordero Family Scholarship for Journalism** sponsored by Mrs. Rosa Cruz Cordero & Mr. Edwin Cordero,

2023 Scholar: Tatiana Isis Arroyo Acosta, Graduate student at Manchester Metropolitan University, England. Major: Fine Arts.

2022 Scholar: Sarah Torres,

2021 Scholar: Juliana Tes

**The Virginia Barreto Scholarship** sponsored by Ms. Dolores Batista and Ms. Sally Alonzo  
2022 Scholar: Brendan Kelley

**The Bello Family Scholarship**, sponsored by Deacon Jaime Bello & Dr. Jane Arce Bello  
2023 Scholar: Sergio Rivera Rodriguez, Graduate student, CUNY School of Public Health  
Major: Community Health and Health Policy.  
2022 Scholar: Tiana Lyn Vazquez,  
2021 Scholar: Adriana Villafañe

**Sponsored by Suleika Cabrera Drinane (new donor)**  
2023 Scholar: Solana Martinez, Freshman, Point Park University, Pittsburgh, PA Major: Dance.

**The Dr. Gerald Meyer-Vito Marcantonio Scholarship** sponsored by Mrs. Nydia Edgecombe  
2023 Scholar: Delvin I. Valle Bonilla, Senior, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Mayagüez, P.R.  
Major: Fine Arts & Art Theory.  
2022 Scholar: Valerie Candelaria

**Carlos R. Fernandez Scholarship** sponsored by Ms. Carmen L. Fernandez (commitment satisfied)  
2022: Scholar: Cayla Cecilia Chico

**The Figueroa Sisters Scholarship** sponsored by Ms. Dahlma Comadre Llanos-Figueroa, (commitment satisfied)  
2023 Scholar: Leah Quiñones, Freshman, St. Thomas University, Florida. Major: Nursing  
2022 Scholar: Georgina Santiago, Freshman, Lehman College, CUNY

**The Figueroa Family Scholarship** sponsored by Ms. Sandy Figueroa  
2023 Scholar: Alyssa Hilaire, Freshman, SUNY Purchase. Major: Dance  
2022 Scholar: Victoria Candelaria

**The Santiago Carrasquillo Family** sponsored by Ms. Teresa A. Santiago  
2023: Scholar: Gabriela Londoño, Sophomore, Manhattan School of Music. Major: Musical Theater  
2022 Scholar: Shyann Ferrer

**Mr. & Mrs. Sam Thorve** sponsored the Richie Perez Scholarship for Peace and Justice (commitment satisfied)  
2022 Scholar: Tatyana Gonzalez

**The Nolda Vivó Scholarship for Bi-lingual Education** sponsored by Dr. Ana Celia Zentella  
2023 Scholar: Akemi Alvarez, Graduate Student, Lehman College, CUNY, Early Childhood Education, birth to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade with Bilingual Extension.  
2022 Scholar: Stella Canez Vazquez