

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

### COMITE NOVIEMBRE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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 mailed via regular US Post Office to Lisa M. Rodriguez, Co-Chair Scholarship Committee, 306 East Mosholu Parkway South, Apt: 5K, Bronx, NY 10458. **Overnight, Express or Return Receipt applications will not be accepted.** Any questions or concerns may be directed to Lisa M. Rodriguez at 347 693-6893 or [lisamarierodriguez@msn.com](mailto:lisamarierodriguez@msn.com) or Teresa A. Santiago at 914 263-6599 or [tascommunicationsllc@gmail.com](mailto:tascommunicationsllc@gmail.com)

### 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 Lisa M. Rodriguez)
- 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 High School Transcript (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.

### DEADLINE

**Application package must be received or post-marked by May 31, 2013.** Application packages postmarked after the postmark date will be disqualified. Applicants who will be invited for an interview will be notified by mail. 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 2013; (3) recipient is not enrolled in an accredited college or university by fall of 2013 and (4) recipient is not of Puerto Rican descent. **Scholarship payment will be made by Comité Noviembre in November 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 application items will disqualify applicant.

#### High School Applicants & Undergraduate Applicants Only

- | High School Applicant                                  | Undergraduate Applicant                                |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> High School transcripts       | <input type="checkbox"/> College transcripts           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Two letters of recommendation | <input type="checkbox"/> Two letters of recommendation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Essay                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Essay                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biographical Sketch           | <input type="checkbox"/> Biographical Sketch           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Service Statement   | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Service Statement   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Head Shot Photo               | <input type="checkbox"/> Head Shot Photo               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SAT Score                     |  |

### CONTACT

Teresa A. Santiago - Chairperson  Lisa Marie Rodriguez, Co-Chair Scholarship Committee  
SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: c/o Lisa Rodriguez  347-693-6893  [lisamarierodriguez@msn.com](mailto:lisamarierodriguez@msn.com)

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El Museo del Barrio  Eugenio María de Hostos Community College  Instituto Nacional para la Cultura Popular  La Casa de la Herencia Cultura  
Puertorriqueña  Latino Justice: PRLDEF  Musica de Camara  National Congress for Puerto Rican Rights: Justice Committee  National Institute for  
Latino Policy  Puerto Rico Federal Affairs Administration

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COMITÉ NOVIEMBRE  
26th Anniversary  
mes de la herencia puertorriqueña

**CANDIDATE INFORMATION**

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

**ATTACH PASSPORT SIZE PHOTO HERE**

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

**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/Latino 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.

**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 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: X \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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