

PUERTO RICAN SOCIETY, INC.

(Sociedad Puertorriqueña)

PO BOX 6351

Chesterfield, MO 63006

April 3, 2009

Dear scholarship applicant:

The Puerto Rican Society, Inc. is pleased to announce that individual merit scholarships will be awarded in August 2009 worth one thousand dollars (\$1,000). The scholarship recognizes a student's academic achievements (3.0 GPA minimum on 4 point scale) and is available to Hispanic students from the Greater St. Louis region (includes Missouri and Illinois) enrolled for post-secondary course work in the fall of 2009. For the purpose of this scholarship and to qualify, at least one of the applicant's grandparents must have been Hispanic.

In order to enter the selection process, applicants must submit the following materials to the address listed above no later than June 26, 2009:

First Time College-Bound Students

- Completed scholarship application
- Admission letter from the college, university or institution of higher learning
- Official academic transcripts
- Copy of post-secondary admission test score: ACT, SAT
- A resume of school and community activities, including offices held and awards received
- A 300 to 500 word essay on the topic of the student's choice
- Two (2) recommendations, of which at least one must be from a high school teacher or guidance counselor (sent by those recommending the student)

College Students

- Completed scholarship application
- Official academic transcripts
- Community involvement statement
- A 300 to 500 word essay on the topic of the student's choice
- Two (2) recommendations, of which at least one must be from a college/university instructor (sent by those recommending the student)

The candidate must also be available for an interview with the selection panel if necessary. The scholarship will be presented on Friday, August 3, 2009 at the Society's scholarship recognition event.

Please find attached the following: General Abridged Information on the scholarship program, the Scholarship Application, and the Recommendation Form. If you have any further questions please call me at 314-651-8770 or 314-517-3909.

Sincerely,

Amber Simpson
Scholarship Program Committee

Enclosures



PUERTO RICAN SOCIETY
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**SCHOLARSHIP PACKAGE
FOR STUDENTS**

2009

(For Academic Year 2009-10)

PUERTO RICAN SOCIETY, INC.

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SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

GENERAL ABRIDGED INFORMATION*

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Scholarship Program of the Puerto Rican Society, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation, is to promote and advance the education of Hispanics in the St. Louis region. The scholarship program rewards academic achievement by providing funding for higher education. The Scholarship Program of the Puerto Rican Society is funded through the Society's Scholarship Fund and the annual operating budget. The Puerto Rican Society awards and disburses the money to Hispanic students who attend an accredited college or university or institution of higher learning.

ELIGIBILITY

The scholarship is open to all Puerto Rican Society members and other Hispanic residents in the St. Louis region. The St. Louis region is the bi-state region which includes the City of St. Louis; the Missouri counties of Franklin, Jefferson, Lincoln, St. Charles, St. Louis, Warren, and Washington; and the Illinois counties of Bond, Calhoun, Clinton, Jersey, Macoupin, Madison, Monroe, and St. Clair.

Applicants must be:

- **Hispanic (at least one grandparent must have been Hispanic), U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident of the United States of America.**
- **Seeking an associate, baccalaureate or graduate degree (college student or high-school graduate).**
- **Have a minimum cumulative grade average of B or better in high school and/or college, as applicable.**
- **Admitted or enrolled in an accredited college, university or institution of higher learning in the United States.**
- **Willing to enroll and take six (6) or more credit hours in each semester.**
- **Submit all required documentation on time**

GUIDELINES

- The scholarship money must be used for education related expenses as the recipient deems necessary.
- Previous scholarship recipients are eligible to reapply for further scholarship award by submitting a current application according to the eligibility and guidelines as applicable. Renewal of award is not guaranteed.
- Scholarship recipients will not be eligible to re-apply for another scholarship if they:
 - Deliberately have provided false information
 - Fail to return to, drop out from or are dismissed by the institution of higher learning
 - Have used the scholarship funds for expenses not related to their education
 - Have used the scholarship funds in an illegal or improper manner
 - Have exhibited unacceptable conduct
- Recommendations must come from individuals who can provide information about the student from the academic as well as the personal perspective; one of the recommendations must be from a teacher.

All essential documents should be submitted to the Scholarship Program Committee by June 26, 2009 for consideration for awards that apply to the following 2009-10 academic year. The Society's decision is communicated in writing no later than July 25, 2009

The completed application package must be submitted to the following address:

Puerto Rican Society, Inc.
Scholarship Program Committee
PO BOX 6351
Chesterfield, MO 63006

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

(Please print or type)

APPLICANT'S INFORMATION

SOCIAL SECURITY _____ - _____ - _____

NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____
LAST FIRST MIDDLE MONTH - DAY - YEAR

ADDRESS: _____ TELEPHONE: _____
NUMBER STREET APARTMENT NO. (AREA CODE) NUMBER

_____ E-MAIL: _____
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PLACE OF BIRTH: _____ HISPANIC COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: _____
CITY STATE/PROV. COUNTRY (Heritage or ancestry)

TO APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP YOU MUST BE A U.S. CITIZEN. ARE YOU A CITIZEN OF THE U.S.? _____

FIRST TIME COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENTS

HIGH SCHOOL: _____ EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: _____
SCHOOL NAME MO - DAY - YR

HIGH SCHOOL GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA): _____ **Note: Official transcripts must be submitted.**

STANDARDIZED TEST SCORE AND YEAR: SAT _____ ACT _____
SCORE / YEAR SCORE / YEAR

POST SECONDARY INSTITUTION TO BE ATTENDED: _____
NAME CITY STATE

COLLEGE STUDENTS

INSTITUTION: _____ EXP. GRADUATION DATE: _____
NAME CITY STATE MO - DAY - YR

MAJOR FIELD OF STUDY: _____

GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA): _____ **Note: Official transcripts must be submitted.**

APPLICANT'S FAMILY INFORMATION

NAME OF FATHER OR GUARDIAN: _____

ADDRESS _____ TELEPHONE: _____
NUMBER STREET APARTMENT NO. (AREA CODE) NUMBER
CITY STATE ZIP CODE PLACE OF BIRTH: _____

NAME OF MOTHER OR GUARDIAN: _____ Mother's Maiden Name _____

ADDRESS _____ TELEPHONE: _____
NUMBER STREET APARTMENT NO. (AREA CODE) NUMBER
CITY STATE ZIP CODE PLACE OF BIRTH: _____

How many of your grandparents are or were Hispanics? _____ Where from? _____

PLEASE MAIL THE APPLICATION TO:
Chairperson Scholarship Program Committee
Puerto Rican Society, Inc.
P.O. Box 6351
Chesterfield, MO 63006-6351

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Instructions for Recommendations

The selection committee relies on recommendations to differentiate between applicants with similar academic credentials. Individuals submitting recommendations should be able to provide specific information about the applicant's achievements, strengths and weaknesses. Recommendations from personal friends or family members who do not have first hand knowledge of the applicant's academic record, work and volunteer experiences will not be considered.

Choose your references carefully and take the time, when requesting their help, to explain the nature of the scholarship and your goals in applying for it. The more they know about you and the scholarship the better job they will do with the recommendation.

Before sending out the recommendation form to the persons that will recommend you be sure to indicate whether or not you waive your right to see the recommendation. By waiving this right you are giving your reference complete freedom to be honest. In either case the form or letter must come directly to the Puerto Rican Society from the person recommending you.

Two (2) recommendations must be submitted. At least one of them must be from a teacher or guidance counselor (sent by those recommending the student)

The recommendations should be mailed (Postmarked) to the following address no later than **June 26, 2009.**

Puerto Rican Society, Inc.
Scholarship Program - Recommendations
PO BOX 6351
Chesterfield, MO 63006

<p>If you have any questions, please call Amber Simpson at 314-651-8770 or 314-517-3909</p>

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RECOMMENDATION FORM

NAME OF APPLICANT: _____

I waive _____ do not waive _____ my right to see this recommendation.

TO THE RECOMMENDER:

*Recommendations are an important component of the application process for this scholarship. The selection committee wants to be able to differentiate between applicants with similar academic credentials. Therefore, the information most useful for evaluation **describes** the applicant's academic and personal achievements. It is important to make clear the length and nature of your relationship to the applicant. Please draw on your experience and knowledge of the individual to paint as clear a picture as possible. The following questions are meant as guidelines. You are free to use this form or put your thoughts in the form of a separate letter. If you choose to write a letter, we ask that you ensure that the answers to the questions are included within it.*

Thank you for your efforts on behalf of this applicant.

How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

What would you say are the applicant's academic and/or personal strengths? Please be as specific as possible.

What is your overall impression of the applicant as a human being, a Hispanic, a student?

What else do you want to tell us about this applicant?

Is there anything else that you would like us to know about this applicant?

Recommendation prepared by _____ Date: _____