

# PUERTO RICAN SOCIETY, INC.

(Sociedad Puertorriqueña)

PO BOX 6351

Chesterfield, MO 63006

Dear scholarship applicant:

The Puerto Rican Society, Inc. is pleased to announce that individual merit scholarships will be awarded in July worth one thousand dollars (\$1,000). The scholarship recognizes a student's academic and community 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 2018. For the purpose of this scholarship and to qualify, at least one of the applicant's grandparents must have been Hispanic.

There are two options for completing the application process: **on paper and online**. To complete the online application, please visit the SPR website ([sprstlouis.com](http://sprstlouis.com)). To be considered, applicants must submit the following materials to the address listed above no later than June 9, 2019 (**must be postmarked by June 9, 2019**):

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First Time College-Bound Students

- Documents to be completed and submitted through the online application
  - Scholarship application
  - Admission letter from the college, university or institution of higher learning
  - A résumé of school and community activities, including offices held and awards received
  - A 300 to 500 word essay
- Documents to be mailed to the SPR Society
  - Official academic transcripts
  - Copy of post-secondary admission test score: ACT, SAT

College Students

- Documents to be completed and submitted through the online application
  - Scholarship application
  - A résumé of school and community activities, including offices held and awards received
  - A 300 to 500 word essay
- Documents to be mailed to the SPR Society
  - Official academic transcripts

Both first time college-bound students and college students must submit two (2) recommendations, of which at least one must be from a teacher or guidance counselor. Recommendations can be completed online or mailed to the Puerto Rican Society.

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The scholarship will be presented at the Hispanic Scholarship Alliance Ceremony scholarship recognition event (Date and location to be announced) These instructions **MUST** be followed; if not then your application may be disqualified. If you have any further questions please call me at 314-604-9931.  
Sincerely,

Christopher Barker  
Board Member

# **PUERTO RICAN SOCIETY**

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## **SCHOLARSHIP PACKAGE FOR STUDENTS**

**2019**

**(For Academic Year 2019-20)**

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## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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### 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 highschool 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 9, 2019 for consideration for awards that apply to the following 2019-20 academic year. The Society's decision is communicated in writing no later than July 1, 2019.

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## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION (Please print or type)

### APPLICANT'S INFORMATION:

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

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
NUMBER STREET APARTMENT NO., CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
Area Code- Number (Cel) Home: Area Code - Number

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY STATE/PROV, COUNTRY (Heritage or ancestry)

HISPANIC COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: \_\_\_\_\_

**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: \_\_\_\_\_  
SCHOOL NAME MO - DAY - YR

EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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

STANDARDIZED TEST SCORE AND YEAR: SAT: \_\_\_\_\_ ACT: \_\_\_\_\_  
SCORE / YEAR SCORE / YEAR

UNIVERSITY/COLLE TO BE ATTENDED: \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME, CITY, STATE

### UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE STUDENTS:

INSTITUTION: \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME CITY STATE

GRADUATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
MO-DAY-YR

MAJOR FIELD OF STUDY: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**APPLICANT'S FAMILY INFORMATION:**

NAME OF FATHER/GUARDIAN: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
NUMBER/APARTMENT, STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE.

PLACE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

TELEPHONE/S: \_\_\_\_\_  
(AREA CODE) NUMBER

NAME OF MOTHER/GUARDIAN: \_\_\_\_\_  
MAIDEN'S NAME

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
NUMBER/APARTMENT, STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
AREA CODE, NUMBER

PLACE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

How many of your grandparents are or were Hispanics? \_\_\_\_\_ Where from? \_\_\_\_\_  
Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_  
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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 firsthand 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 have to be mailed **(Postmarked)** to the following address no later than **June 9, 2019**.

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

If you have any questions, please call Christopher Barker

# PUERTO RICAN SOCIETY

## RECOMMENDATION FORM

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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?

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

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

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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?

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**Recommendation prepared by** \_\_\_\_\_

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