DIRECTIONS

The New York State Assembly-Senate Puerto-Rican/ Hispanic Task Force and SOMOS, Inc. will sponsor scholarships for high school seniors participating in the Puerto Rican/Hispanic Youth Leadership Institute to be held in Albany, NY, March 7 - 9, 2020.

Scholarship Eligibility

1. **Seniors in High School in New York State**: Candidates must be seniors enrolled in a NYS registered public or non-public high school. Candidates must have already applied to college.

2. **Attendance at the Youth Leadership Institute**: Candidates should have successfully participated in the Hispanic Youth Leadership Institute training sessions and **must attend** the 2020 Institute in Albany, NY.

3. **Satisfactory Academic Standing**: Candidates must have a minimum 3.00 cumulative GPA. Candidates need to request an 11th grade academic transcript as soon as possible, may include up to December of their senior year if available.

4. **Be of Hispanic Descent** (a person of Puerto Rican, Dominican, Cuban, Mexican, Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin.

Selection Criteria

1. **Recommendations**: Candidates must submit at least two letters of recommendation describing their academic achievement, outstanding personal characteristics and involvement in community services such as: senior citizens’ center, youth programs, school related activities, church outreach programs, etc. Letters should be in a sealed envelope, submitted with the application*. Letters should preferably be from:
   * The Puerto Rican/Hispanic Youth Leadership Institute trainer
   * A teacher
   * A counselor
   * The high school principal or a department chairperson
   * A community leader

   *Note: Candidates may resubmit the original recommendation letters used to apply to this year’s PR/HYLI, if they meet the above stated requirements. See student checklist for details.

**Written Essay**: Candidates must submit a typed essay of no less than five hundred twenty-five and no more than seven hundred fifty (525 - 750) words written in either English or Spanish.

Your task:

Consider a Hispanic/Latino person who has served (or is serving) in a leadership role at the local, national, or international level. Explain how this individual's traits and/or actions inspire your leadership philosophy and/or goals.

In your response be sure to:

- Identify the Hispanic/Latino leader you chose and his/her inspirational traits or actions.
- Connect his/her traits or actions to your leadership philosophy and/or goals through clear claims.
- Differentiate your claims from alternate or opposing claims.
- Explain why your analysis of the evidence leads to your claims and not opposing claims.
- Cite evidence from at least three (3) sources in support of your claims.

Complete applications must be received by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, February 7, 2020.

Please mail/email all documentation to the Puerto Rican/Hispanic Youth Leadership Institute Scholarship Committee:

**Mail ALL documents to:**
Dr. Gladys I. Cruz  
Questar III BOCES  
10 Empire State Blvd  
Castleton, NY 12033

**E-mail ALL documents to:**
PRHYLISCHOLARSHIPS@questar.org All emails will be confirmed.  
SUBJECT: “2020 PR/HYLI Senior Essay Application”

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The Angelo Del Toro Scholarship 2020
Student Application Checklist

I have made sure of the following: (Please check ✓, sign below and return with application)

☐ Scholarship Application Form is included.

☐ Scholarship Essay Requirements have been met:
  ☐ I have Included 3 copies of my essay. (If submitted by email 1 copy is enough).
  ☐ I have typed my essay in Spanish or English.
  ☐ I have reviewed that my essay is double spaced, with 1” margins, 12-point Times Roman or Arial font.
  ☐ I have numbered the pages.
  ☐ I have given my essay a title.
  ☐ I have included a cover page which has: my name, principal’s name, name and address of HS, the PR/HYLI Delegation I belong to.
  ☐ I have no identifying information (e.g., first and/or last name, initials, Social Security number) on my essay.
  ☐ I have answered all parts of the essay.
  ☐ I have reviewed my essay contains a minimum of 525 and a maximum of 750 words (that includes a, an, the). Citations will not be counted as part of the word count.
  ☐ Readers/scorers will stop reading at 750 words. Essays under 525 and more than 750 words will be disqualified.
  ☐ I have included a works cited or reference page that follows MLA or APA format. See links below.
    MLA link: https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/
    APA link: https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/
  ☐ I have included a word count: # of words is included at the bottom of the last page. Ensure that your word count is on the essay exclusively. Do not include the title page and references or works cited as part of the word count.

☐ All scholarship elements (i.e., essay, essay transcripts, letters of recommendation) must be submitted together. If a component is missing in the application the essay will be disqualified.

☐ I understand that if my essay has plagiarized content it will be automatically disqualified.

Student's Delegation

☐ Capital District  ☐ Hudson Valley  ☐ Western New York
☐ Monroe  ☐ Nassau  ☐ NYC
☐ Syracuse  ☐ Suffolk

I understand that FAXED DOCUMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
I will make sure my completed application packet will be in the designated office below no later than 3:00 PM Friday, February 7, 2020: Completed application packet may be EITHER mailed OR sent electronically:

Mail ALL documents to:
Dr. Gladys I. Cruz  E-mail ALL documents to:
Questar III BOCES  PRHYLI SCHOLARSHIPS@questar.org all emails will be confirmed.
10 Empire State Blvd  SUBJECT: “2020 PR/HYLI Senior Essay Application”
Castleton, NY 12033

Student's Name: ___________________________________________
Telephone Number: _________________________________________
E-Mail Address: ____________________________________________
Signature: _________________________________________________
THE 2020 ANGELO DEL TORO SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

(Please Type or Print Clearly)

Name: _______________________________________________________________  Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Other

Last              First                   Middle Initial

Email: _______________________________________________________________

Home Address: _________________________________________________________________________ Apt: ___________

(Number and Street)

(City/Town/Village) State Zip Code Assembly District Number

Student’s school ID number: ________________________________

Home Telephone # (            ) ________________________________ Grade: ____________

School District: _______________________________________________________________________

School Name: _____________________________________________________Principal’s Name: ______________________

School Address: ________________________________________________________________________________________

(Number and Street) State Zip Code Assembly District Number

School Telephone Number: (         ) ________________________ Fax Number: (         ) _____________________________

Participant in last year’s Angelo Del Toro Youth Leadership Institute ☐ Yes ☐ No

GPA in high school _____________ (If you are not sure, ask your guidance counselor)

Identify your delegation:

☐ Capital District ☐ Hudson Valley ☐ Western New York

☐ Monroe ☐ Nassau ☐ NYC

☐ Syracuse ☐ Suffolk

College(s) and/or universities you have applied to: (Please list)

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List the names of the individuals who are submitting letters of recommendation with this application:

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Principal’s Signature: ___________________________________          Student’s Signature: ___________________________________

Date: ____________________________                                      Date: ______________________________

THIS APPLICATION WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY DISQUALIFIED IF ANY INFORMATION IS MISSING