



## 2020 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 that 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. **Application, headshot photo, essay, biographical sketch and community service statement must be EMAILED to [cn.scholarship@gmail.com](mailto:cn.scholarship@gmail.com). Letters of recommendations, transcripts and SAT scores are to 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 [cn.scholarship@gmail.com](mailto:cn.scholarship@gmail.com) or Elba Cabrera at (646) 236-7705 or [ecab910@optonline.net](mailto:ecab910@optonline.net)**

### 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 Headshot Photo.

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 by Friday, May 29, 2020.** Application packages emailed after the due date will be disqualified. Applicants who will be invited for an interview will be notified by mail or email. 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 2020; (3) recipient is not enrolled in an accredited college or university by Fall of 2020; (4) recipient is not of Puerto Rican descent and (5) Recipient is a former CN scholarship awardee. **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 Only

- High School transcript
- Two letters of recommendation
- Essay
- Biographical Sketch
- Community Service Statement
- Headshot Photo
- SAT Score

#### Undergraduate Applicants Only

- College transcript
- Two letters of recommendation
- Essay
- Biographical Sketch
- Community Service Statement
- Headshot Photo

### CONTACT

#### SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:

♦ Lisa Marie Rodriguez, Co-Chair Scholarship Committee ♦ Elba Cabrera, Co-Chair Scholarship Committee  
[cn.scholarship@gmail.com](mailto:cn.scholarship@gmail.com)

Member Agencies: Institute for the Puerto Rican/Hispanic Elderly ▪ ASPIRA of New York ▪ Centro de Estudios Puertorriqueños ▪ 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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### CANDIDATE INFORMATION

First Name:	E-Mail:
Last Name:	2 <sup>nd</sup> E-Mail:
Address:	Social Security #:
Apt:	Mother's Name:
City/State:	Occupation:
Zip:	Father's Name:
Home Phone#:	Occupation:
Cell #:	

### ACADEMIC INFORMATION

#### FOR CURRENT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

High School:	Grade Point Average:
Telephone #:	SAT Score:
Address:	List other awards:
City/State:	List other scholarships applied for:
Zip:	Do you plan to apply for financial aid?
Guidance Counselor:	List Colleges and Universities, you are applying for:

#### FOR CURRENT COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

College/University:	List other scholarships:
Telephone #:	List any awards received:
Address:	Do you receive Financial Aid?
City/State:	Residence Status ( <i>on/off campus</i> ):
Zip:	
Advisor:	
G.P.A.:	
Major:	
Anticipated date of graduation:	



EMAIL THE FOLLOWING with the Scholarship Application:  
Headshot Photo, Essay, Biographical Sketch and Community Service Statement to:  
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## PHOTO

Email a recent photograph in JPEG, preferably a headshot; graduation photos will do. *Please no selfies!*

## ESSAY

In your opinion, “Describe *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 CONNECTION TO YOUR BORICUA HERITAGE, YOUR FAMILY, INTEREST, 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 and how it has benefited you.

MAIL Recommendation Letters via US Post Office to:  
Lisa M. Rodriguez, Co-Chair Scholarship Committee  
306 East Mosholu Parkway South, Apt: 5K, Bronx, NY 10458

## 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:

DATE: