

# THE RICHIE PEREZ SCHOLARSHIP AWARD “RICHIE VIVE, LA LUCHA SIGUE”



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The faces of Richie Pérez: activist,  
leader, mentor.

## 2020 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

**DEADLINE: FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2020**

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A PROGRAM OF COMITÉ NOVIEMBRE



### SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:

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### PURPOSE

In 2004, the Puerto Rican community lost an ally, advocate, community leader and urban warrior. Richie Pérez was a beloved activist and leader in the fight for social justice and human rights. He brought integrity, zeal and unity to many causes to which he was committed. These included the struggle for racial justice and against police brutality, Puerto Rican independence and universal human rights. As a Young Lord and founding member of the National Congress for Puerto Rican Rights, Richie was our inspiration and conscience. Richie wrote and lectured extensively on the Puerto Rican urban experience and as a professor in the CUNY system taught classes in mass media, US social policy and the history of the labor and civil rights movements. Richie believed greatly in the power and potential of young people to create social change. He personally mentored many youth and believed that the torch of the movement for justice had to be passed on to the next generation.

In his memory, Comité Noviembre has established the Richie Pérez Scholarship Award. The award will recognize a Puerto Rican young person for their commitment, activism and achievements in any of the areas of human rights and social justice that Richie held so dear. This annual award will both promote the advancement of new leaders in the movement for peace and justice and invest in their continued growth by providing support for their ongoing education and political development. The scholarship winner will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

### ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must:

- Be of Puerto Rican descent
- Document a minimum of one-year active participation and organizing work in a social justice or human rights issue.
- Be enrolled in an accredited college or university by fall 2020.
- Be between the ages of 19 and 25.

### GUIDELINES

- A completed application package must include an application form, essay, HS or college transcript, headshot photo, two letters of recommendation and a short biographical sketch. All items must be submitted by email to Lisa Rodriguez: [CN.scholarship@gmail.com](mailto:CN.scholarship@gmail.com)
- Letters of recommendation must be from community members who personally know your work, leadership and commitment to social justice and human rights causes.
- Application package must be received by email by **Friday, May 29, 2020**
- Application package emailed after **FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2020** will be disqualified.
- A mandatory personal interview will be conducted by the scholarship committee: *Date to be announced*.
- Finalist will not be considered if he/she does not show-up for interview. Other arrangements will be made for finalist away at college.
- Recipients of the Richie Perez Scholarship will be notified by **OCTOBER 2020**.
- Recipients of the Richie Perez Scholarship Award will be disqualified should any of the following conditions occur: (1) recipient provides false information on application (2) recipients is not enrolled in an accredited college or university by the fall or at the time of the award (3) recipient is not of Puerto Rican descent.

PLEASE *EMAIL* COMPLETED SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM TO:

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BY: **FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2020**



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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ APT: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY: STATE: ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL# \_\_\_\_\_  
E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

**ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

**FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

HIGH SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY: STATE: ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX# \_\_\_\_\_  
GUIDANCE COUNSELOR: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
GRADE POINT AVERAGE: \_\_\_\_\_  
LIST AWARDS: \_\_\_\_\_  
LIST SOCIAL JUSTICE/HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED IN: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
DO YOU GET PAID BY ANY OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS?       YES       NO

**FOR COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY STUDENTS**

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY: STATE: ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX# \_\_\_\_\_  
ADVISOR: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
GRADE POINT AVERAGE: \_\_\_\_\_  
LIST AWARDS: \_\_\_\_\_  
ANTICIPATED DATE OF GRADUATION: \_\_\_\_\_  
LIST SOCIAL JUSTICE/HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED IN: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**ESSAY**

DESCRIBE A SOCIAL JUSTICE OR HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES IN WHICH YOU ARE CURRENTLY ACTIVE. GIVE DETAILS OF YOUR ROLE IN ORGANIZING SUPPORT FOR THIS ISSUE? WHAT WORK DO YOU DO ON THIS ISSUE? WHY HAVE YOU CHOSEN THIS ISSUE TO WORK ON? DESCRIBE THE SITUATION WHICH LED YOU TO ACT. WHAT MOTIVATED YOU TO BECOME INVOLVED? HAS YOUR WORK CONTRIBUTED TO CHANGING THE SITUATION? DESCRIBE WHAT CHANGES. HOW HAS YOUR LIFE CHANGED? TALK ABOUT THE CHALLENGES YOU HAVE ENCOUNTERED, IF ANY.

**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

IN 500 WORDS TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF. *INCLUDE YOUR CONNECTION TO YOUR BORICUA HERITAGE, YOUR FAMILY, INTEREST, GOALS, DREAMS, CAREER OBJECTIVES, ETC...*

**LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

*Letters of recommendation must be from community members who personally know your work, leadership and commitment to social justice and human rights causes).*

**SUPPORTER # 1**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: STATE: ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (WORK): \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (FAX): \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: STATE: ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (HOME) \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP TO CANDIDATE? (CHECK ONE)

FAMILY       FRIEND       BUSINESS/ WORK ASSOCIATE       OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

**SUPPORTER # 2**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: STATE: ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (WORK): \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (FAX): \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: STATE: ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (HOME) \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP TO CANDIDATE? (CHECK ONE)

FAMILY       FRIEND       BUSINESS/ WORK ASSOCIATE       OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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