



## 2021 ANGELO DEL TORO SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION ANGELO DEL TORO SCHOLARSHIP FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS 2021

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 March 13 - 15, 2021.**

### Scholarship Eligibility

- 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.
- Attendance at the Youth Leadership Institute:** Candidates should have successfully participated in the Hispanic Youth Leadership Institute training sessions and **must attend** the 2021 Institute.
- Satisfactory Academic Standing:** Candidates must have a minimum **3.00 cumulative GPA**. Candidates need to request an 11<sup>th</sup> grade academic transcript as soon as possible, may include up to December of their senior year if available.
- Be of Hispanic Descent** - a person of Puerto Rican, Dominican, Cuban, Mexican, Costa Rican, Salvadorian, Guatemalan, Honduran, Nicaraguan, Ecuadorian, or other **Spanish culture or origin**.

### Selection Criteria:

- 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.

### Your task:

Assemblyman Angelo Del Toro was a Hispanic/Latino leader who firmly believed in the importance of an informed and motivated citizenry. His life is an example of what is possible for those who believe in themselves and their potential. He sought to nurture the unity, conscience, and aspirations that are at the heart of any just and caring society. The scholarship provided by SOMOS Inc. through PRHYLI is designated for students who exhibit the qualities of civic readiness that he embodied and lauded.

In an essay of 525-750 words, define and explain the importance of civic readiness, and discuss how you, as a Hispanic/Latino/a, can leverage it to positively impact your local, state, or national community.

Be sure to use the attached rubric to guide you as you write your essay; support your arguments with evidence from your research on this topic and distinguish your claim from alternate/opposing claims.

### Guidelines:

- Write your essay in either English or Spanish (quotes or expressions in either language are acceptable)
- Clearly define civic readiness as you will discuss it
- Explain why civic readiness is important
- Establish your claim about how you can leverage civic readiness to positively impact local, state, or federal community
- Distinguish your claim from alternate or opposing claims
- Use specific, relevant, and sufficient evidence from at least three appropriate sources to develop your argument
- Identify each source that you reference with MLA formatting, both parenthetically (inside your paper) and in a properly formatted works cited page (after your paper)
- Organize your ideas in a cohesive and coherent manner
- Maintain a formal style of writing in your selected language (English or Spanish)
- Follow the conventions of standard written English or Spanish

It may be helpful to review the definitions of the following words and phrases to better understand the situation of this essay prompt. However, you are not required to use these words in your essay.

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| - Social norms       | - Define   |
| - Social contract    | - Explain  |
| - Informed citizenry | - Evaluate |
| - Civic readiness    |            |

**Complete applications must be received by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, February 5, 2021.**

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

### Mail ALL documents to:

**SUBJECT:** "2021 PR/HYLI Senior Essay Application"

Dr. Gladys I. Cruz  
Questar III BOCES  
10 Empire State Blvd  
Castleton, NY 12033

**FAXED DOCUMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**



## The Angelo Del Toro Scholarship 2021 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.
  - 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.
  - 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. See link below.  
MLA link- <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/>
  - I have included a word count: # of words are 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:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Capital District | <input type="checkbox"/> Hudson Valley | <input type="checkbox"/> NYC |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monroe           | <input type="checkbox"/> Long Island   |                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Syracuse         | <input type="checkbox"/> Western NY    |                              |

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**I will make sure my completed application packet will be in the designated office below no later than 3:00 PM Friday, February 5, 2021:** Completed application packet must be mailed:

**Mail ALL documents to:**

**SUBJECT: 2021 PR/HYLI Senior Essay Application**

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Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



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(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 # ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

School District: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

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                       NYC
- Monroe                                       Long Island
- Syracuse                                       Western NY

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

Name of College and/or University	Accepted	Not Heard Yet

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

Name	Position	Address	Telephone
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			( )
			( )

Principal's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**THIS APPLICATION WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY DISQUALIFIED IF ANY INFORMATION IS MISSING**