

FLORIDA PUERTO RICAN PARADE, INC.

2019 SCHOLARSHIPS FUND PROGRAM

INTRODUCTION

The Florida Puerto Rican Parade, Inc. (FLPRP), is a 501 © (3) non-profit charitable organization established in 2016 to promote the Puerto Rican community culture, heritage and contributions to the State of Florida. The Scholarships Fund Program Committee was created to identify and provide financial support to students entering or already in a college institution. It is the goal of FLPRP to offer scholarships to qualified students each year based upon financial need, scholastic merit, leadership achievements and other factors.

Generous contributors such as; Corporate and Business entities, Community Organizations and individuals help us raise scholarships funding to assist students reach their educational goals. We look forward to an ever expanding list of partners that will support this program for many years to come.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Candidates must:

- Demonstrate potential for academic and leadership success within the community and
 - Be knowledgeable of Puerto Rican culture and heritage,
 - Describe extracurricular involvement including but not limited to sports and community activities;
 - Show academic performance (minimum unweighted 2.5 grade point average);
 - Be high school seniors or currently attending academic or technical college; or
 - Plan to enroll in a full time accredited college or university;
 - Complete a 1,000 words essay in Spanish or English in one of the following topics:
1. ¿Cuál es el impacto de la movilización de profesionales de la salud puertorriqueños a los Estados Unidos? ¿Incluye la repercusión en Puerto Rico y en los Estados Unidos?

2. ¿Qué programas, servicios o iniciativas se deberían implementar en la Florida para contribuir al mejoramiento de la salud de los puertorriqueños? Incluye los obstáculos que enfrentan en la Florida en términos de prevención para la salud.
3. Analiza la dieta tradicional del puertorriqueño. ¿Cuáles son los retos y las oportunidades de la variedad de sus alimentos típicos?
4. La salud mental es determinante en la vida de un individuo. ¿Cómo puede verse afectada la conducta de un joven puertorriqueño al relocalizarse en Estados Unidos? ¿Qué recomendaciones puedes ofrecer para mantener la estabilidad emocional de estos jóvenes durante esta etapa?
5. ¿Después de relocalizarse en la Florida debido a una situación de salud, qué retos y/o situaciones positivas ocurren en la vida de un estudiante puertorriqueño?

Please Note: *In addition to individuals not meeting the above criteria, the following individuals and members of their immediate families are ineligible for the awards:*

- *Relatives of FLPRP Board members.*
- *Relatives or employees of any partner, sponsors or affiliates of FLPRP.*

WHEN TO APPLY?

Qualified candidates may apply from February 15th to March 30th of each year. Candidates must complete the application form and all of its components before the deadline. Deadline extensions and incomplete applications will not be accepted and will be disqualified.

HOW TO APPLY

Candidates are responsible for gathering and submitting all required information. This is a competitive program and applications will be evaluated on the basis of the information supplied. Applications are to be returned to email provided in the website on the scholarship link by the established deadline.

HOW ARE RECIPIENTS SELECTED?

Applicants will be evaluated on their academic and leadership qualities in school, workplace and community. Semifinalists will be notified by mail. This is a competitive program and all applicants will not be selected as semifinalists and not all semifinalists will receive a scholarship.

Semifinalists will be required to submit the following documents within 10 days of their selection notification:

- Current complete transcript of high school, college or university grades;
- Nomination form completed by a teacher or academic counselor, or High School Principal or a community leader, or an elected official;

DETAILS ABOUT THE AWARDS

- Awards will be granted as possible each year
- Awards will not exceed \$2,000 each year
- Awards are renewable and may be used for a period of two consecutive years
- Awards are for undergraduate and graduate studies and may be used for education related expenses, including tuition, fees, books, supplies, room and board.
- Recipients are responsible for taxes that may be assessed against the scholarship award. Applicants should consult a tax advisor or IRS Publication 970 for more guidance.

HOW AND WHEN SCHOLARSHIPS ARE PAID?

- Checks will be issued at the Annual Gala/Scholarships Awards ceremony.
- Checks are made payable to the student.

RECIPIENT OBLIGATIONS

- Recipients must submit a completed Scholarship Acceptance Form before checks are processed.
- Recipients are required to notify FLPRP of any change in address, school enrollment or other relevant information and to send a complete transcript when requested.
- Recipients will be invited to attend the scholarships awards ceremony.
- Recipients must enroll as a full or part time undergraduate or graduate student and continue for the entire academic year without interruption unless approved by the FLPRP.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

FLPRP reserves the right to review the conditions and procedures of this scholarship program and to make changes at any time, including termination of the program.