



February 2, 2010

Dear Student:

The Sociedad de Puertorriqueños en Houston, Inc., a non-profit - organization established to promote the culture of Puerto Rico in the Houston area, is accepting applications for academic scholarships to be awarded to eligible applicants to continue studies in a post secondary institution for the 2010-2011 academic year.

Scholarships will be awarded for studies commencing in the fall 2010 academic term. Recipients must be High School seniors or students currently enrolled in an accredited post secondary school program.

There will be several five hundred dollars awards this year. Applicants may not be related by blood or by marriage, to any member of the Board of Directors of the Sociedad de Puertorriqueños en Houston, Inc. or the scholarship committee responsible for selecting awards recipients.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. *An overall academic grade point average of at least 2.5 or its equivalent.*
2. *Evidence of high school completion.*
3. *Must be enrolled or will be enrolled for the fall term of 2010 as an undergraduate student in (a) an accredited college or university or (b) an accredited technical or certificate granting post secondary institution.*
4. *Students already in an accredited college, technical or certificate granting school before the fall term of 2010 must have completed at least 12 credit hours.*
5. *The applicant must provide recommendation letters from two teachers or academic advisors familiar with his/her qualifications, abilities, personal merit and command of the Spanish language.*
6. *An official transcript.*
7. *A completed application form.*
8. *A one page typed essay describing the applicant's interest in the Spanish culture or language.*

All students meeting the eligibility requirements must submit applications and supporting documents on or before the April 30, 2010 deadline. If any required documents are unavailable after that day, the application will be considered incomplete and the applicant will not qualify for further consideration. Scholarships amounts will be sent directly to the financial aid office of the chosen institution upon written proof of enrollment (as in a Tuition and Fees Invoice) before December 31, 2010. Correspondence must include the student's I.D. number.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Rafael Maldonado at 832-298-3273 or rmaldonado@sbcglobal.net

Sincerely,

Rafael Maldonado

Director Youth and Education Committee



Instructions:

- Please type or print neatly.
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- Mail the completed form to Sociedad de Puertorriqueños en Houston, Inc.
P.O. Box 672202
Houston, Texas 77267-2202
Attn: Review Board
- Attach:
 - a. An official copy of your transcript
 - b. A one page essay as described below, and
 - c. Two letters of recommendation from teachers, professors or other academic sources.

We must receive your application and all the supporting documents on or before April 30, 2010.

Applicant's name _____ Date of birth _____ Male/Female ____
Home Address _____
Home Phone Number _____ E-mail Address _____
High School Currently Attending _____
Name of institution where scholarship will be used _____
List your extracurricular activities _____

Explain or list any activities or events that show evidence of your interest or involvement with the Spanish language or culture. _____

Please type a one page essay describing your interest in the Spanish culture or language and how this will influence your plans for study.