



National Conference of Puerto Rican Women Northern Illinois Chapter

*“Preserving our Heritage and Rights Through Mentorship and Leadership
for a Better Tomorrow”*

2024 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Background: The National Conference of Puerto Rican Women (NACOPRW) is the only national non-profit organization with chapters in cities across the U.S. dedicated to promoting the full participation of Puerto Rican women and other Latinas in their economic, social, and political life in the U.S. and Puerto Rico. Since 1993, the NACOPRW Northern Illinois Chapter has provided more than 30 scholarships to promising women of Puerto Rican descent who have become leaders in law, medicine, education, government, and the non-profit sectors. NACOPRW Northern Illinois Chapter scholarships are intended to support educational opportunities for Puerto Rican women while promoting the advancement of our community.

Purpose: In 2024, the NACOPRW Northern Illinois Chapter scholarship will be for college-bound high school seniors or enrolled college students.

Amount: Each awardee will receive a **\$1000 scholarship**.

Eligibility:

- ◆ Be Puerto Rican female, by birth or descent through parent and/or grandparent lineage.
- ◆ Be an **Illinois** resident (can attend college/school in another state).
- ◆ Be currently matriculated at an accredited educational institution.
- ◆ Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0+ in High School, or college/university, in a trade/vocational school.
- ◆ Commit to volunteering in NACOPRW, Northern Illinois chapter’s ongoing events.

Application Process:

1. Applicants must **submit a completed application electronically** by **September 3rd, 2024, at 11:59 pm CST** that includes:
 - Current high school, college, or trade/vocational school transcript.
 - A 400-word essay – In today’s current environment, describe what being a Puerto Rican woman means to you and talk about your personal goals in pursuing higher education.
 - **Two** letters of recommendation – One from a teacher/professor, and the other from an employer, professional organization leader, community group leader, etc.
 - A resume

Failure to submit all documents by the specified date or providing false information will disqualify the applicant.

2. **Awardees** must attend a **virtual interview** conducted by the Scholarship Committee during the last week of **September 2024** at a time to be determined by the committee. **Failure to attend the video conference interview will disqualify the candidate.**
3. **Awardees** will be notified by **Oct 1st, 2024**. **Awardees will submit a headshot photo**, for identification and promotion purposes.
4. **Awardees** will receive a free one-year membership to the NACOPRW Northern Illinois Chapter. It is required and expected that awardees will volunteer in NACOPRW annual activities.

APPLICATIONS/INQUIRIES CAN BE DIRECTED TO:
National Conference of Puerto Rican Women Northern, Illinois Chapter
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List recent scholarships, honors, fellowships, or awards you have received **and** the amounts (if applicable) and the years in which they were received (use additional paper as needed.)

List any internships, extracurricular activities, volunteer work, or community services in which you have participated **and** the years you participated in activities.

How did you hear about the NACOPRW Northern Illinois Chapter Scholarship Award? _____

Have you previously applied for a NACOPRW award? Yes, if so what year? _____ No

Are you a member, or know a member of NACOPRW, (National or other chapters)?

Yes, with whom? _____ No

ESSAY

In a 400-word essay – In today’s current environment, describe what being a Puerto Rican woman means to you and talk about your personal goals.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Can be included in this packet or emailed directly to v_colom@yahoo.com - Reference the applicant's name in the subject line.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I hereby acknowledge that the information I have provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I commit to abide by the rules of NACOPRW Northern Illinois Chapter’s Scholarship Award Committee.

Signature

Date

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