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## NACOPRW-SoCal Scholarship Application 2017-18 Scholarship Year

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In 1972, a group of Puerto Rican women founded the Washington, D.C. chapter to support the rights of women. This historic moment marked the birth of the National Conference of Puerto Rican Women, a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization seeking to promote the full participation of Puerto Rican and other Hispanic women in the social, economic and political life in the United States. Through the years, NACOPRW has been recognized for its involvement in the community and its support of women’s rights. Forty-four years later, chapters have been chartered in Chicago IL, DC Metro, Indiana, Miami FL, Milwaukee WI, New York NY, Northern Illinois, Philadelphia PA, and California. During the spring of 1997, the SoCal chapter was founded, and in October 1998 it was chartered by the National Board. We are the only chapter on the West Coast to this day.

### INFORMATION:

To continue promoting leadership and the educational development of Puerto Rican women, NACOPRW-SoCal awards **two one-time scholarships of \$500 each**. Please share this information with eligible students who may be interested (NACOPRW-SoCal eligible members may apply; past NACOPRW-SoCal scholarship recipients are not eligible). Minimum eligibility criteria:

- Female student enrolled in at least 6 semester units (8 quarter units) or more at an accredited college or university.
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (4.0 scale) in 12 semester/16 quarter units or more at an accredited institution.
- Puerto Rican or Latina heritage
- Southern California resident (San Diego, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino or Los Angeles Counties).
- Financial need.

Please complete the process as described below. Do not attach resumes or documents other than those requested. If desired, the applicant may include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for the supporting documents to be returned. Otherwise, the application and supporting documents may be purged after a year or may be kept as deemed necessary. Scholarship recipients will be invited to, and are expected to attend, a NACOPRW-So-Cal Chapter event in mid-October to receive the monetary award and to address the attendees of the event. Specific information for the upcoming event will be provided upon selection.



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### INSTRUCTIONS:

Please write legibly in black pen or type and fill out the application completely. Please leave blank items that do not apply. Sign and date the application. Keep a copy for your own records, if desired. **All application materials must be postmarked by Friday September 22, 2017.** Please mail the application packet to the attention of the Scholarship Committee, NACOPRWSo-Cal, 25422 Trabuco Road, Suite 105-334, Lake Forest, CA 92630-2790. You can also submit the application (formatted as PDF files) via email to [menubia@gmail.com](mailto:menubia@gmail.com). Incomplete or late application packets will not be considered.

Please include the following supporting documentation for review and selection as determined by NACOPRW-SoCal:

- Proof of Spring 2017 or Fall 2017 enrollment (at least 6 semester/8 quarter units) at an accredited institution of higher education.
- Recent transcript (in a sealed envelope) showing a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA in 12 semester/16 quarter units or more at an accredited educational institution. Unofficial transcripts will be accepted if they included the following information:
  - Applicant Name
  - Name of educational institution
  - GPA
  - Year in school
  - Enrollment status [Official transcripts will be requested from the finalist to confirm information.]
- Community service or unpaid internship rendered in 2015-2016 will be considered for selection. Please provide verification on letterhead paper of all service including the name of the organization, type of involvement, dates of service, number of hours, name/title of person signing the letter, etc.
  - 1-10 hours
  - 11-20 hours
  - 21-30 hours
  - 31-40 hours
  - Over 40 hours
- Proof of financial need (self-reported, no documentation required):
  - \$0-\$25,000
  - \$26,000-\$50,000
  - \$51,000-75,000
  - \$76,000-100,000
  - Over 100,000

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Dependent Family Composition:

- One minor
- Two minors
- Three or more

Military or other National Service (i.e.; Peace Corps, VISTA/AmeriCorps)

Cultural Heritage:

- Puerto Rican
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Titled essay or poem (500 words maximum, typed, double spaced, 12 font size) highlighting the personal meaning of the applicant's Puerto Rican or Latina heritage and education. For objective scoring, please **do not** write your name on the essay page. See prompt below for details.

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Signature

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Date

### ESSAY PROMPT:

Please write on the value of having a Puerto Rican/Latin@ heritage, and why it is important for Puerto Ricans and other Latin@s to support each other. Tell us about the value of your culture and why you consider it important in your life. Please also explain how it contributes to you pursuing your college education. Please have the essay be no more than 500 words, double spaced, 12 font size. For fairness, we ask that you do not include your name anywhere in the essay. Please let the scholarship coordinate know if you have any questions.

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