



**NACOPRW-SoCal**  
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## Scholarship Application

In 1972, a group of Puerto Rican women founded the Washington, D.C. chapter of the National Conference of Puerto Rican Women (NACOPRW) to support the rights of women. This historic moment marked the birth of the NACOPRW, a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization seeking to promote the full participation of Puerto Rican and other Latina 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 education and leadership development. Chapters have been chartered in Chicago IL, Indiana, Miami FL, Milwaukee WI, New York NY, Northern Illinois, Philadelphia PA, and Southern California. The NACOPRW-SoCal chapter was chartered in October 1998 by the National Board. It was later approved as a 501c3 in the State of California in 2019 and is the only chapter in the West Coast. To learn more about our work and how to get involved visit us at [www.nacoprosocal.org](http://www.nacoprosocal.org).

### SCHOLARSHIP 2022

NACOPRW-SoCal award two scholarships based on merit, ranging from **\$500 to \$1000**. Eligible students, NACOPRW-SoCal members and past applicants may apply. Former NACOPRW-SoCal scholarship recipients are not eligible.

#### Minimum eligibility criteria:

- Female students enrolled full-time at an accredited college or university, including junior college at undergraduate or graduate level.
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 (4.0 scale) in 12 semester/16 quarter units or more at an accredited institution.
- Puerto Rican or of Latina heritage\*
- Southern California resident (San Diego, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino or Los Angeles Counties).

#### APPLICATION PROCESS

- Follow all instructions herein.
- Complete the entire application.
- Do not attach documents other than those requested.
- Finalists will be asked to attend a virtual panel interview with the Scholarship Committee.

Scholarship recipients will be invited and sponsored to become active members of the NACOPRW-SoCal Chapter. They will also have the opportunity to participate in various events including a mentorship program and other chapter and national events. Specific information for the upcoming event will be provided upon selection.

\*Applicants are not required to be Puerto Rican; an affinity for the Puerto Rican and Latino culture and an interest in participating in the NACOPRW SoCal Member and Mentorship activities is required/expected.



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### INSTRUCTIONS:

Fill out the application completely and leave blank items that do not apply. All applications and supporting documents may be submitted electronically or in hard copy. Electronic submission should be sent in PDF format to [[menubia@gmail.com](mailto:menubia@gmail.com)], by **June 25, 2022**. If submissions are in hard copy, the application must be signed and dated and postmarked by the same date above. Mail the application packet to the attention of the Scholarship Committee, NACOPRW-SoCal, 3744 East Chapman Ave., Suite 2661, Orange, CA 92859. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. **Submit questions or comments to [menubia@gmail.com](mailto:menubia@gmail.com).**

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

### Cultural Heritage:

1) Provide details regarding your heritage such as parental lineage, country, city or town of origin.

Puerto Rican \_\_\_\_\_

Other Latino Heritage \_\_\_\_\_

### Education:

Name of the academic institution you are currently attending. \_\_\_\_\_

What major or field of studies are you currently pursuing? \_\_\_\_\_

2) Which of the following would best describe your academic level?

Associate degree

Masters

Freshmen year

Doctorate

Sophomore year

Trade or Vocational School

Junior year

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Senior year



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### 3) Write next to the corresponding level, your most current cumulative GPA.

- 2.5-2.9 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3.0-3.3 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3.4-3.7 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3.8-4.0+ \_\_\_\_\_

Transferred students please provide cumulative GPA from transferred institution \_\_\_\_\_.

### 4) Supporting Documents

Proof of enrollment (at least 6 semester/8 quarter units) at an accredited institution of higher education. Transfer students provide documents for various institutions.

Recent transcript showing a minimum 2.5 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.

Additional supporting documents are welcome such as resumes, letters of recommendations, certificates of completion for volunteer work, certificates of achievements, or references.

### Extra-Curricular Activities:

### 5) Volunteer Community Service

Name of the Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe your role \_\_\_\_\_

Service Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Write next to the corresponding level, the **average weekly** number of hours you volunteer.

- 1-15 hours \_\_\_\_\_
- 16-25 hours \_\_\_\_\_
- 26-35 hours \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

### 6) Supporting Documents

Provide verification on the organization either by submitting a **certificate of completion** with the organization's letterhead or providing the **name, address, telephone, and website of the organization including name and email of the supervisor or volunteer coordinator.**



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#### 7) Paid Work

Name the Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe your role \_\_\_\_\_

Work from/to dates \_\_\_\_\_

Select which of the following best describes the **average weekly** number of hours you work. Specify the exact number next to the corresponding level.

1-15 hours \_\_\_\_\_

26-35 hours \_\_\_\_\_

16-25 hours \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

#### Essay Requirements:

#### 8) Format and Specifications

Titled essay

600 words approximately (include count)

Double spaced

PDF format

**DO NOT** write your name on the essay

12 Font size (Arial)

#### 9) Essay Prompt & Content

Write the importance of your Puerto Rican/Latina heritage in any aspect of your life, past, current or future. Aspects of your life may include but is not limited to your education, family, community, future career, personal goals and pursuits or challenges. Highlight the value of your culture and gender to you and society and explain how your identity contributes to pursuing your goals.

#### Interview Requirements

If you are selected for an interview, these are some of the things we will be looking for as we make our determination on who the recipient of the award will be.

- On time for the interview
- Answer questions fully
- Engaging (makes eye contact, curious, asks questions, etc.)
- Preparedness (thoroughly responds to questions, answers honestly, knows about NACOPRW-SoCal)
- Effective use of time (highlights important experience, makes clarifications, adds new information, etc.)

Wishing you success & good luck,  
NACOPRW-SoCal Scholarship Committee.

Submit questions or comments to [menubia@gmail.com](mailto:menubia@gmail.com)

Applicant's Signature

Date