



**NACOPRW-SoCal**  
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## Scholarship Application

### Scholarship Year 2021

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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 rights. Almost 50 years later, 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. We annually award scholarships to Boricua/Latina students to support their higher education.

#### 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 students 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 of Latina heritage
- Southern California resident (San Diego, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino or Los Angeles Counties).

Please complete the process as described below. Do not attach resumes or documents other than those requested. The top five finalists will be asked to attend an interview with the Scholarship Committee.

The top two 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 chapter and national events. All five top finalists will have the opportunity to elect to participate from a mentorship program with senior members of the SoCal chapter. Specific information for the upcoming events and programs will be provided upon selection.

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#### INSTRUCTIONS:

Please fill out the application completely and leave blank items that do not apply. All applications and supporting documents may be submitted in hard copy or electronically. If submissions are in hard copy, the application must be signed and dated and postmarked by **April 28, 2021**. Please mail the application packet to the attention of the Scholarship Committee, NACOPRW-SoCal, 3744 East Chapman Ave., Suite 2661, Orange, CA 92859. Electronic submission should be sent in PDF format to [menubia@gmail.com](mailto:menubia@gmail.com), by the same date above. Incomplete or late application will not be considered.

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

- Proof of Spring 2021 or Fall 2021 enrollment (at least 6 semester/8 quarter units) at an accredited institution of higher education.
  
- Recent transcript 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
  
- Community service or unpaid internship rendered during the academic year 2020-2021 will be considered for selection. To account for COVID-19, online or virtual non-paying internships will be considered. Please 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. All community service submissions should include:
  - type of involvement
  - dates of service
  - number of hours per month
    - 1-10 hours
    - 11-20 hours
    - 21-30 hours
    - 31 or more hours

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Education's financing. Please select all that apply:

- Scholarship and Grants
- Loans
- Family financial support
- Own work

Paid work, average hours committed per week:

- 5 hours or less
- 6 to 10 hours
- 11 to 15 hours
- 16 hours or more

Describe the type or work you perform: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Cultural Heritage:

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

Titled essay (600 words maximum, typed, double spaced, 12 font size) highlighting the meaning of your Puerto Rican/Latina heritage to education and your future career and personal goals or pursuits. If electronic submission, send as PDF. **DO NOT** write your name on the essay, just the title. Please see the essay prompt below.

#### ESSAY PROMPT:

Write about the importance of your Puerto Rican/Latina heritage. Tell us about the value of your culture to you and society, and why you consider it important to your future, despite the challenges you might face. (i.e., COVID issues, grades, language, or any other personal, social or family challenges.) Explain how your identity contributes to you pursuing your college education.

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

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

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Applicant's Signature

Date

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