



2024 “Festival da Cultural Portuguesa” Scholarship Program APPLICATION and CHECKLIST

When complete, email to: FESTIVALPORTUGUESA2019@GMAIL.COM

To be considered for the 2024 FDCP Scholarship, you must submit our scholarship application form on or before **JUNE 3rd, 2024**. The application is free of charge. You will need to submit the following documents **VIA EMAIL**: cover letter, essay, all official transcripts and proof of US citizenship (passport, Gold Start ID, etc) or legal residency (I551 card with no restrictions required) to festivalportuguesa2019@gmail.com. You will also need a letter of recommendation from a current teacher or instructor who knows your work well and has agreed to recommend you. Your instructor/teacher will need to email directly their recommendation letter to festivalportuguesa2019@gmail.com.

FOR THE ESSAY: Answer the following questions (complete in English, double-spaced, 12pt. font)

1. What impact has your Portuguese ancestry had upon your own personal development?
2. What role do you anticipate that your Portuguese ancestry will play in your future?
3. Discuss any specific career goals for the future or any community involvement that might be pertinent to the question.
4. What additional information would you like the Scholarship Committee to consider in evaluating your application?

A. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Student Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Phone: _____

Portuguese Club Affiliation (optional): _____

US Citizen: YES NO

Portuguese Ancestry (Enter the percentage of Portuguese ancestry of each of your grandparents):

Paternal Grandfather (Father's father):

Maternal Grandfather (Mother's father):

Paternal Grandmother (Father's mother):

Maternal Grandmother (Mother's mother):

B. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND (list high schools attended along with the dates attended)

1: _____

2: _____

3: _____

4: _____

Current GPA (minimum 3.0 required): _____

Anticipated graduation date: _____

AWARDS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION (Please list any award, merit scholarship and special recognition awarded during your academic career, i.e. high school, and college/university): _____



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THIS SCHOLARSHIP IS ONLY AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL THIS YEAR (2024) AND ENTERING A 4-YEAR BACCALAUREATE OR A 2-YEAR ASSOCIATES DEGREE PROGRAM, FALL 2024.

The “Festival da Cultura Portuguesa” Scholarship Program was established with the purpose of supporting Portuguese-American students in the pursuit of their higher education goals. The merit-based scholarships are awarded to students of Portuguese ancestry who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in their academic careers and who show a commitment to completing an approved plan of study.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. U.S. citizenship or a permanent legal U.S. resident (proof of I551 card with no restrictions required),
2. Resident of New Jersey of 6 months or longer. Proof of residency is required.
3. Portuguese ancestry of an aggregate of least 25%, i.e. total Portuguese ancestry of the applicant;
4. Full-time student attending a baccalaureate degree program (4-year program) or a 2-year Associates program at an accredited college or university in the United States beginning the Fall 2024 (Class of 2024, High School Seniors);
5. Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of a minimum of 3.0.

Selection Criteria:

The Scholarship Committee of the “Festival da Cultura Portuguesa” will have the sole responsibility for the selection of the scholarship award recipients based upon the following:

- Academic record
- Extra-curricular activities
- Community Service
- Essay
- Application Requirements

Submission Instructions and Deadline: Please complete the application and submit all supporting materials in PDF format.

1. The “Festival da Cultura Portuguesa” Scholarship Application Form;
2. An official college academic transcript (with official seal or registrar's signature; not a screenshot) from the high school currently attending;
3. Letter of acceptance and proof of registration of a **baccalaureate degree program (4 year program) or a 2-year Associates Degree program** at an accredited college or university in the United States beginning the Fall of 2024
4. Proof of residency of New Jersey of 6 months or longer.
5. One to Two page typewritten (double-spaced 12 pt. font) essay addressing the questions:
6. One (1) Instructor’s Recommendation submitted to “Festival da Cultura Portuguesa” electronically in PDF format via email to: festivalportuguesa2019@gmail.com by a teacher or professor in an academic setting.

Applications must be received by MONDAY, JUNE 3rd, 2024 with supporting materials, i.e. completed and signed application form with essay, high school transcript(s), Instructor's Recommendation. *Incomplete applications will not be considered.*

Letter of Recommendation

Have your teacher/instructor/professor submit their “Instructor’s Recommendation” via email in PDF format directly to “Festival da Cultura Portuguesa” at festivalportuguesa2019@gmail.com

You can also mail a hard copy to: **FESTIVAL da CULTURA PORTUGUESA**
c/o VIA PAL, a NJ Nonprofit
PO Box 5436, Newark, NJ 07105



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Award Presentation:

The scholarship award recipient is strongly encouraged to attend the Festival da Cultura Portuguesa to receive the award. The scholarship winner and his/her parent(s) or guardian(s) will receive complimentary tickets to the event.

The Festival will be held on: SATURDAY, JULY 13, 2024

Award Renewals:

Scholarship awards are NOT renewed.

Revocation of Award:

“Festival da Cultura Portuguesa” reserves the right to cancel any scholarship or aid awarded at any time if the applicant fails to meet the standards of academic progress, any other scholarship requirements, or falsifies information reported.

Decline Award:

“Festival da Cultura Portuguesa” reserves the right to decline to award a scholarship during any selection period if there are no eligible applicants or if the Scholarship Committee is unable to select a qualified recipient.

Disclaimer:

“Festival da Cultura Portuguesa” reserves the right to determine the monetary amount, number, and criteria for awards as well as the selection of recipients. All decisions are final.

For more information, contact:

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