



# 2021 “Festival da Cultural Portuguesa” Scholarship Program APPLICATION and CHECKLIST

When complete, email to: [FESTIVALPORTUGUESA2019@GMAIL.COM](mailto:FESTIVALPORTUGUESA2019@GMAIL.COM)

To be considered for the FDCP2019 scholarship, you must submit our scholarship application form on or before **June 28, 2021**. 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](mailto: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 for the 2021 FDCP 2019 Scholarship. Your instructor/teacher will need to email directly their recommendation letter to [festivalportuguesa2019@gmail.com](mailto:festivalportuguesa2019@gmail.com)

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

- What impact has your Portuguese ancestry had upon your own personal development?
- What role do you anticipate that your Portuguese ancestry will play in your future?
- Discuss any specific career goals for the future or any community involvement that might be pertinent to the question.
- Discuss the importance of a Portuguese Club in your community.
- What are ways to involve the youth in a cultural organization?
- 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): \_\_\_\_\_

High School 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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### C. EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

(List all extra-curricular activities including clubs, organizations, community service and employment commitments in which you are PRESENTLY involved) **Include name of club/organization, community service or employment, along with type and hours per month.**

### D. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS CHECKLIST:

You will need to email the following to FESTIVALPORTUGUESA2019@GMAIL.COM

- COVER LETTER
- ESSAY
- COPY OF THE MOST RECENT COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY TRANSCRIPT
- PROOF OF US CITIZENSHIP OR LEGAL RESIDENCY
- PROOF OF NEW JERSEY RESIDENCY (minimum 6 months)
- One Instructor's Recommendation submitted to "Festival da Cultural Portuguesa" electronically in PDF format directly by a teacher or instructor an academic setting.

### E. CERTIFICATION:

I certify that all the information included in this application is true and complete. I hereby grant permission to FDCP 2021 Scholarship Program to verify such information and release notice of the award to the donor(s) or potential donor(s) of any scholarship for which I may be eligible.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Submission Instructions and Deadline:

- ◆ Please complete application and submit all supporting materials in PDF format
- ◆ Applications must be received by **June 28, 2021** with supporting materials, i.e. completed and signed application form with essay, official college transcript(s), Instructor's Recommendation, and proof of residency.
- ◆ Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- ◆ Request an "Instructor's Recommendation Letter" to teacher/instructor/professor which he/she will email in PDF format directly to "Festival da Cultural 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

### Disclaimer

"Festival da Cultural 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:

or email: festivalportuguesa2019@gmail.com or visit: FestivaldaCulturaPortuguesa.com

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