

Scholarship Fund



Of the

**PORT AUTHORITY OF NY & NJ
*POLICE HISPANIC SOCIETY, INC.***

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INTRODUCTION

The **Port Authority of NY & NJ Police Hispanic Society, Inc.** (PAPHS, Inc.) is proud to announce the establishment of an annual Scholarship Fund. *The Scholarship Fund* is a benefit specifically created for its members and their families. This fund will provide an educational Scholarship award, to be applied toward a recipient's tuition, room and board or other educational expense while attending college, private school or academic after-school program as defined within this document.

Any person who is submitting an application on his behalf or is sponsoring a family member as defined within this document, must be a member in good standing as of July 31, 2008. All Scholarship applications must be postmarked no later than October 31, 2008 to be considered for this year's PAPHS, Inc. award. All Scholarship applications will also be submitted to organizations to which PAPHS, Inc. is affiliated or members of and who offer Scholarships. Applications received after the posted deadline shall be considered invalid and shall not be included in the selection process of all Scholarship awards.

Under recommendation from the Scholarship Committee, the Executive Board will be sponsoring four Scholarships for 2008. The Scholarships will be divided as follows:

- Two \$1,000 Scholarships for College Students.
- One \$500 Scholarship for 6th through 12th Grade.
- One \$500 Scholarship for Kindergarten through 5th Grade.

Once established, a formal bulletin announcing the current year's Scholarship award shall be posted at all P.A. Police Commands. Said bulletin will contain the criteria, eligibility, dollar amount of scholarship(s), and filing instructions.

DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Scholarship Fund and throughout their use within this document, the following definitions shall apply:

- *Active Member:* Shall be interpreted as defined in Article III, Section 2 of the By-Laws of this Corporation.
- *College:* Shall be interpreted to include any accredited or state certified community college, four-year college, university, technical college or vocational institution.
- *Private School:* Shall be interpreted to include any accredited or state certified school, which requires tuition payment.
- *Family Member:* Shall be interpreted to include the following members of a sponsoring member's family: spouse, parents, children (both natural and adopted), sisters, brothers, nieces, nephews and grandchildren.
- *He:* In all its variations shall be interpreted to include both the male and female gender.
- *Hispanic:* Shall be interpreted to include any person legally designated as a Hispanic by birth or any person having at least one legal Hispanic stepparent or guardian by adoption or any person who is married to a person legally designated as Hispanic.
- *Academic After-School Programs:* Any program, which enhances the student's **ACADEMIC** skills such as tutoring, second-language studies, preparatory courses, etc...

ELIGIBILITY

Any active member of this organization in “good standing” and additionally any family member as defined within this document, enrolled or applying to enroll in a college, private school or after-school program, as defined within this document is eligible to apply for this Scholarship award.

Sponsored applicants who are not members in good standing of this Corporation must;

- Be a family member of and formally sponsored by a member in good standing of this organization. The sponsoring member must certify the sponsorship by signing the application form,
- Submit proof of eligibility along with their completed and notarized application form. A birth certificate, marriage certificate, P.A. employee status form or other legal document, which verifies that the applicant is a sponsor’s family member, shall be considered acceptable proof.
- Submit proof of their student application to a college, private school or after-school program, or if applicable a photocopy of their valid student identification card. College applicants must submit most recent transcript reflecting a G.P.A. minimum of 3.0. For 6th grade through 12th grade applicants must submit most recent school transcripts reflecting a minimum B average. NOTE: K through 5th grade applicants need not submit grades, as they will be selected randomly.

TERMS

The following terms and conditions shall apply to all awards presented under this fund:

- Each recipient of an annual Scholarship award shall be selected after meeting the educational criteria *set* by the Scholarship Committee from an official list of eligible candidates. The President of the Corporation (or his designee), shall formally announce the selected recipient(s) on a date, time and place as determined by the Executive Board.
- A check in the full amount of the award shall be drawn by the Treasurer from the corporate funds and shall be formally presented to the recipient on a date, time and place as described above. Said check shall be made out to the educational institution in which the recipient is enrolled or planning to enroll.
- Awards to recipients under eighteen (18) years of age shall be presented in the presence of at least one parent, legal guardian or adult family member.
- No recipient shall be awarded more than one educational Scholarship award. However in the event there are no eligible applicants in any given year, recipients of previous awards shall be considered and permitted to receive another award as long as they have properly applied for the Scholarship award.
- Should the recipient refuse the award or otherwise prove ineligible, an alternate recipient shall be selected and formally awarded the Scholarship award in place of the former.
- Unselected eligible candidates shall not be precluded from applying for future awards. Said candidates shall be included in the selection process of any Scholarship awards from organizations to which PAPHS, Inc. is affiliated or members of and who offer said award.
- Under all circumstances, PAPHS, Inc. retains the right to amend, change or discontinue any of the terms of this Scholarship Fund at its discretion, but only after final distribution of any pending awards.
- In all matters, the decision of the Executive Board shall be final.
- Executive board members will be exempt from applying for any and all Scholarship Awards sponsored by PAPHS, Inc.

APPLICATION FORM

To receive a Scholarship Fund application form, send a written request to:

PAPHS Scholarship Fund
PO Box 8350
Five Corners Station
Jersey City, NJ 07308

Applications for the Scholarship can be downloaded from the Corporation's website at WWW.PAPHSINC.ORG. To ensure proper handling of your requested or submitted application, the use of certified or registered mail is mandatory. Completed applications along with necessary documents must be postmarked no later than October 31, 2008.

Each applicant shall receive confirmation form PAPHS, Inc. upon receipt of his application. This Corporation shall not assume responsibility for lost or missing application forms, which have not been properly delivered via certified or registered mail. Lost or missing applications forms must be resubmitted before October 31, 2008.

All information provided within the application form shall be verified. Any applicant who at any time throughout the selection process, fails to meet any of the eligibility requirements or terms and conditions contained within this document, shall be deemed ineligible and shall be excluded from further consideration for the current academic year.

Any intentional falsification or misrepresentation of facts by an applicant within the Scholarship application form shall be cause for immediate and permanent disqualification from all future consideration. Additionally any sponsoring member named in said application shall be permanently barred from submitting or sponsoring future applications and further, may be subject to disciplinary action under Article V of the By-Laws of this Corporation. Download Application

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