



PACA Scholarship Guidelines

(For College Bound Students Graduating High School in June, 2017)

There may be available per year a scholarship of up to **\$1,000**, to be awarded to a High School senior who will be entering college in September. If there are no applicants the amount will remain in the Scholarship Fund.

The scholarship committee reserves the right to select the scholarship recipient based on highest academic achievement and citizenship. The scholarship money will be disbursed to applicant, if awarded the scholarship, within a month after receiving the award, via check in the name of the recipient and college.

1. The applicant must be a legal child or grandchild of Portuguese descent who is a paid PACA member, in good standing, for at least the most recent, two full consecutive calendar years.
2. Applicant must be a student who has been accepted to an accredited College or University.
3. Applicant must carry a minimum 3.0 GPA at time of application submission. SAT scores will also be considered in the selection process.
4. Applicant must perform 20 hours of service to the Portuguese American Civic Association (PACA), which shall be completed during high school years and prior to submitting application. The following services will be considered to meet this requirement: participation in folk group performances, participation in Youth Group presentations, helping to clean the club, doing dishes at dinners and other events, helping with decorating and/or set up for dinner dances, and participation in any other PACA led activities. Sheet is to be signed by PACA officer and/or director and submitted with application.
5. Scholarship applications and materials must be postmarked by May 1.
6. Application form must be completed in print, signed and dated by applicant, and signed and dated by parent or guardian. All documents shall be attached to the application and mailed in one package to the Scholarship director of the Portuguese American Civic Association at the address below. Applications without complete documents will be disqualified. Questions can be addressed to the scholarship director, by mail, by phone, or by e-mail. It is the responsibility of the applicant to provide all required information and to confirm with the scholarship director that all the information has been received.
7. Required documents to submit:
 - Application Form *PACA-SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION*,
 - Record of service hours performed at the Portuguese American Civic Association (Form *PACA SERVICE HOURS*),
 - Current official high school transcripts with School Seal,
 - Copy of Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores,
 - Copy of letter of acceptance from the college or university you will be attending in the Fall,
 - Two letters of recommendation from teachers, principals, counselors, coaches, or ministers who are not related to you. These letters should address your character, citizenship, ability and academic promise and achievements, and
 - You may include copies of any other academic awards, honors or test scores, which may reflect favorably on your application.
 - Mail all documents to:

PORTUGUESE AMERICAN CIVIC ASSOCIATION OF UNION
P. O. BOX 216
UNION, NJ 07083

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Union, NJ 07083

PACA Scholarship Application
Deadline: May 1

(for High School Seniors Entering College in September)

Please complete both sides of application. Attach additional pages as needed.

Include with this Application:

- 1) Record of Service Hours at PACA (*Form PACA-RECORD OF SERVICE HOURS*),
- 2) Current official high school transcripts with School Seal, including SAT scores and Class Rank,
- 3) Copy of Acceptance Letter from College/University you will be attending,
- 4) Two Letters of Recommendation from teachers, principals, counselors, coaches or ministers who are not related to you.
Letters should address your character, citizenship, ability and academic promise and achievements,
- 5) You may include copies of any academic awards, honors or test scores, which may reflect favorably on your application.

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-Mail Address: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Birthplace: _____

Name of Parent(s) or Grandparent(s) who are PACA members: _____

High School Attending: _____ H.S. Phone: _____ City: _____

College/University you will be attending: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Major Field of Study: _____

Describe how your Portuguese heritage has impacted your life (250 words minimum):

Briefly describe any scholastic distinction or honors you have received since 11th grade:

List any jobs you have held or your involvement in community activities in the past two years:

List in order of your preference, your high school extracurricular activities (athletics, band, choir, clubs, honor society, etc.)

Activity:	Grade	Amt. of Time Spent Weekly	Honors or Awards Received	Date Rec'd
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

I certify that I have read and understand the Scholarship Guidelines as outlined in *PACA-SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES* and I further certify that I meet all requirements and that all information I have provided on this Application is true.

_____ Signature of Applicant	_____ Date
_____ Signature of Parent or Guardian	_____ Date

**Portuguese American Civic Association of Union
P. O. Box 216
Union, NJ 07083**

PACA - RECORD OF SERVICE HOURS
(to be attached to PACA Scholarship Application)

Student Name: _____

Date	Type of Service	Hours of Service	Name	<u>Officer/Director*</u>	Signature
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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***Officer/Director may not be a close relative of the applicant.**
PACA Scholarship Applicants: A minimum of 20 hours to PACA must be completed during high school years and prior to submitting scholarship application. See scholarship guidelines (PACA SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES)