



RI DAY OF PORTUGAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The RI Day of Portugal and the Portuguese Heritage in RI, Inc. has established a scholarship program 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.

Awards

A minimum of four (4) scholarship awards of \$1,000 each will be offered to a pool of qualifying students who are graduating high school seniors, undergraduate students as well as graduate students. The RI Day of Portugal reserves the right to adjust the distribution of awards depending upon the pool of applicants and funds available.

Eligibility Requirements

The applicant must:

- be a citizen of the United States OR a permanent legal U.S. resident (proof of I551 Card with no restrictions);
- attest to personal Portuguese ancestry of an aggregate of least 25%, i.e. total Portuguese ancestry of the applicant;
- be a Rhode Island resident or a son/daughter of a member of a Rhode Island Portuguese-American organization;
- have matriculated in an accredited technical school, associate or baccalaureate degree program;
- have attained a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of a minimum of 3.0.

Selection Criteria

The RI Day of Portugal and Portuguese Heritage in RI, Inc. will have the sole responsibility for the selection of the scholarship award recipients based upon the following:

- Academic record (40%)
- Instructors' Recommendations (20%)
- Community Service (20%)
- Essay (20%)

Application Requirements

The applicant must submit the following by the application deadline:

- the academic transcripts from current high school (for graduating seniors) or from all higher education institutions previously attended (undergraduate and graduate);
- a one page typewritten (double-spaced 12 pt. font) essay addressing the questions:
 - Tell us about yourself. What are your special talents, skills and/or achievements? Why do you feel you deserve this award? Discuss any particular challenges or obstacles in working towards your goals. Which course of study do you intend to pursue and at which institution? What are your specific career goals and/or your aspirations for the future? Based on your Portuguese heritage, how has the Portuguese language or culture impacted your character/values and/or how will it in the future? What additional information would you like the Scholarship Committee to consider in evaluating your application?
- **two** Instructor's Recommendations submitted to RI Day of Portugal on the attached form completed by **current teachers or professors in an academic setting.**

Notice of Awards

Recipients will be notified in writing by U.S. mail and/or email if selected. Please provide e-mail.

Award Renewals

Scholarship awards are NOT automatically renewed. Former scholarship recipients must re-apply.

Revocation of Award

The RI Day of Portugal 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

The RI Day of Portugal reserves the right to decline awarding a scholarship during any selection period if there are no eligible applicants, if the Scholarship Committee is unable to select a qualified recipient or if there are insufficient funds for awards.

Disclaimer

The RI Day of Portugal reserves the right to determine the monetary amount, number and criteria for awards as well as the selection of recipients. All decisions are final.

Submission Instructions and Deadline:

1. Please submit application and all supporting materials in one envelope to the attention of **"Scholarship Committee", RI Day of Portugal, P.O. Box 9464, Providence, RI 02940.**
2. **Applications must be postmarked by July 31 of the application year with supporting materials, i.e.**
 - a. completed and hand-signed application form with essay,
 - b. current academic transcript(s)
 - c. two letters of recommendation
3. **N.B.: Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.**
4. Give "Instructor's Recommendation Form" to teacher/instructor/professor which he/she will return to you in a sealed envelope addressed to RI Day of Portugal. It will be included in one envelope.

Award Presentation

Scholarship awards will be made to the successful candidates upon submission of proof of academic progress and commitment to a program of study. It will include the Fall semester of application year. Certificates will be presented to the winners at the first RI Day of Portugal General Assembly meeting which is usually sometime in January. Monetary awards will be mailed directly to the bursar's office of the winner's school, college, or university.

For more information,

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RI DAY OF PORTUGAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

DEADLINE: Postmarked by July 31 of application year

A. PERSONAL INFORMATION:

DATE OF APPLICATION: / /

Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** / /

Home Address: _____

Campus Residence Address (if applicable): _____

Phone: (home) () _____ **(cell) ()** _____

Email (print): _____

U.S. Citizen (circle): Yes / No **Parent's Portuguese Organization Membership:** _____

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

Grandparent	Percentage of Grandparent's Portuguese Ancestry	State all if available: place of birth, town, county, district and country
Paternal Grandfather (Father's father)		
Paternal Grandmother (Father's mother)		
Maternal Grandfather (Mother's father)		
Maternal Grandmother (Mother's mother)		

B. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: (List High Schools and Colleges/Universities attended)

INSTITUTION	DATES	MAJOR/MINOR

Current GPA: _____ **(Minimum 3.0 required) Please provide a copy of most current transcript.**

Anticipated Graduation Date: (mm/yyyy) _____

C. EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: (List all extra-curricular activities including clubs, organizations, community service and employment commitments in which you are PRESENTLY involved). If need more space please print separate page.

Name of Club/Organization, Community Service or Employment	Type	Hours per month

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

Name of Award, Scholarship, Recognition	Date (Year only)

E. ESSAY:

Answer the following questions. (Complete in English on a separate sheet of paper, typed, double-spaced, 12 font)

Tell us about yourself. What are your special talents, skills and/or achievements? Why do you feel you deserve this award? Discuss any particular challenges or obstacles in working towards your goals. Which course of study do you intend to pursue and at which institution? What are your specific career goals and/or your aspirations for the future? Based on your Portuguese heritage, how has the Portuguese language or culture impacted your character/values and/or how will it in the future? What additional information would you like the Scholarship Committee to consider in evaluating your application?

F. Checklist

Please provide all documentation/information in one envelope and mail to the address below with the post mark date of July 31, 2019. Use the checklist below to ensure all information is included in one envelope.

1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Completed RI DAY OF PORTUGAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION. Sign, date and fill out all sections completely.
2	<input type="checkbox"/>	Current Academic transcripts from high school, undergraduate and graduate institutions.
3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Two</u> letters of recommendation from current professors with a completed teacher rating. Include these recommendation letters in a sealed envelope.
4	<input type="checkbox"/>	Typed Essay that answers the questions in section E.
5	<input type="checkbox"/>	Place all items listed here in one envelope and mail it with a postmark date either on/before/by July 31 of application year. Failure to do these five items will result in an automatic disqualification.

G. CERTIFICATION:

I certify that all the information included in this application is true and complete.

I hereby grant permission to the RI Day of Portugal and Portuguese Heritage in RI, Inc. 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 (Must be signed by hand)

Date

Deadline: Postmarked by July 31 of application year!
Mail to: "Scholarship Committee"
RI Day of Portugal, P.O. Box 9464, Providence, RI 02940

RI Day of Portugal Instructor's Recommendation

Deadline for Submission to RI Day of Portugal: Postmarked by July 31 application year!

TO THE APPLICANT:

After completing the personal information/application, please give a copy of this form to two professors and/or instructors who know your work well and have agreed to recommend you for the RI Day of Portugal Scholarship. Fill this top portion out about yourself prior to giving it to your professor.

A. STUDENT PERSONAL INFORMATION:

DATE OF APPLICATION: / /

Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** / /

Home Address: _____

Campus Residence Address (if applicable): _____

Phone: (home) () _____ **(cell) ()** _____

Email: _____

***** **TO THE
INSTRUCTOR:** *****

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Upon completion, please sign and date this form and place it in a sealed envelope and give it back to the student. This sealed envelope will be included with the student's application and documentation. The student must send everything together in one big envelope directly to **RI Day of Portugal, P.O. Box 9464, Providence, RI 02940 and it must be postmarked no later than July 31 of current year** attention to: "Scholarship Committee." Please make sure that you give the student your sealed letter of recommendation prior to this deadline. Thank you for your recommendation and supporting your student.

Instructor's Name: _____ **Subject Taught:** _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

School/College/University: _____

Address: _____

Instructor's Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Your recommendation is very valuable and it is weighted very highly in determining if this student deserves the RI DOP Scholarship. There are two parts to your recommendation. The first one is a completed rating chart and the second one is a typed letter describing the student, their ability and their merit in receiving this scholarship. The RI DOP Scholarship committee appreciates your time and support.

RATINGS:

Compared to other students whom you have taught, how do you rate this student in terms of:

No Basis		Below Average	Average	Good	Very Good	Excellent (Top 10%)	Outstanding (Top 5%)	Best (Top 1%)
	Academic Achievement							
	Intellectual Promise							
	Quality of Writing							
	Creative thought							
	Class Participation							
	Disciplined Work Habits							
	Maturity							
	Motivation							
	Leadership							
	Integrity							
	Reaction to Setbacks							
	Concern for Others							
	Self-confidence							
	Initiative, Independence							
	OVERALL							

Letter:

On a separate piece of paper please include the following: BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

How long have you known this student and in what context?

NARRATIVE EVALUATION:

Please write whatever you think is important about this student, including a description of academic and personal characteristics, as demonstrated in your classroom. We welcome information that will help us to differentiate this student from others, such as interests, extra-curricular activities, special challenges or circumstances. Please include any information if you are aware that this student participates or is active in the Portuguese language and/or culture.

If you have written a letter of recommendation before for this student and it answers the above questions, feel free to include or use that.

Please include these three pages in one sealed envelope: these two pages as well as your separate typed letter. Thank you again for your time, honesty and support.

Sincerely,

The RI DOP Scholarship Committee