



National Conference of Puerto Rican Women Northern Illinois Chapter

*“Preserving our Heritage and Rights Through Mentorship and Leadership
for a Better Tomorrow”*

2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Background: The National Conference of Puerto Rican Women (NACOPRW) is the only national non-profit organization with chapters in cities across the U.S. dedicated to promoting the full participation of Puerto Rican women and other Latinas in their economic, social, and political life in the U.S. and Puerto Rico. Since 1993, the NACOPRW Northern Illinois Chapter provides annual scholarships to promising women of Puerto Rican descent who seek higher education in law, medicine, education, government, corporate, and the non-profit sectors. Our scholarships are intended to support educational opportunities for Puerto Rican women while promoting the advancement of our community.

Purpose: This scholarship is to empower and invest in the academic success of Puerto Rican high school seniors with college acceptance letter or currently enrolled students.

Amount: Each awardee will receive a **\$1,000 scholarship**.

Eligibility:

- Be a Puerto Rican female, by birth or descent through parent and/or grandparent lineage.
- Be an **Illinois** resident (can attend college/school in another state).
- Be currently matriculated at an accredited educational institution.
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0+ in High School, or college/university, in a trade/vocational school.
- Commit to volunteering in NACOPRW, Northern Illinois chapter's ongoing events.

Application Process:

1. Applicants must **submit a completed application electronically by Monday, August 24th, at 11:59 pm CST** that includes:
 - ☐ Proof of current high school, college, or trade/vocational school transcript.
 - ☐ A 350-word essay – This essay should respond to the following question: ***“In today's current environment, describe what being a Puerto Rican woman means to you and speak about your personal goals in pursuing higher education.”***
 - ☐ **One** letter of recommendation – Example: from a teacher/professor, an employer, a professional organization leader, a community group leader
 - ☐ A current resume
- Failure to submit each of these items by the specified deadline or providing false information will disqualify the applicant.***
2. **Awardees** may be required to attend a **virtual interview** conducted by members of the Scholarship Committee before decisions are made at a time to be determined by the committee.
3. **Awardees** will be notified **by October 8th, 2026**. **Awardees will submit a headshot photo**, for identification and promotional purposes.
4. **Awardees** will receive a free one-year membership of the NACOPRW Northern Illinois Chapter. It is required and expected that awardees will volunteer in NACOPRW annual activities.

APPLICATIONS/INQUIRIES CAN BE DIRECTED TO:

National Conference of Puerto Rican Women, Northern Illinois Chapter
Attn: Scholarship Committee
nacoprwscholarships@gmail.com
312-623-5967



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Check One: ☐ College/University Scholarship, 3.0 GPA ☐ Trade/Vocational Scholarship, 3.0 GPA

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
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Address	City	State	Zip Code
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Email	Cell Phone
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Your Birthdate (MM/DD/YR): _____ / _____ Birthplace: _____

Mother's Birthplace: _____

City	State	Country

Father's Birthplace: _____

City	State	Country

If applicable, list the town(s) in Puerto Rico where your parents and/or grandparents are from.

EDUCATION: *List chronologically all educational institutions attended.*

High School	City	State	GPA	Date Completed	Diploma
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College/University	City	State	GPA	Date of Matriculation	Degree or Major
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Other	City	State	GPA	Date of Matriculation	Certificate or Major
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List recent scholarships, honors, fellowships, or awards you have received **and** the amounts (if applicable) and the years in which they were received (use additional paper as needed.)

List any internships, extracurricular activities, volunteer work, or community services in which you have participated **and** the years you participated in activities.

How did you hear about the NACOPRW Northern Illinois Chapter Scholarship Award? _____

Have you previously applied for a NACOPRW award? ☐ Yes, if so what year? _____ ☐ No

Are you a member, or know a member of NACOPRW, (National or other chapters)?

☐ Yes, with whom? _____ ☐ No

ESSAY

In a 350-word essay, please answer the following question: *“In today’s current environment, describe what being a Puerto Rican woman means to you and speak about your personal goals in pursuing higher education.”*

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION:

One letter of recommendation is required for your application to be complete. The letter can be included in your application packet or it can be emailed directly to: nacoprwscholarships@gmail.com by you and/or the person providing the recommendation.

When emailing the recommendation letter, please reference the applicant's name in the subject line.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I acknowledge that the information I have provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I commit to abide by the rules of NACOPRW Northern Illinois Chapter’s Scholarship Award Committee.

Signature

Date

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