



2025 Portuguese Historical Center

The Manuel G. Balelo and Norine Marroquin Memorial

\$1,000 Scholarship Application

Name:		Phone:	
Residence Address:			
City/Zip:			
Birthplace:		Date of Birth:	
Ancestry:			
School:			
School Address:			
School City/State/Zip			
When will you graduate?			
Name of College/University you plan to attend?			
Name of PHC Sponsor/Member :		Relationship:	
Address:			
City/State/Zip:			
Date Sponsor/Member joined PHC:			
Required Signature of Applicant: X		Date:	

Submit completed application and all required documentation, postmarked no later than June 30, 2025, to the PHC Scholarship Committee at:

**Portuguese Historical Center
Scholarship Committee
2831 Avenida de Portugal
San Diego, CA 92106**

Requirements for 2025 The Manuel G. Balelo and Norine Marroquin Memorial PHC Scholarship

Applications will not be accepted after **June 30, 2025**, and it will be considered invalid if the required supporting documents are missing or if the specified requirements are not met.

1. **Applicant** must be of Portuguese descent
2. **Sponsor/Member** must be a Parent, Grandparent, or Great-grandparent and a member of the Portuguese Historical Center (PHC).
3. **Sponsor/Member** must be a member in good standing of the PHC for no less than 12 months (minimum of one year, preceding in January).
4. The applicant must be a graduating senior at the time of application and/or have graduated from high school during the current year.
5. The applicant must have maintained a minimum of a **3.00 Grade Point Average** (2.50 if applicant has a documented learning disability) throughout their high school career, with an *official transcript*.
6. Verifiable volunteer experience within the past two years in the San Diego Portuguese community.
7. The applicant must meet all requirements for admission to an accredited college, university, or trade school of their choice.
8. Applicant must present **two (2)** (minimum) **Letters of Recommendation** from individuals who will vouch for the candidate's *academic standing, character, and school activity record*. The letters must be from: **(A)** a **teacher** at the high school attended; and **(B)** **any other source** except a relative (i.e. a coach, instructor, mentor etc.). *Individuals must type letters and must include their titles and relationships*. Requesting letters as early as possible is recommended.
9. Any award will be made on a competitive basis, with consideration given to scholastic attainment, character, and promise. The donors of this award intend to assist students who have demonstrated ability and a sincere purpose in securing an education.
10. A \$1,000.00 scholarship will be granted to the successful applicant, with payment being made specifically to the student. Other stipulations include:

A COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKET SHOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:

- Scholarship Application signed and dated
- 2 years Portuguese Community Service Activity Worksheet/Letter(s)
- School Transcripts

- Personal Statement: What business or profession are you preparing for, and why?
- Two (2) Letters of Recommendation as outlined above

Requirements for 2025

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Activity Summary Requirements:

1. Summarize in writing your principal activities and extracurricular interests during high school, include any leadership positions. *(Must be typed on an additional sheet of paper).*
2. Summarize your San Diego Community Service outside of the Portuguese Community *(Must be typed on an additional sheet of paper).*
3. Summarize your service to and involvement in the Portuguese San Diego Community *(Must be typed on an additional sheet of paper).*

Personal Statement

Your Personal Statement should be a **maximum of 150 words** on a separate typed paper and answer the following question:

For what business or profession are you preparing, and why?

Recommendation Letters

Two (2) letters of recommendation must be submitted on behalf of each Applicant. One of the letters of recommendation must be from a teacher at the high school attended, explaining character and academic standing. The second letter must be from any source *except* a relative. (i.e. coach, instructor, mentor, etc.).

Identify below the two or more individuals you have requested to submit recommendations on your behalf:

Name: _____ Title: _____
 Address _____
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Daytime telephone number: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____
 Address _____
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Daytime telephone number: _____

Required Signature of Applicant: X	Date:
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