



I - Criteria, Mission and Objective

Mission

The National Dominican Day Parade's (NatDDP) Scholarship Committee is honored each year with awarding scholarships and stipends to the best and brightest students of Dominican descent in the United States. Our mission is to implement a selection process based on diversity and inclusion that fairly avails and rewards a wide range of students in their academic journey. Our selection criteria is based on academics, financial need and the student's commitment to community engagement.

Program Overview

The scholarship application has phases, I, II and III. On Phase I: students submit basic demographic information: address, school, year, and GPA. On Phase II: students submit transcripts, letters of recommendation, resumes, and answer a series of questions for the committee to review. In addition the students answer questions in essay form (see Appendix, Exhibit 1). Phase III consists of an interview with a member of the scholarship committee. The student participation in the Dominican Day Parade celebrated the second Sunday of August is required.

Each year, NatDDP awards multiple scholarships as fiscally permitted. Additionally, a student is selected to work closely with the committee, for a period of one school year, serving as a representative and liaison between the Board of Directors and the scholarship student body.

Award Amount

Up to \$10,000 to current and future students;

II - Eligibility Requirements

- Must be of Dominican descent;
- Be in general good standing with the academic institution: Have a current cumulative GPA of a minimum of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent);
- Attend full-time an accredited non-profit university, college, or community college. Applying high school seniors must be accepted and registered for following Fall semester. Trade and Vocational school students are also eligible.



- Be a U.S. Citizen, Permanent Legal Resident, DACA, Eligible Non-Citizen (as defined by FAFSA), or an undocumented immigrant attending an accredited institution of higher education, as defined above;
- Have not previously received a NatDDP Scholarship.
- Students must have at least a year left in their academic tenure.

III - Conditions and application process

Conditions for successful applicants

- Remain in good academic standing and maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0.
- Undergraduate students are expected to enroll as full-time students.
- Submit evidence of college registration and schedule each cycle.
- Submit evidence of 15 hours community service per calendar semester
- March in the parade the year the scholarship is awarded, on the 2nd Sunday of August.
- Promote the NatDDP through social media platforms.

Failure to comply with the following conditions may result in the suspension or revocation of scholarship award.

Process to Apply:

- Phase I: Submit online applications
- Phase II: Upload required documents
 - Transcripts
 - Essays
 - Resume (pdf format)
- Phase II: List your recommenders for your application
- Phase II: Fill out eligibility survey
- Phase III: Interview process
- Parade participation
- Contract and Orientation



IV - NATDDP Terms

The NatDDP will award recipients in installments. The NatDDP is the sole owner of any and all scholarship awards and has the right to cease payment or demand reimbursement if the student fails to follow the aforementioned requirements. NatDDP reserves the right to change this agreement and will inform students accordingly.

Frequently Asked Questions

- **Do I have to be Dominican?**

Students have to be of Dominican Descent, that is, either you, or either one of your parents or grandparents need to be Dominican in order to apply for the scholarship.

- **Does my immigration status matter?**

Be a U.S. Citizen, Permanent Legal Resident, DACA, Eligible Non-Citizen (as defined by FAFSA), or an undocumented immigrant attending an accredited institution of higher education

- **How will I know if my application has been received?**

Students submit the application and receive a message on the application portal.

- **How are applicants selected as a recipient of the scholarship?**

Our selection process is based on diversity and inclusion that fairly avails and rewards a wide range of students in their academic journey. Our selection criteria is based on academics, financial need and the student's passion to give back to society.

- **Why was I not selected as a recipient of the scholarship?**

Each year we receive hundreds of applications and the process is competitive. If you are not selected, apply again next year!

- **I was called for an Interview, now what?**

Congratulations, you have moved to the second phase of the selection. Selected members from the committee will interview you to discuss your future plans and how a potential scholarship from the National Dominican Day Parade organization would help you. Dates will be provided with the interviewer. If you can't attend either suggested dates, contact us as soon as possible.



- **How much money can I win?**

Up to \$10,000.

- **How will I get the money from the scholarship?**

The NatDDP will award recipients in check installments directly to the students.

- **What if I have been awarded another scholarship?**

Priority is given to students who have never received a NatDDP scholarship

- **Which U.S. territories are included in the scholarship?**

Students from any of the 17 U.S territories are eligible to apply



Exhibit 1, Essay Questionnaire 2020:

Essay I: In no more than 400 words, please share your story and the role your Dominicanidad has played in it. (Max 500 words/5 paragraphs/1 page single-spaced or 2 pages double spaced, 12 pt. Arial/Times New Roman Font.

Essay II: Tell us five (or more) ways in which you will use your scholarship money and how it will support advancing your studies? (Max 250 words/5 paragraphs/1 page single-spaced or 2 pages double spaced, 12pt. Arial/Times New Roman Font)

Essay III: The NatDDP values the opinions of its scholars. If selected as scholarship winner, what skills or experience do you have that can help grow the NatDDP? (Max 250 words/5 paragraphs/1 page single-spaced or 2 pages double spaced, 12pt. Arial/Times New Roman Font)

Essay IV: In a few words, tell us a lesson you learned throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. (Max 250 words/5 paragraphs/1 page single-spaced or 2 pages double spaced, 12pt. Arial/Times New Roman Font)