

ANNOUNCEMENT
Natalia Rodriguez \$1,000 Scholarship
School Year 2014 -2015

DEADLINE FIRM:
ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE NPS
ELL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL ROOM 324
BY MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2014

1. Requirements for Applicants:

- Only students who are currently enrolled in or who have been enrolled in Norwalk's ELL program can apply for the Natalia Rodriguez Scholarship.
- Applicant must be a student in good standing* with the Norwalk Public Schools at time of award.
- Scholarships are for full-time or part-time college enrollment.

2. Preferred Guidelines for Applicants include:

- A high school senior in good standing with a minimum 2.0 GPA

3. Only Completed Applications will be considered. Please be sure your application includes:

- Completed application form (attached)
- Required essays (see attached guidelines)
- High School Transcript for all high school years with official seal
- Recommendation letter from teacher, guidance counselor or faculty member at current school
- Required information from your guidance counselor (see High School Guidance Counselor Release Form)

Award:

Scholarships will be for study at an accredited two-year college, four-year college or university, technical school or approved school. **Final award will be contingent upon proof of admission and enrollment.**

Application process:

March 3, 2014	Applications due by 4:00 PM at City Hall, ELL Education Department, Room 324
March 17 – 21, 2014	Committee will interview award finalists.
April 1, 2014	Scholarship recipients will be notified.

*good standing = having no outstanding financial obligations to the school.

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Applicant's Profile:

Student's Name:	High school attending:	
Date of Birth:		
Street Address:		
City, State, and Zip Code:		
Phone Number:	Cell:	E-mail:
Parent's Names/Legal Guardian's Names:		
Parent's/Legal Guardian's Address:		
Parent's/Legal Guardian's City, State, Zip Code		
Parent's/Legal Guardian's Phone Number:	Cell:	

College Application Process:

List schools to which you have applied (or plan to apply – use additional sheets for more schools):

College:	School 1:	School 2:	School 3:
School Name			
School City & State			

Community Involvement (Include activities such as PAL, Church, Community Clean-Ups, Family Day Help, Participation in Other Local Organizations such as NEON & Carver)

Organization	Start/End Dates Involved	Role/Responsibilities

Student Employment: (Regularly scheduled - baby sitting is a job)

Place of Employment	Start/End Dates Employed	Position/Responsibilities

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References: *List 2 references from community, school involvement or place of employment listed above:*

Name of Reference	Place Associated	Phone Number

Hobbies/Interests/Other Activities/Sports (Readers might include a favorite book/author)

List Any Enrichment programs (Horizons, Community Clean-up, Con-Cann) you have attended

Name of Program	Dates Attended	Activities

School Involvement: School Government; Clubs; Sports Teams; Arts; Newspaper; Year Book; Building with Books; Other.

Organization	Start/End Dates Involved	Role/Responsibilities

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Additional Info: Special Classes/Programs, Honors/Awards, Drama, Sports, Norwalk Community College Programs, Other, Etc. Not Covered Above

Additional Special Programs, Awards, Honors, Travel, Etc.	Start/End Dates Involved	Description, Role/Responsibilities

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

In consideration of the facts set forth in this application, I hereby apply for the Natalia Rodriguez Scholarship for the academic year beginning September 2014. I affirm that all information presented in this application is complete and accurate, and that any false information may be cause for my application to be disqualified.

Date

Signature of Student

Date

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

If you have questions about the application, essays, or application process, please contact Annette Esposito at (203) 854-4091.

ESSAYS:

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL THREE (3) ESSAY QUESTIONS. Essays should be between 100 words and 250 words. These essays are critical in determining the Natalia Rodriguez Scholarship Awards. It is important that the applicant take time to write these essays with care to ensure that they do not contain grammatical errors or slang. All essays must be typed, proofread, and free of errors. Please ask your ESL or English teacher for assistance.

Note: Please attach all three (3) essays to the application. Write your name at the top of each essay.

- 1) Think of the one person who has had the most influence on your life. Describe that person and how he or she has influenced your life.
- 2) Explain how the ELL program has impacted you personally. Explain how furthering your education will help you achieve your goals and fulfill your dreams.
- 3) What is something that the committee should know about you when reviewing your application that would make you stand out above the rest?

APPLICATION CHECK LIST

- I have completed the application.
- My parent or guardian and I have signed the application.
- I have completed, proofread, and attached my three essays (*my name & essay number is at the top of each essay page*).
- I have handed in the High School Guidance Counselor Release Form to my guidance counselor.
- I will be a full-time or part-time student in the 2014-2015 school year.
- I have attached an official high school transcript or arranged for it to be mailed to: NPS ELL Education Department, Room 324, 125 East Avenue, Norwalk, CT 06852.
- I have attached a recommendation letter or have arranged for it to be mailed to: NPS ELL Education Department, Room 324, and 125 East Avenue, Norwalk, CT 06852.

High School Guidance Counselor Release Form

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2014 BY 4:00 PM

Student: Sign your name or have your parent/legal guardian sign the attached Guidance Counselor Release Form. Have your Guidance Counselor fill out the Guidance Counselor Release Form. Do not take the release form with you. Have your Guidance Counselor either mail or fax the form to Norwalk Public Schools – ELL Education Department. Allow your Guidance Counselor enough time to complete and mail/fax.

Guidance Counselor: Do not return to student. Mail/fax back to:
NPS ELL Education Department
Attn: Annette Esposito
FAX: (203) 854-4101

I, STUDENT, (IF OVER 18) OR THE PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN (IF UNDER 18) OF _____, REQUEST THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT OF _____ SCHOOL, TO RELEASE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION.

DATE

SIGNATURE OF STUDENT

SIGNATURE OF PARENT

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FOR COUNSELOR ONLY

DO NOT WRITE IN THE SPACE

_____ Class Rank (End of Junior Year)
_____ Grade Point Average
_____ Credits Earned – End of Junior Year
_____ Total Credits Earned – Including 12th Grade
_____ Total AP Courses
_____ Total Honors Courses

Guidance Counselor _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Additional Guidance Counselor Comments:
