

UPPRA Scholarship Committee

2016



Association of University of
Puerto Rico Alumni & Friends Abroad
P.O. Box 2600
Merrifield, VA 22116-2600
www.UPRAA.org

***UPRAA/Ford Motor Fund Scholarship
Application Information Package***



Dear Student:

The Association of University of Puerto Rico Alumni and Friends Abroad (UPRAA) invites you to apply for the UPRAA/Ford Motor Fund Scholarship and congratulates you for your efforts in pursuing your studies.

The UPRAA/Ford Motor Fund Scholarship Fund will award Hispanic STEM students who have demonstrated academic merit, commitment to public service, and financial need to help **cover tuition cost** for graduate studies at the University of Puerto Rico (UPR) or undergraduate studies at the University of Puerto Rico.

Eligibility Requirements

1. Postgraduate studies eligibility requirements in P.R.:

- Be a qualified STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) Student
- Be accepted for enrollment as a full-time graduate student for the 2016-2017 academic year with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.00
- Be qualified to obtain Financial Aid. Financial qualifications will be determined by the UPR financial aid office or the UPRAA Scholarship committee

Students must submit the following to be considered:

- UPRAA/Ford Motor Fund application form
- Acceptance letter from the University of Puerto Rico
- An official GPA certification/transcript sent directly to us from the registrar's office (**student copies will not be accepted**)
- Two letters of recommendation (from a professor/advisor or manager) with original signature
- A copy of the Financial Aid qualification document or 2015 tax return document
- An 800-word essay. (**Topic included in the application form**)
- Two (2) 2x2 photo

2. Undergraduate studies eligibility requirements in the Continental U.S.:

- Complete High School with a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 and be accepted for enrollment as a full-time student for the 2016-2017 academic year at the University of Puerto Rico.
- Be a qualified STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) Student
- Be qualified to obtain Financial Aid

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To ensure your application receives full consideration, you should:

- Carefully read the information included in the UPRAA/Ford Motor Fund scholarship package
- Follow the application instructions and include **ALL** required documents with original signature/stamps for applicable documents
- Review and proofread your essay
- Complete and submit the materials requested in a timely manner

UPRAA is an organization created to establish a network of University of Puerto Rico (UPR) Alumni in the Continental U.S. and abroad, develop and conduct programs and initiatives for the benefit of the UPR alumni, and support the educational goals of the UPR system. The Association will serve as a link between UPR alumni abroad and the UPR system and work towards promoting opportunities and creating a support network for the alumni.

Thank you for your interest and good luck!

Alida Rodríguez
Chairperson
UPRAA Scholarship Committee 2016

Leonardo San Román
President
UPRAA

**Application Deadlines
August 22 through October 1, 2016**

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Application Form

Open Period and Deadline: August 22 through October 1, 2016

Personal Information

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Address: _____
Street Address
City State Zip Code

Home or Office Phone #: _____ Cell Phone # _____

Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth _____

Student Number: _____

How did you hear about the UPRAA Scholarship?

Academic Information:

Name of institution or High School where you were enrolled during the 2016 – 2017 academic year _____

Major (if applying for a postgraduate scholarship): _____

Desired Career: _____

Financial Assistance

Did you receive financial assistance during 2016-2017 academic year? If yes, what type?

If applying for undergraduate studies, please submit proof of financial need. (e.g. Financial Aid qualification document or 2016 tax return document)

Extracurricular Activities

List and describe some extracurricular activities (i.e., internships, volunteer work, clubs, associations, etc.) with which you have been involved. Indicate when, where, and your duties)

Tell us something about yourself

Essay (Essay should be 800 words or less and submitted with your application. The essay may be submitted in English or Spanish and must address the following question):

What is the importance of community service in your desired field of study? (Please attach essay).

Dates to Remember

- **August 22, 2016**
 - ☐ Applications are available at <http://upraa.org>
- **October 1, 2016**
 - ☐ Postmark deadline for submission of complete application packages
- **October 8, 2016**
 - ☐ Review Process Start
- **October 29, 2016**
 - ☐ Scholarship winners announced at www.upraa.org
 - ☐ Awardees notified via email and/or telephone

Selection Criteria

Applicants will be evaluated based on:

- Academic record
- Financial need
- Recommendations (from a professor/advisor or manager)
- Essay response
- Interview (if required, finalists only)

Application Preparation

- Use the official application form or a photocopy of the form. Use a computer or typewriter to complete your application. Applications that are illegible will be disqualified.
- Answer all questions
- Submit Financial Aid documents to the Financial Aid Office. **Send a copy with your application.**
- Submit the documents listed below
 - UPRAA/Ford Motor Fund application form
 - Acceptance letter from the University of Puerto Rico, **Mayaguez** campus
 - An official GPA certification/transcript sent directly to us from the registrar's office (**student copies will not be accepted**) (should include GPA)
 - 800-word Essay
 - Two (2) 2x2 photo
 - A copy of the Financial Aid qualification document or 2015 tax return document
 - Letters of recommendation
 - Two letters of recommendation (in English or Spanish)
 - A professor, school/university advisor or manager must complete and sign the letters
 - A relative **MAY NOT** provide letters

Application Deadline

All materials must be submitted as one package and postmarked by **October 1, 2016**. Applications received after this date will **NOT** be considered.

Submission of Applications

All applications must be mailed to:
UPRAA
P.O. Box 2600
Merrifield, VA 22116

Interviews

The UPRAA Scholarship Committee will interview finalists if needed. Interviews will be conducted in person or by phone during the month of October 2016.

Awards

- The scholarships will be awarded for one year and are to be used to help cover tuition expenses, books and other related expenses
- Awardees must remain in good standing throughout the academic year
- Scholarships award amounts will be decided by the UPRAA scholarship committee
- Any unused funds by the student must be returned to the UPRAA Scholarship Fund
- Students will provide an expense report at the end of the year detailing how the funds were allocated

Award Notification

Awardees will be notified not later than the last week of October by e-mail and/or telephone. Therefore, it is extremely important that applicants provide the correct e-mail address and telephone numbers on the application form.

Award Ceremony

Awardees will need to make themselves available for the award ceremony. Details of the activity will be sent to the winners via e-mail and/or telephone.

Contact Information

If you should require any additional information, you may contact:

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Reminder to UPR Campuses Points of Contacts (POCs) – If any applications are given to you, please send the application packages:

UPRAA
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Merrifield, VA 22116-2600