

don Quijote Education Fund

Scholarship Application



**APPLICATIONS ARE ACCEPTED ONLY BETWEEN
NOVEMBER 1 - 30**

- **No late or incomplete applications will be considered;**
- Parent and/or student financial contribution is expected (applications without this information will not be considered);
- Applications are due prior to midnight (central time) on November 30;
- Selections of successful candidates will be finalized in 30-45 days;
- Checks are issued by *Porter County Community Foundation*, within 30 days. The check is payable to the organization and will be mailed to the applicant

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN ONE EMAIL TO:

- donquijotefoundation@gmail.com
- Please include your name in all file names OR scan all documents in to one PDF file
- When emailing include your last name and “Scholarship Application” in the subject line.

ELIGIBILITY:

Each student applying for an educational scholarship from the Fund must:

- Be a high school student enrolled in grades 10-12; or be an undergraduate college student;
- Be a resident of Porter County, Indiana;
- Be accepted or approved to participate in a language/cultural enrichment travel program in a Spanish speaking country or an immersion program in the United States;
- Have a C+ grade point average (equivalent to a 2.7 on a 4.0 GPA scale)
- The scholarship is only available for future travel

SELECTION CRITERIA:

Each student must submit a completed application. Final selections will be determined by the Advisory Committee and approved by the *don Quijote Spanish Education Fund's* Board. The applicant should demonstrate at a minimum the following:

- An interest in the Spanish language and culture (such as participation in Spanish language activities, future education and/or career plans);
- Financial information: cost of trip and parent/student contribution (***required***);
- Academics (***must submit a transcript***);
- Essay (see application for specifics);
- Letter of recommendation by an adult who is not a family member, such as an employer, pastor, or volunteer organizer

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Applicant Information

Name _____

Address _____

Applicant e-mail required _____

Applicant cell required _____

Parent or guardian name(s) _____

Parent or Guardian cell required _____

Parent or guardian e-mail required _____

Date of birth _____

Gender male female

Academic Information

School _____

Year Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Overall GPA _____ *(Attach a copy of your transcript)*

What Spanish class are you taking? _____

Spanish Teacher's Name _____

ESSAY-include the following in the space provided below (400-600 words)

- How will this program benefit your language development and cultural understanding?
- How do you hope to use your knowledge of Spanish language or culture in the future and how will your participation in this program help you achieve this goal?
- What personal strengths do you possess that will help to prepare you to take full advantage of the program you have chosen?
- Please include any other information that you consider pertinent to the selection process, including extra curricular activities or clubs that use your Spanish language skills.

Financial Information

No fully funded scholarships will be awarded - Parent(s) and student are expected to contribute

Expenses

\$ _____ program cost
\$ _____ transportation
\$ _____ food
\$ _____ other - please describe: _____
\$ _____ GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES

Income (actual or anticipated)

\$ _____ REQUIRED family/personal contribution
\$ _____ other - explain: _____
\$ _____ GRAND TOTAL INCOME

Balance requested/needed

\$ _____

Are there any extenuating financial circumstances or concerns that you would like the selection committee to consider, i.e. family medical expenses, university debt, etc.? If so, please explain.

Information regarding selected study program

Name of program _____

Sponsoring organization _____

Program Website required _____

Program Dates: From _____ To _____

Brief Program Description: