

*College scholarships for immigrant*

*students in the capital region.*

**SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION 2017**

In Spring 2017, the Esperanza Education Fund will award scholarships of at least $5,000 and up to $20,000 to immigrant students in the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia to attend public colleges and universities, regardless of ethnicity, national origin, or immigration status.

**Eligibility Requirements**

* Must be born outside the United States or have two parents born outside the United States.
* Must be a graduating senior at a high school in the District of Columbia, Maryland, or Virginia.
* Must enroll full-time at an accredited public college or university in 2017-2018.

**Application Materials**

* Completed online application form
* Two letters of recommendation
* Essays

**Selection Criteria and Process**

Scholarship recipients will be selected based on qualities traditionally valued and demonstrated by the immigrant community: hard work, resourcefulness, perseverance in the face of adversity, academic achievement, leadership, and commitment to one’s community. A committee drawn from the local community will review applications and select a group of finalists for interviews.

April 1, 2017 Application material due

Early May, 2017 Finalists notified

Early-Mid May 2017 Interviews

Late May 2017 Scholarship recipients notified

**Scholarship Conditions**

Scholarships will be disbursed directly to the recipient’s educational institution. Failure to comply with the following conditions may result in the suspension or revocation of scholarship awards.

* Remain in good standing and maintain a 2.5 grade point average.
* Submit yearly progress reports to the Esperanza Education Fund.

**Additional Information**

* Get more information at <http://www.esperanzafund.org/about-our-scholarship/>.
* We will hold two information tip sessions for interested students. The first will be on March 5 at 1:30 PM on the second floor of DC’s Tenley-Friendship Library, 4450 Wisconsin Avenue NW. The second will be on March 19 at 1:10 PM in the second floor meeting room of Arlington, VA’s Central library 1015 N. Quincy Street.
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