



College scholarships for immigrant students in the capital region.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION 2015

In Spring 2016, 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 2016-2017.

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, 2016	Application material due
Early May, 2016	Finalists notified
Early-Mid May 2016	Interviews
Late May 2016	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://apps.esperanzafund.org/2016/>.
- We will hold two information tip sessions for interested students. The first will be at the second floor meeting room of Arlington, VA's Central library 1015 N. Quincy Street on February 28 at 3:10 PM. The second will be on March 12 at 10:15 on the second floor of DC's Tenley-Friendship Library, . 4450 Wisconsin Avenue NW.
- Questions can be directed to Julia Fuma, julia.fuma@esperanzafund.org or Erin Fackler, erin.fackler@esperanzafund.org.

