



The Ortega Foundation Scholarship Fund | Application Guidelines

Deadline: Friday, March 31, 2017

Notification of award: Friday, May 5, 2017

History

The Ortega Foundation established The Ortega Foundation Scholarship Program in honor of its founder Jose Antonio Ortega, Sr. Jose Antonio believed strongly in giving academically accomplished individuals the opportunity to pursue a college education. Scholarships are awarded to Miami-Dade County high school seniors with a GPA of 3.5 or above. The Ortega Foundation will award \$7,000 a year for a four year scholarship.

Deadline

Applications must be submitted online by **Friday, March 31, 2017**.

Applicants must submit an application via the Foundation's online grants application portal. To access the online portal, please visit the [Scholarships](#) page on our website and carefully review the registration instructions.

If an application is missing information, our office will not inform the applicant nor review the application. Mailed, faxed or emailed applications will not be accepted.

Eligibility

In order to qualify, applicants must:

- Be a resident of Miami-Dade County
- Be a high school senior graduating in June 2017
- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Have a minimum GPA of 3.5 (on 4.0 Scale)

Selection Criteria

A Scholarship Advisory Committee will review and rate the applications and make final decisions on scholarship awards. The following criteria will be considered in evaluating applicants:

- Academic Achievement
- Financial Need
- Personal Statements: Educational and career aspirations and goals
- School and Volunteer Activities/Work Experience
- Letters of Recommendation



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This is a template of the online application. You can use this as a worksheet to gather the information you will provide online. To submit your application, go to miamifoundation.org/scholarships and select this scholarship. **Mailed and faxed applications will not be accepted.**

Personal Information:

Student/Applicant First Name:	Middle Name:	Last Name:
Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>		
Address:		
Home Phone:	Mobile Phone:	
Email:		
Date of Birth:	Last Four Digits of Social Security Number:	
Colleges or universities that you have applied to:		
Colleges or universities that you have been accepted to:		
College or university you plan to attend (if decided):		
Proposed Major:		
Name of High School Currently Attending:		

Grade Point Average:

Weighted High School Grade Point Average: _____

Unweighted High School Grade Point Average, out of a scale of 4.0 _____

Standardized Test Scores:

SAT Score: _____

GRE Score (if applicable) _____

Financial Need:

What is the anticipated tuition for one year at the college or university you plan to attend? \$ _____

Please provide your family's estimated combined annual income: \$ _____

Household Member Size: Adults _____ Children (under 18) _____

Number of members who will be enrolled in higher education (full-time) in fall 2017 (include yourself): _____

Have you submitted a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)?

If yes, please **UPLOAD** your FAFSA documentation

Have you applied for/received other forms of financial aid? Yes or No Please list:

Name of Financial Aid (Scholarship, Federal grants/loans, etc)	Amount	Status: (Awarded, Not Awarded or Pending)
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	



Essay Questions:

Your Story (1000 online character limit, including spaces): Tell us about the family and community you come from, what makes them special, and challenging, and how they have shaped your dreams and aspirations.

Perseverance (1000 online character limit, including spaces): Tell us about the most significant challenge you've faced or something important that didn't go the way you planned or wanted. How did you manage that situation and what did you learn?

Summary of Financial Need: (1000 online character limit, including spaces): Please describe any circumstances related to your family's financial status which would give the Scholarship Advisory Committee a better understanding of the importance of this scholarship to your educational goals.

School and Volunteer Activities (1000 character limit, including spaces): Please list (in chronological order) the extracurricular school activities and volunteer service activities you have been involved in while attending high school. Leave a line space between each one. Please list any honors or recognitions you have received.

Work Experience: (750 character limit, including spaces): Please list (in chronological order) any work experience you have had while attending high school. Leave a line space between each one.

Required attachments to be uploaded online along with the application:

- **Personal Statement/ Essay:** Please provide a personal statement of no more than two pages describing your personal and career aspirations and how your educational plans relate to them. Upload as a PDF or Word document.
- **Letters of Recommendation:** Please submit **at least one** letter of recommendation. Upload as a single PDF document.
- **Official Transcript:** Please upload an official transcript. Do not send the transcript separately. Downloaded grades from the internet and unofficial transcripts will not be accepted. Upload as a PDF.

Certification: In submitting the online application you certify the following:

I certify that all the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my/our knowledge. If asked by any authorized official of The Miami Foundation, I agree to give documentation for information given on this form. I realize that this proof may include a copy of a U.S. tax return and/or state income tax return. I realize that failure to comply with a request for further information may prevent the applicant from being considered. I understand that the financial information will be confidential, for review solely by The Miami Foundation.