



The MARIA PORTALATIN  
National Freedom Scholarship

## AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS LATINO CAUCUS

# The **MARIA PORTALATIN** National Freedom Scholarship Scholarship Application

Application Postmark Deadline: **Wednesday, June 1, 2016**

- Three students will receive a \$1000 book stipend and lap top

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for this scholarship you must:

- Be a high school senior in a public school
- Be of Hispanic/Latino heritage
- Have a parent or guardian who is a member of a union

### SELECTION CRITERIA

Applicants will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Academic work
- Personal statement
- Letter of recommendation

### APPLICATION PREPARATION

- Complete the Personal Information Form.
- Attach a copy of your most recent high school transcript.
- Complete the Personal Statement Form.
- Have a teacher or guidance counselor complete the Recommendation Form.
- Place all materials in one envelope and send to:

AFT Latino Caucus Scholarship Program  
52 Broadway, 15<sup>th</sup> floor  
New York, NY 10004

Be sure the application is postmarked by: **Wednesday, June 1, 2016**

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. # \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth (mm/dd/yy) \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Union Affiliate \_\_\_\_\_

Check the box below that best identifies the place of your heritage.

Cuba

Puerto Rico

Dominican Republic

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Mexico

List any extracurricular activities you have participated in during high school.

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List any jobs you have had during your high school career.

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List any honors or special awards you have received during high school.

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## PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please select any **ONE** of the following options and write a 1-2 page response.

(Typed responses are preferred).

1. Identify a person who has had a significant influence on you and explain how he or she influenced you.
2. What specific attribute, quality or skill distinguishes you from other people?
3. Describe an event that was particularly challenging for you. How did you respond? How did it change you?

## LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

**To the applicant:** Give this form to a teacher or guidance counselor who knows you well.

**To the teacher or guidance counselor:** Please complete this form *and return it to the student*.  
You may attach your own letter of recommendation if you choose.

1) In what capacity and for how long have you known this student?

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2) What sets this student apart from other students?

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3) What unique qualities does this student have that may not be indicated by his or her transcript?

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_