

Alcanzando Un Sueño

Cruz Scholarship Fund - Rules and Regulations



PURPOSE:

THE CRUZ "SCHOLARSHIP FUND" is designed to motivate Latino youth in the Atlanta and Phoenix area to pursue higher education.

ELIGIBILITY:

The scholarship is open to students who meet all of the following criteria:

1. Must reside in the Atlanta or Phoenix area.
2. Must be enrolled in the 12th grade with sufficient credits to graduate in the spring term of the application year.
3. Must be of Hispanic descent (defined as persons descended from Central America (excluding Belize), Cuba, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Puerto Rico, South America (excluding Guyana, Suriname and French Guiana) or other Spanish speaking countries.
4. Must be bilingual (Spanish/English).
5. Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher based on a 4.0 scale.
6. Must submit a complete and legible scholarship application, a letter of acceptance to a college, university or accredited higher education institution, submit a resume or CV, submit two (2) letters of recommendation and a complete essay no later than June 1st.

HOW TO APPLY:

A student may nominate him/herself. Teachers or counselors may also nominate a student. The application package must contain:

- Copy of school-certified cumulative report card.
- Application, signed and filled out completely and legibly.
- Signed copy of Rules and Regulations (available on www.cruzfirm.com).
- Student essay, typed in no less than 10pt font, up to two pages.
- Resume or CV and picture.
- Two letters of recommendation.
- College acceptance letter(s).

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Submit the above materials by June 1st of the application year to:

Cruz & Associates
Alcanzando Un Sueño Scholarship Fund
3025 Piedmont Road #200
Atlanta, GA, 30305

SELECTION:

During the month of JUNE, representatives from Cruz and Associates will review complete application packages received. Assuming Cruz and Associates receives sufficient eligible and complete application packages, Cruz and the scholarship sponsors will select five (5) applicants to receive the \$3,000 scholarship subject to the terms herein. The selection of the scholarship recipients shall be based on the student's academic success, athletic achievement and/or involvement in the community, as well as on the higher education desires of the student. Scholarship recipients will be notified by phone and mail.

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AWARD:

To receive the scholarship award of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000), scholarship recipients are required to:

1. Have their parent/legal guardian sign releases (if the student is a minor) and any other document requested by Cruz and Associates.
2. Participate in Cruz and Associates promotional efforts and any event that may be used to promote this scholarship, Cruz and Associates and/or the scholarship sponsors. This includes allowing the firm to use their likeness in any media outlets, both online and offline.
3. Submit to Cruz and Associates a letter of acceptance to a higher education institution.
4. Have up to one year after their high school graduation to claim their scholarship award.

Failure to submit any documents or participate as requested in this section will be interpreted as though the scholarship recipient has forfeited his/her right to receive the award and the recipient will not receive the award.

MISCELLANEOUS:

All scholarship packages and materials will become the property of Cruz and Associates and will not be returned. Cruz and Associates will not be responsible for lost, stolen or misdirected entries. Mechanically reproduced, illegible, incomplete or inaccurate entries are void. Only one entry per person is permitted. Cruz and Associates and the sponsor's decisions regarding this scholarship and the scholarship recipients will be final and binding in all respects. Cruz and Associates reserves the right to terminate this scholarship if fraud, technical failures or any other factor beyond its reasonable control impairs the integrity of the scholarship. If it is determined that a person selected as the scholarship recipient is deemed ineligible or does not submit the requisite documents or participate as requested by Cruz and Associates, it will be deemed as though said person has forfeited the scholarship and Cruz and Associates may, in its sole discretion, select another scholarship recipient. In its sole discretion, Ruben Cruz and Associates may disqualify any person whom it considers to have intentionally violated any element of this scholarship. All taxes (federal, state, and local) are the sole responsibility of the scholarship recipients, who may be required to complete tax forms. Scholarship recipients agree that Cruz and Associates may conduct the necessary withholding under law. By participating, entrants agree: (a) to be bound by the decisions of Cruz and Associates and the sponsors, including but not limited to the decisions regarding the scholarship recipients, and (b) to release and hold harmless Cruz and Associates and the sponsors, and their respective parents, affiliates, subsidiaries, directors, officers, employees, and agents, from any and all liability with respect to acceptance, possession or use (or misuse) of the scholarship or participation in the scholarship.

I have carefully read the rules and completely understand the contents.

Student Signature

Date

PARENT NAME (IF STUDENT IS A MINOR)

PARENT SIGNATURE (IF STUDENT IS A MINOR)

Date