

U.P.S.E.S., Inc.

Scholarship in Memory of Beatrice & Joseph DeSilva

Scholarship Information & Application Packet

Acknowledgment

The U.P.S.E.S., Inc. Scholarship in Memory of Beatrice and Joseph DeSilva was established by the DeSilva family through the generous memorial contributions of family, friends, and members of the community whose kindness made this scholarship possible.

We are sincerely grateful for their support in honoring Bea and Joe's legacy by investing in the education of future generations. Each scholarship awarded serves as a lasting tribute to their lives, their values, and their enduring commitment to family, community, and Portuguese heritage.

Scholarship Overview

The Scholarship in Memory of Beatrice and Joseph DeSilva is available to individuals of Portuguese descent who are pursuing higher education. Applicants must be high school graduates who have been accepted to or are currently enrolled in an accredited institution of higher education.

Eligible institutions include:

- Four-year college or university
 - Community or junior college
 - Trade, technical, or vocational school
 - Graduate or master's degree program
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Scholarship Award

One qualified applicant will be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must:

- Be of Portuguese descent.
 - Reside in the United States.
 - Be a high school graduate.
 - Be accepted to or currently enrolled in an accredited college, university, community or junior college, trade school, technical or vocational program, or graduate/master's degree program.
 - Be entering their first year of higher education or currently enrolled and seeking support for subsequent years of study.
 - Submit a personal statement explaining their educational and career goals, why they are deserving of this scholarship, and how it will help them achieve their future plans.
 - Submit two letters of recommendation from non-family members.
 - Have completed a minimum of 20 hours of community service.
 - Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0, or a minimum GPA of 2.0 with documentation of a qualifying learning disability.
 - **Submit a completed application packet postmarked no later than August 15.**
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Selection Criteria

Recipients will be selected based on the following:

- Personal statement and essay
 - Letters of recommendation
 - Academic achievement
 - Involvement in the San Diego Portuguese community
 - Community service
 - Leadership
 - Character
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Thank you for your interest in the U.P.S.E.S., Inc. Scholarship in Memory of Beatrice and Joseph DeSilva. We recognize the hard work, dedication, and perseverance it takes to pursue higher education, and we are honored to support students who demonstrate academic commitment, community involvement, and pride in their Portuguese heritage. We wish every applicant success in their educational journey.

Application Process

Completed application packets must be postmarked no later than **August 15** and mailed to:

U.P.S.E.S., Inc.
Attn: Scholarship Committee
2818 Avenida de Portugal
San Diego, CA 92106

Application Packet Checklist

Please include the following items with your application:

- ☐ Completed Application Forms (Pages 1–4)
 - ☐ Official transcript or proof of GPA
 - ☐ Letter of acceptance or proof of current enrollment
 - ☐ Two letters of recommendation
 - ☐ Personal Statement / Essay
 - ☐ Documentation of a qualifying learning disability (if applying under the GPA accommodation criteria)
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Scholarship Notification & Disbursement

All application decisions are final. Due to the volume of applications, only scholarship recipients will be notified.

Scholarship recipients must provide the Scholarship Committee with the name and mailing address of the institution they will attend.

Scholarship funds are intended to be used for educational expenses including tuition, fees, books, and required educational supplies. Payment will be issued prior to the start of the academic term or no later than the annual U.P.S.E.S. Contas Meeting.

Page 1 of 4 : Background Information

Applicant Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Are you a resident of the United States? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Mailing Address

Educational Information

Current High School / College / University / Trade School:

Institution You Will Attend (if different):

Intended Major / Program of Study:

Expected Graduation Date:

Parent Information

Father's Name: _____ Mother's Name:

Is your father of Portuguese descent? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is your mother of Portuguese descent? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Page 2 of 4 : Activity Record

Please summarize your activities, accomplishments, and involvement in the following areas. If additional space is needed, you may attach a separate sheet.

School Activities & Leadership

List your principal school activities, clubs, organizations, athletics, employment, and any leadership positions you have held. If additional space is needed, you may attach a separate sheet.

Community Service

Describe your volunteer work and community service activities. Include the organizations you have served, your responsibilities, and the approximate number of hours completed. If additional space is needed, you may attach a separate sheet.

Awards & Honors

List any academic, athletic, community, or other awards, honors, scholarships, or recognitions you have received. If additional space is needed, you may attach a separate sheet.

Involvement in the San Diego Portuguese Community

Describe your current or past involvement in the San Diego Portuguese community and explain what your Portuguese heritage means to you. If additional space is needed, you may attach a separate sheet.

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Page 3 of 4 : Personal Statement

Please tell us about yourself by addressing the following (in 500-1,000 words):

- Your educational and career goals.
- How you plan to use your education to make a positive impact.
- Your involvement in your school and community.
- Why you are applying for this scholarship and how it will help you achieve your future goals.

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Applicant Certification

I certify that this application was written and submitted by me and represents my own original work. I understand that submitting work that is not my own may result in disqualification or forfeiture of any scholarship awarded.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Page 4 of 4 : Letters of Recommendation

Two letters of recommendation are required and must be submitted on behalf of the applicant.

Letters of recommendation should be written by **non-family members** who can speak to the applicant's character, leadership, academic potential, work ethic, community involvement, and overall qualifications for this scholarship. Letters should be signed and include contact information for the person providing the recommendation.

Please provide the following information for each individual submitting a letter of recommendation.

Recommendation #1

Name: _____

Title/Position: _____

Organization (if applicable): _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

Length of Time Known: _____

Recommendation #2

Name: _____

Title/Position: _____

Organization (if applicable): _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

Length of Time Known: _____