



2026 Portuguese Historical Center

Balelo Marroquín Memorial Scholarship

\$1,000 Scholarship Application

2026 High School Graduate, College, University, or Trade School

Name:		Phone:
Residence Address:		
City/Zip:		
Birthplace:		Date of Birth:
Ancestry:		
Current School:		
Current School Address:		
Current School City/State/Zip		
When will you graduate from High School, College or Trade School?		
Name of High School, College or Trade School you plan to attend or attending?		
Name of PHC Sponsor/Member :		Relationship:
Address:		
City/State/Zip:		
Date Sponsor/Member joined PHC:		
Required Signature of Applicant: X		Date:

Submit completed application and all required documentation, postmarked no later than June 30, 2026, to the PHC Scholarship Committee at:

**Portuguese Historical Center
Scholarship Committee
2831 Avenida de Portugal
San Diego, CA 92106
Questions: (619) 726-6685**

Requirements for the 2026 Balelo Marroquin Memorial Scholarship

Applications will not be accepted after **June 30, 2026**, and it will be considered invalid if the required supporting documents are missing or if the specified requirements are not met.

Applicant must:

1. Be a **United States citizen**.
2. Be a resident of **San Diego County**.
3. Be of **Portuguese descent**.
4. **Sponsor/Member** for this scholarship must be a Parent, Grandparent, or Great-grandparent and a member of the Portuguese Historical Center (PHC).
5. **Sponsor/Member** for this scholarship must be a member in good standing of the PHC for no less than 12 months (minimum of one year, preceding in January).
6. Be a **2026 graduating high school student and/or attending a college/university or trade school** at the time of application.
7. Applicants must have maintained a minimum of a **3.00 Grade Point Average** (2.50 if the applicant has a documented learning disability) throughout their current school career, with an *official transcript*.
8. Written **verifiable volunteer experience** within the past two years in the San Diego Portuguese **and** San Diego community.
9. The applicant must present a minimum of **two (2) Letters of Recommendation** from individuals who will vouch for the candidate's *academic standing, character, and school activity record*. The letters *must* be from: **(A) a teacher** at the high school attended; and **(B) any other source** *except a relative* (i.e., a coach, instructor, mentor, etc.). *Individuals must type letters and must include their titles and relationships*. Requesting letters as early as possible is recommended.

Scholarships are awarded on a **competitive basis**, with consideration given to academic achievement, character, leadership, community involvement, and demonstrated commitment to higher education. Up to \$1,000 in scholarship awards may be granted for the 2026 Balelo Marroquin Memorial Scholarship, and payment will be made directly to the selected student(s).

Required Application Materials

A complete application packet must include:

- Completed and signed Scholarship Application Form
- Official High School, College, University, and/or Trade School Transcript
- Verification of Volunteer Experience (within the past two years in the San Diego and Portuguese communities)
- Activity Summary (see requirements below)
- Personal Statement (maximum 150 words)

Activity Summary Requirement (*must be typed on a separate sheet(s) of paper*).

- **2026 High School Senior, College, University or Trade School Activities & Leadership** Summarize your principal extracurricular activities, honors, and leadership positions.
- **Community Service** Summarize your volunteer work within the past two years within the Portuguese Community
- **Community Involvement** Summarize additional service and involvement within the San Diego community.

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A COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKET SHOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:

- Scholarship Application signed and dated
- 2 years San Diego and Portuguese Community Service Activity Worksheet/Letter(s)
- School Transcripts
- Personal Statement: What business or profession are you preparing for, and why?
- Two (2) Letters (minimum) of Recommendation as outlined above
- Three (3) Activity Summary Requirement personal statements

Personal Statement

(Maximum 150 words; typed on a separate sheet.)

Please respond to the following:

For **what business or profession are you preparing, and why?**

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, all information provided in this application and all attached documents are accurate and represent my own work.

Required Signature of Applicant: X	Date:
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