



2026 Portuguese Historical Center

Sponsored By: The Nicholas Travis Joseph Memorial

\$2,000 Scholarship Application

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

PLEASE COMPLETE AND INCLUDE THE APPLICATION

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 College, University or Trade School you plan to attend or are attending?	
Name of PHC Sponsor/Member :	
Address:	
City/State/Zip:	
Year Sponsor/Member joined PHC:	
Required Signature of Applicant: X	Date:

The 2026 Nicholas Travis Joseph Scholarship Award Eligibility Requirements

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. Must hold a minimum grade point average (**G.P.A.**) of **2.75** (*2.50 if applicant has a documented learning disability*) or higher on a scale of 4.00 throughout their college career or trade school, *according to 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 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 \$2,000 in scholarship awards may be granted in memory of Nicholas Travis Joseph, 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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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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Completed applications and all supporting materials must be **postmarked by June 30, 2026**. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Send application to:

Portuguese Historical Center

ATTN: Scholarship Committee

2831 Avenida de Portugal

San Diego, CA 92106

Questions: Tel. (619) 726-6685