



FOR immediate release
December 20, 2016
Media Contact: Chantal De Soto
Cell: 646 734 4932
Email: dominicandayparade.media@gmail.com
Twitter: @drparadeny

THE DOMINICAN DAY PARADE'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS STARTS ACCEPTING
APPLICATIONS FOR ITS 2017 NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Dominican Day Parade, Inc will award scholarships to outstanding students of Dominican descent

New York, NY.- The Dominican Day Parade, Inc. a nonprofit organization that promotes and elevates the culture and folklore of the Dominican Republic in the United States, announced today that applications are open for its 2017 academic scholarship program. Applications are being accepted through January 31, 2017.

Students interested in applying for The Dominican Day Parade Scholarship must meet a series of criteria based on academic achievement and financial need. The scholarship will assist students of Dominican ancestry to obtain a college degree. Scholarships are granted on a competitive basis to undergraduate college students enrolled in an accredited higher education institution in the U.S.

“We are proud to announce, that for a second year in a row, the Dominican Day Parade has kept its promise and is able to invite a new class of scholars of Dominican ancestry that exemplify the inspiration, hope, and undeniable tenacity of our community,” said Angela Fernandez, Esq., Chairperson of the Dominican Day Parade, Inc. “This scholarship program represents the firm mission of the Dominican Parade Board to underscore our focus on educational achievement, leadership development, and to promote Dominican values through what is now one of the main staples of our organization. Through the support of our community, we welcome applications for the Parade’s 2017 scholarship program,” Fernandez announced.

Our 2016 Scholarship recipients have continued to express gratitude and appreciate the assistance their scholarship award has provided. “My sincere gratefulness to the Board of Directors of the Dominican Day Parade. As a scholarship recipient I consider myself blessed. I was inspired by the speakers at the ceremony. Thereafter, I was offered an Internship. The experience I gained has served me well,” said Fatima Hernandez.

“Our annual goal is to grow our Scholarship program. This can only succeed through the collaboration and participation of our many sponsors. They have eagerly responded to our call for donations. The more we receive, the more scholarships we can offer. Mil gracias! Because of your support, selected students will each receive up to \$1,000,” said Maria Khury, Chair of the Development Committee.

Awards are based on merit and financial need and selected students will receive up to \$1,000. To be eligible for the scholarships, students must meet this criteria, among others:

- Be of Dominican descent
- Have a minimum 3.0 Cumulative Grade Point Average
- Be currently enrolled in an undergraduate program at a U.S. post-secondary institution

For more information about eligibility and the application process please go to www.dominicanparade.org/scholarship/

The Dominican Day Parade, Inc. is a nonpartisan, 501(c)(3) nonprofit, that organizes the annual parade and festivities that promote the richness of the culture, folklore and popular traditions of the Dominican Republic. The organization strives to provide an understanding of the heritage and contributions of the Dominican community in America and throughout the world.

The 2017 Parade will take place on Sunday, August 13th at the Avenue of the Americas.

###