

# *Sons of Portugal Scholarship High School Application*

## **Eligibility Requirements:**

Students have to be of **Portuguese descent** living at least one full year in Danbury or its surrounding areas. Scholarships will be granted to any accredited educational institution up to a maximum of four years per recipient.

## **Other Requirements:**

In order to be considered, all the following requirements must be met (failure to comply will affect the applicant's eligibility and/or his/her final ranking):

1. Document(s) supporting the applicant's Portuguese descent (birth certificate(s), passport(s), Portuguese Identification Card (Bilhete de Identidade/ Cartão de Cidadão) or any other documentation of proof that meets with the Committee's satisfaction);
2. Two (2) **current** letters of recommendation (one from a school official, another from a community member);
3. Completed application postmarked by **April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020** including:
  - Official high school transcript
  - Detailed resume, which includes all service and/or any awards or certificates completed/awarded within the last 4 years.
    - Subheadings of the resume should include: Honors and Awards, Portuguese Community Service, Community Service/Activities, School Service/Extra-Curricular Activities, Work Experience, and Sports and Recreation Activities. (See sample)
    - Sample resume is recommended.
  - Copy of any awards or certificates listed in resume.
  - Official letter(s) and/or documentation for all items listed on resume. All documentation should directly come from an advisor, director, or head of the organization, their contact information, signature and date. (**Unofficial and/or unverified service will not qualify**)
    - Sample form letter for community/service attached
    - Copy of the applicant's Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) \*
    - Please note activities cannot be listed in multiple headings.
4. Submit entire application packet to:  
**S.O.P. Scholarship**  
**P.O. Box 3588**  
**Danbury, CT 06813-3588**
  - **NOTE: If all required supporting documentation is not postmarked by April 11<sup>th</sup>, the application will be considered incomplete and be disqualified.**
  - **IMPORTANT: Please keep a copy of your application and related documents.**
  - Receipt of your application will be acknowledged via email – [scholarship@portugueseeculturalcenter.com](mailto:scholarship@portugueseeculturalcenter.com)
5. The applicant or a family member must be present to receive the scholarship.

**Awards will be made on the basis of: Portuguese community involvement, scholastic record, character, and evidence of leadership.**

## The Sons of Portugal Scholarship

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last                      First                      Middle Name

2. Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

3. Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

4. Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Birthplace \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Birthplace \_\_\_\_\_

5. Paternal Grandfather's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grandfather's Birthplace \_\_\_\_\_  
 Paternal Grandmother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grandmother's Birthplace \_\_\_\_\_  
 Maternal Grandfather's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grandfather's Birthplace \_\_\_\_\_  
 Maternal Grandmother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grandmother's Birthplace \_\_\_\_\_

6. School presently attending \_\_\_\_\_  
College you expect to attend \_\_\_\_\_

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**\*\*ESSAY:** The following topic should be answered on a separate sheet of paper, including your name and attached to the application. Essay will be scored according to the attached rubric.

**7. Write a brief but informative autobiography describing your Portuguese descent and your interest in the Portuguese language and culture. Include in this essay how your Portuguese culture has impacted your current educational goals.**

Note - Your autobiography should be single-spaced in Times New Roman font, size 10 or 12, not exceeding one page when printed. The limited length is challenging, so choose your words carefully.

Proof read as your autobiography MUST BE ERROR FREE. Ask your parents or your English teacher to proof read as well.

I certify that all statements contained in the foregoing application are true and correct and I agree to provide proof, if asked, of the information stated on the application.

**Application Checklist:**

- ☐ Documentation supporting applicant's Portuguese descent is included in this application.
- ☐ Letter of recommendation from a school official is included in this application.
- ☐ Letter of recommendation from a community member is included in this application.
- ☐ Detailed resume.
- ☐ Official transcript has been requested from current school.
- ☐ Copy of Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores
- ☐ Official documentation for each award or special recognition is included in this application.
- ☐ Official documentation for each Portuguese activity is included in this application.
- ☐ Official documentation for each community service activity is included in this application.
- ☐ Official documentation for each school service activity is included in this application.
- ☐ Official documentation for each sport/recreational activity is included in this application.
- ☐ Official documentation for each work experience is included in this application.
- ☐ Completed essay is included in this application.

I \_\_\_\_\_ (Print your name) understand that if I am selected, as a finalist, **a headshot will be required** to be sent electronically to [scholarship@portugueseculturalcenter.com](mailto:scholarship@portugueseculturalcenter.com) for the committee's records and use at the awards dinner.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Sample resume for the Sons of Portugal scholarship application; this is an example,  
include information that highlight YOUR STRENGTHS!

## **Name**

**Address**

**City, State Zip**

**Phone #**

**Email Address**

## **College Major/ Career Goal:**

*(include this only if you have one)*

G.P.A.: *(required)*

ACT: *(required if taken)*

SAT: *(required)*

## **Honors and Awards**

- Name of Award – what it is for, (grades or years received)
- National Merit Semi-Finalist, (11)

## **Portuguese Community Service**

- Name of service – a brief description, (grades or years in which participated)
  - Any leadership role held (grades or years received)
  - Hours served (per week, month, or year)
- SOP Band (10, 11, 12)

## **Community Activities**

- Name of activity – a brief description, (grades or years in which participated)
  - Any leadership role held (grades or years received)
  - Hours served (per week, month, or year)
- Meals on Wheels Volunteer (Summers, 2004-Present)
  - Deliver 3-5 meals to senior citizens every Saturday throughout the year.
  - Approximately 10 hours per month.

## **School Service/ Extra-Curricular Activities**

- Name of activity – a brief description, (grades or years in which participated)
  - Any leadership role held (grades or years received)
  - Hours served (per week, month, or year)
- Pioneer Yearbook Staff (10, 11, 12)
  - Editor in Chief (12)

## **Work Experience**

- Name of job – a brief description, (years in which employed)
  - hours per week
- Kirkwood YMCA Summer Gymnastics Camp Instructor (2004-Present)
  - 20 hours per week during the school year and 45 hours per week in the summer.

## **Sports and Recreation Activities**

- Sport or Activity – Where or what you did in the sport/activity (years in which participated)
  - Hours served (per week, month, or year)
- Dancing – Ballet, tap, jazz (2004-05)

## Volunteer Hours Verification Form

Name of Volunteer: \_\_\_\_\_

Activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of activity: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Date/Times:

Month

Day

Time(from\_ to\_)

Total # of hours completed: \_\_\_\_\_

I verify that \_\_\_\_\_ (name of volunteer) participated in the activities on the dates and times listed above and did not receive compensation in any way for his/her services.

Signature of Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional comments welcome:

*Sons of Portugal  
Scholarship Fund*

## Sons of Portugal Scholarship Essay Rubric – High School

Points Scored	8	6	4	2
<b>Ideas &amp; Content</b>  Lively, interesting, and memorable writing keeps the reader's attention. Ideas are supported by details.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Portuguese descent: early life, significant events, contributions, character traits &amp; conclusion all included.</li> <li>❖ Many interesting details.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Portuguese descent: early life, significant events, contributions, character traits and conclusion all included.</li> <li>❖ Most details fit and are interesting.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Missing one or more of the following: Portuguese descent: early life, significant events, contributions, character traits and conclusion.</li> <li>❖ Needs more details.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Missing two or more of the following: Portuguese descent: early life, significant events, contributions, character traits and conclusion.</li> <li>❖ Details lacking</li> <li>❖ Ideas missing or don't make sense.</li> </ul>
Points Scored	4	3	2	1
<b>Organization</b>  Introduction is inviting. Ideas, important details and paragraphs fit where placed. Transitions used effectively between ideas and paragraphs. Ending is effective.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Carefully organized with varied transitions.</li> <li>❖ Grabs reader's attention.</li> <li>❖ Conclusion works well.</li> <li>❖ Details and paragraphs are in right order.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Includes some transitions.</li> <li>❖ Most parts of essay fit together.</li> <li>❖ Most details and paragraphs are in the right order.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Few transitions used.</li> <li>❖ Several details are out of order.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Paragraphs and/or transitions missing.</li> <li>❖ Too many details are out of order.</li> </ul>
<b>Voice</b>  Writer expresses his/her emotions. Writing sounds real and has personality.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Writer's personality comes through in a special way.</li> <li>❖ Writer's voice is lively and confident.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Most of the time the writer's voice and personality show up in the writing.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Sometimes the writer's voice comes through.</li> <li>❖ Writing does not draw the reader in.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Writing is flat.</li> <li>❖ Writer's voice does not come through at all.</li> </ul>
<b>Conventions</b>  The writer shows a clear understanding of capitalization, punctuation, spelling & grammar.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Has no errors in capitalization, punctuation, spelling and grammar.</li> <li>❖ Writing is easy to read.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Has few errors in capitalization, punctuation, spelling and grammar.</li> <li>❖ Sounds correct when read aloud.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Too many errors in capitalization, punctuation, spelling and grammar make the writing difficult to read.</li> <li>❖ Editing needed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Capitalization, punctuation, spelling and grammar mistakes make the writing impossible to read and understand.</li> <li>❖ Major editing needed.</li> </ul>

Total Points:  
Per Column

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Total Points = \_\_\_\_\_/20