

Foundation Antonio Amaral

Application Instructions, Checklist, Selection Criteria & Eligibility Requirements

Application Instructions & Checklist

Application Completion

Print and complete the application in clear, legible handwriting.

Proof of Portuguese Descent

Submit birth certificate(s) or other acceptable documentation demonstrating Portuguese heritage. *(Not required for applicants who have previously received an award from this organization.)*

Two (2) Required Letters of Recommendation — STRICT REQUIREMENTS

All letters must meet **ALL** of the following criteria to be considered valid:

- Must be **written in the current calendar year**
- Must be **specifically addressed to the Foundation Antonio Amaral Scholarship Program**
- Must be **original**, not reused, reprinted, or repurposed from previous applications
- Must be **signed** by the author
- Must include the author's **full name, title, organization, phone number, and email address**
- Must be **current, original, and verifiable**

Required sources:

1. One letter from a **school official** from the **current academic year**
2. One letter from a **Board Member of the Portuguese Club or Portuguese cultural organization** of which the applicant is a member

Any recommendation letter that is outdated, reused, unsigned, missing contact information, generic, or not specific to the Foundation Antonio Amaral Scholarship Program will be deemed invalid and the application may be disqualified.

Academic Documentation

High School Applicants:

- Copy of SAT scores
- Official high school transcript

Currently Enrolled College Applicants:

- Official college transcript

Application Deadline

Completed applications must be delivered by the deadline listed at:

<http://foundationantonioamaral.org/scholarships>

Submission Requirements

All materials must be submitted **together in one (1) complete application package** and delivered in a single envelope to:

Foundation Antonio Amaral

Attn.: Scholarship Department

13 Utility Drive

Palm Coast, FL 32137

Important Policies

- Incomplete applications may be deemed **ineligible** for consideration.
- Application packages must be **received** in the Foundation's office by the published deadline.
- Applications received after the deadline will **not** be considered.
- Faxed, emailed, scanned, or photocopied documents are **not accepted**.
- Applications that fail to meet documentation requirements will be **disqualified without review**.

Selection Criteria

Scholarship awards are evaluated based on:

- Portuguese heritage and community involvement
- Academic performance and scholastic achievement
- Personal character and integrity
- Leadership, initiative, and service
- Extracurricular involvement and community impact

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must meet **all** of the following criteria:

- Must be of **Portuguese descent** and reside in the **state of Florida**
- Applicant or parent(s) must be an **active member** of the Portuguese American Cultural Center or another recognized Portuguese cultural organization in Florida
- Must be accepted to or enrolled in an **accredited undergraduate college or university**
- Scholarships may be awarded for attendance at any accredited educational institution for up to a maximum of **four (4) years per recipient**
- **Applicants must reapply annually** to maintain eligibility

Important Notice

Submission of an application does not guarantee receipt of an award. Scholarships are granted at the discretion of the Foundation Antonio Amaral Scholarship Committee based on eligibility, merit, compliance with application requirements, and available funding.

Foundation Antonio Amaral Scholarship Application

Application Year: _____

1. Personal Information

Full Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Home Address: _____
City State ZIP

Birthdate: _____

Birthplace (Town/State/Country): _____

2. Family Background (Proof of Portuguese Descent)

Mother's Name: _____ Birthplace: _____

Father's Name: _____ Birthplace: _____

Paternal Grandfather's Birthplace: _____

Paternal Grandmother's Birthplace: _____

Maternal Grandfather's Birthplace: _____

Maternal Grandmother's Birthplace: _____

3. School Information

Current School Attending: _____

City/State: _____

College You Plan to Attend (or Currently Attending): _____

Location: _____

4. Academic Awards – THIS ACADEMIC YEAR ONLY

(Attach copies of awards or certificates if available.)

Award	Date Received

5. Portuguese Community Involvement (PAST 2 YEARS ONLY)

Activity/Group	Dates (From-To)	Contact Name & Phone

6. Other Activities (THIS ACADEMIC YEAR ONLY)

Activity/Organization	Dates (From-To)	Hours per Week	Position Held (if any)

7. Written Essay Responses (TYPED – ATTACH SEPARATELY)

Essay Prompt 1 – Education, Purpose & Impact (MAX 400 WORDS)

Describe your academic and career goals and explain how this scholarship will support your journey. Then explain how your education, skills, or future profession can contribute to the growth, strength, or visibility of the Portuguese community — locally, nationally, or globally.

Essay Prompt 2 – Heritage, Identity & Personal Story (MAX 400 WORDS)

Tell us your story. This is not a resume of activities — it is your personal story.

- Describe what being Portuguese means to you personally — not just culturally, but emotionally and experientially.
- Share the people, traditions, memories, and experiences that shaped your identity.
- Explain how your Portuguese heritage has influenced your values, character, and choices, and how you carry that identity forward in your life today.

8. Certification

I certify that all the information in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any misrepresentation or failure to follow the application guidelines may disqualify me from consideration. I also understand that this scholarship represents trust, responsibility, and investment in my future, and I commit to representing the values and mission of the Foundation Antonio Amaral with integrity.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____