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Announces

THE PEDRO J. RODRIGUEZ HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

SPONSOR

NJTESOL/NJBE is offering a \$1500 scholarship for students who are or have been enrolled in ESL or bilingual classes at the secondary level. We request that you distribute the information to the guidance departments in the high schools in your district as well as to eligible students. Please encourage them to apply. This is the sixteenth year of this scholarship specifically targeted for the populations we serve. If you have any questions about the scholarship, please contact the Scholarship Committee Representative:

ELIGIBILITY

The applicant **must** be:

1. a graduating senior who plans to attend a post-secondary institution in NEW JERSEY.
2. a New Jersey resident
3. a student who is currently receiving bilingual and/or ESL instruction in New Jersey or who received bilingual/ESL instruction in New Jersey within the last two school years (2007-2008 and/or 2008-2009)
4. Referring teacher **must** be a member of NJTESOL-NJBE, Inc.

CRITERIA

The application consists of five items. Each of the five items is considered carefully in selecting the scholarship winner. Forms for Parts I-IV are attached. Item five must also be included in order to complete the application. Follow the directions explicitly. ***Incomplete applications will not be considered-ALL documents MUST be submitted in the same envelope in order to be considered.***

**The complete essay MUST reflect the students' own efforts without editing by others.*

The application packet must include the following items, which will be considered in the selection of the scholarship winner:

	<i>Checklist</i>
1. Part I: Scholarship Application Form (<i>completed</i>)	_____
2. Part II: Biographical Statement (handwritten)	_____
3. Part III: An Essay titled: " Bilingualism is a 21st Century Asset " Typed, double-spaced, 500 words or less.	_____
4. Part IV: A recommendation from an ESL or BE teacher who is a member of NJTESOL-NJBE, Inc.	_____
5. Part V: Current N.J. high school <i>official</i> transcript <u>with ESL and/or Bilingual classes highlighted.</u>	_____

DEADLINE *Scholarship applications and all required materials must be POSTMARKED BY March 5th, 2010 No exceptions.** Applications without all of the required information will not be considered. Do not send the required materials separately-All required materials **MUST** be received together. Any incomplete or late applications will **NOT** be considered.

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