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Announces

THE PEDRO J. RODRIGUEZ HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

SPONSOR

NJTESOL/NJBE is offering one \$1500 scholarship for a student who is or has 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 scholarships, 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 school year (2010-2011 or 2011-2012)
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 winners. 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 two scholarship winners:
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	<i>Checklist</i>
1. Part I: Scholarship Application Form (<i>completed</i>)	_____
2. Part II: Biographical Statement (handwritten)	_____
3. Part III: An Essay titled: " How does bilingualism influence our world? " 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 <u>official</u> transcript <u>with ESL and/or Bilingual classes highlighted.</u>	_____

DEADLINE *Scholarship applications and all required materials must be RECEIVED BY March 1st, 2012. No exceptions.** Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. Do not send the required materials separately.

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