

Padre Pio Gottin Charities, Inc

P.O. Box 7094

Brockton, MA 02303-7094

The 2024 Padre Pio Cape Verdean Scholarship Award

(Program Policy)

The following conditions must be fulfilled to be considered for a scholarship award:

1. Applicant must be of Cape Verdean descent to be considered for a scholarship award.
2. Members of the Padre Pio Gottin Charities organization and their immediate family (e.g. son, daughter, brother, sister, etc.) are not eligible for the scholarship.
3. Applicant must submit the formal application provided by The Padre Pio Cape Verdean Scholarship Award Program.
4. All completed applications must be received by the deadline of **May 21, 2024**. Due to the timing of decisions, applications received after this date cannot be considered.
5. Applicant must be a high school senior and must have received written notification that he/she has been accepted to an accredited college, university, technical or vocational school.
6. Applicant must submit an official transcript from the high school he/she is currently attending.
7. The Scholarship Committee will determine eligibility of all applicants based on their submissions.
8. **All applications must be complete (including application form, official transcript, essay, letter of recommendation and college/university acceptance letter) to be considered.** Please ensure all docs are included. Due to limited resources, we will not be able to follow-up on missing documents and incomplete application submissions will not be considered.
9. The Scholarship Committee will select individuals to whom the Scholarships will be awarded based on the criteria described below. The decision of the Committee will be final.
10. Five (5) scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each will be awarded. Recipients must meet the criteria set forth in the scholarship policy.
11. The one-time scholarship award will be made directly to the award recipient by Padre Pio Gottin Charities.
12. All applicants will be notified in writing via email by mid-June.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The following criteria will be used by the Scholarship Committee, in considering applications received for the Padre Pio Cape Verdean Scholarship Award and in making the decision on the final recipients:

Academic Standing

- A. All applicants must submit an **official transcript** from their current high school.
- B. All applicants must also have a **letter of recommendation** submitted on their behalf by a teacher or guidance counselor who can attest to their academic performance and leadership

qualifications. The letter of recommendation must be written on school letterhead and submitted directly to Padre Pio Gottin Charities at pgottincharities@gmail.com or the address noted below.

Community service

The Scholarship Committee will rate each applicant on the community service criteria based on both **quantity and quality of volunteer and community service activities.**

Essay

All applicants must write a **500-word essay** (double-spaced type-written) on one of the following topics. Please select one.

1. *Describe something you have done in the past year that has made a difference in your community.*
2. *Tell us about a time when you failed. What happened, what was your biggest learning and why?*
3. *What advice would you have for a student who is just entering high school? What do you wish you knew that would have improved your experience?*
4. *Who has been the biggest inspiration in your life and why?*

Essays will be rated based on content, how effectively the applicant takes a perspective on the topic and communicates their point of view and on the overall quality of the writing (i.e. grammar, spelling, etc.),

To be considered, applications must be complete, include all of the following documents and be received by **May 21, 2024**:

- The formal application (both pages)
- Essay on one of the topics above
- High school Transcript from your current school
- Letter of recommendation from teacher, guidance counselor, etc.
- Letter of acceptance to a College, University, etc.

Applications may be downloaded at www.padrepiocv.org

Please email all documents to pgottincharities@gmail.com. The person submitting the letter of recommendation can send directly to this email address. **Emailed applications/documents is preferred**, however, if needed, please mail docs to:

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13. Please list and describe any volunteer or community service work you are involved in within your community?

14. ESSAY QUESTION: Please select one of the following topics and write an essay to be submitted with your completed application. The Essay should be at least 500 words, typed and double-spaced.

- *What do you consider to be your most significant personal or academic achievement, and why? How has this achievement influenced your future aspirations and goals?*
- *How do you plan to use your education to make a positive impact on society? What specific issues or causes are you passionate about, and how do you plan to address them?*
- *Describe a challenge you have faced and how you overcame it. What did you learn from this experience, and how has it influenced your personal and/or academic growth?*
- *What advice would you have for a student who is just entering high school? What do you wish you knew that would have improved your experience?*
- *Who has been the biggest inspiration in your life and why?*

CHECKLIST: Please check below for each document to ensure your application is complete and valid before submitting. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

- This completed application form
- An admission confirmation letter from college, university, technical or vocational school.
- Most recent school transcript (s)
- 500 Word essay, double-spaced on one of the topics outlined in question #14 above
- Letter of recommendation. The individual who will write the letter of recommendation should email it directly to the Scholarship Committee at the address listed below. The applicant should not submit the letter of recommendation with the application however, you will need to confirm with the person writing the recommendation when they have sent it in.
- Activities or any special recognition received (optional)

I hereby certify that the information contained within this application is accurate and true. I fully understand that any false information will invalidate my application.

Applicant signature Date

Please submit application and supporting documents by May 15, 2023, to pgottincharities@gmail.com or mail to:

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