



The MARIA PORTALATIN
National Freedom Scholarship

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS LATINO CAUCUS

The **MARIA PORTALATIN** National Freedom Scholarship Scholarship Application

Application Postmark Deadline: **Friday, June 12, 2015**

- Three students will receive a \$1000 book stipend and lap top

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for this scholarship you must:

- Be a high school senior in a public school
- Be of Hispanic/Latino heritage
- Have a parent or guardian who is a member of a union

SELECTION CRITERIA

Applicants will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Academic work
- Personal statement
- Letter of recommendation

APPLICATION PREPARATION

- Complete the Personal Information Form.
- Attach a copy of your most recent high school transcript.
- Complete the Personal Statement Form.
- Have a teacher or guidance counselor complete the Recommendation Form.
- Place all materials in one envelope and send to:

AFT National Latino Caucus
Maria Portalatin National Freedom Scholarship Program
ATTN: José Vargas
52 Broadway, 18th Floor
New York, NY 10004

Be sure the application is postmarked by: **Friday, June 12, 2015**

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Street Address _____ Apt. # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Date of birth (mm/dd/yy) ____ / ____ / ____

Parent/Guardian _____ Union Affiliate _____

Check the box below that best identifies the place of your heritage.

Cuba

Puerto Rico

Dominican Republic

Other _____

Mexico

List any extracurricular activities you have participated in during high school.

List any jobs you have had during your high school career.

List any honors or special awards you have received during high school.

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please select any **ONE** of the following options and write a 1-2 page response.

(Typed responses are preferred).

1. Identify a person who has had a significant influence on you and explain how he or she influenced you.
2. What specific attribute, quality or skill distinguishes you from other people?
3. Describe an event that was particularly challenging for you. How did you respond? How did it change you?

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Name of Applicant _____

To the applicant: Give this form to a teacher or guidance counselor who knows you well.

To the teacher or guidance counselor: Please complete this form *and return it to the student*.
You may attach your own letter of recommendation if you choose.

1) In what capacity and for how long have you known this student?

2) What sets this student apart from other students?

3) What unique qualities does this student have that may not be indicated by his or her transcript?

Name _____

School _____

Signature _____

Phone _____