Penn for Immigrants Rights (PIR) is a successful and prominent leader in the Philadelphia area. PIR is the first organization at the University of Pennsylvania led by undocumented youth and allies looking to increase dialogue on immigration in the United States. They hope to engage the Philadelphia community in conversations regarding equal access to higher education for immigrant students regardless of their current immigration status. Their priority is to empower undocumented students and immigrant communities.

The Penn for Immigrant Rights Scholarship was established to provide funding for Philadelphia college-bound high school students regardless of their immigration status. This scholarship would be granted to select Philadelphia students following an application process evaluated by the Scholarship Committee of Penn for Immigrant Rights. PIR hopes this scholarship fund will help undocumented students, otherwise ineligible for most types of financial towards education.

The Scholarship Committee looks forward to receiving many applications and wishes each applicant the best of luck!

Sincerely,
PIR Scholarship Committee
The Penn for Immigrant Rights Scholarship

Eligibility Requirements

- Must be residing in the Greater Philadelphia area, PA
- Must come from an immigrant family
- Must be a current high school senior OR a high school graduate
- Must be enrolled in an institution of higher learning the academic year following the scholarship award
- Undocumented students are strongly encouraged to apply

Application to Include

- The Penn for Immigrant Rights Scholarship Application – Please complete application in full (2 pages).
- Your Immigrant Story*
- Personal Statement*
- Transcript – Submit most current high school transcript. You may submit an unofficial or official transcript.
- Letter of recommendation – You may submit only one (1) letter of recommendation. If an applicant submits more than one, none will be reviewed.

*PIR recommends that the applicant considers having someone proofread your essay prior to submission

Mailing instructions

1. Send only application materials listed above.
2. All materials must be mailed together in one piece.
3. Application must be postmarked or delivered in person by March 15, 2015 to the address below.
4. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed. Applications missing any of the required documents are considered incomplete.
5. Awardees will be notified by April 1, 2015. Finalist names will be posted on the PIR website and Facebook page and any other promotional material.
6. Please mail your application to the address below:

   ATTN: Penn for Immigrant Rights Scholarship
   La Casa Latina at the University of Pennsylvania
   3601 Locust Walk,
   Philadelphia, PA 19104
The Penn for Immigrant Rights Scholarship Application

All information will be kept confidential.

**Personal Information**

Name:____________________________________________   Date of Birth:________________

Mailing Address:
______________________________________________________________________________

Street Address City State Zip

Phone #1(Primary):________________________ Phone #2 (Cell):________________________

E-mail:________________________________________________________________________

**Academic Information**

High School: _____________________________________________________________

School Address:
______________________________________________________________________________

Street Address City State Zip

Grade Point Average (GPA): ______

List the college(s) that you have applied to:
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________

Intended Major (optional):
______________________________________________________________________________

Career Goal (optional):
______________________________________________________________________________

**Financial Information**  **All information is kept confidential.**

Do you receive free/reduced lunch?: Yes  No
**Extra-Curricular Activities**

We are interested to know what your interests are outside of school. This includes clubs, community service/involvement, internships, work experience, etc. You may list three here and on the back, in order of importance to you, including duration and any leadership positions:

1. __________________________________________________________________________

2. __________________________________________________________________________

3. __________________________________________________________________________

**Your Immigrant Story:**

Tell us about your immigrant experience. Responses should be 1-2 pages, double-spaced, size 12 pt font.

**Personal Statement:**

Choose one of the following prompts:

1. Talk about an experience that has shaped the person you are today.
2. What are your goals and dreams? Explain.

This is your opportunity to let us know who you are. Please feel free to include your extracurricular activities, expand on your immigrant experience, or include additional information not stated in your application so far. Responses should be 1-2 pages, double-spaced, size 12 pt font.

Attach both essays in Word document form to this application.

*By signing below, I hereby proclaim that all information in this entire application is factual and true to the best of my knowledge. Penn for Immigrant Rights may disqualify this application should any information given is incomplete or inaccurate.*

_______________________      ________________________________     _________________
Print Name                      Signature                      Date

**Thank you for applying for the Penn for Immigrant Rights Scholarship!**

*Please let us know how you found out about this scholarship:*

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The PIR Scholarship Committee will award the recipient of the Penn for Immigrant Rights Scholarship on April 18, 2015.