



## Maestro Cares Foundation Scholarship Program F.J. Pollak Fund Criteria

The Maestro Cares Foundation Scholarship Program - F.J. Pollak Fund awards financial scholarships to deserving high achieving college or university admitted students of Latino origin. Decisions are based on demonstrated academic achievement, financial need, a desire to continue postsecondary education and proof of prior dedication to charitable/volunteer work.

**Applicants to the Maestro Cares Foundation Scholarship Program - F.J. Pollak Fund must meet the following criteria:**

1. Be of Latino origin and be between the ages of 17-26 as of the application deadline date
2. Provide proof of admission or enrollment to an accredited college or university within the United States or Puerto Rico
3. Have a minimum of a 3.0/4.0 GPA
4. Provide proof of previous involvement in charitable or volunteer work

**Application process:**

Along with the completed application form, the following documents must be submitted for consideration:

- Brief Personal Statement
- Resume
- Most recent academic transcripts
- 3 letters of recommendation (2 professional, 1 personal)
- Proof of past community service or volunteer work

*Applications and additional requirements must be submitted by email or mail to Mariana Gomez at [mgomez@maestrocares.org](mailto:mgomez@maestrocares.org) / 1459 W. Hubbard St. Chicago, IL 60642*

**Selection of recipients:**

Completed applications are reviewed by at least two members of the Maestro Cares Foundation Scholarship Committee. Applicants who meet the criteria will be selected to participate in a phone/video interview. Incomplete applications are not considered.

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## **Dates & Deadlines:**

The application submission window for the Fall semester is **April 15<sup>th</sup> - May 31<sup>st</sup>** and **September 15 - October 31<sup>st</sup>** for the Spring semester.

All applicants will be notified of their status in late July for the Fall Semester and late December for the Spring semester via email. Not all applicants will be selected as recipients.

## **Award amounts:**

If selected as a recipient, the student will receive up to \$3,000 per semester towards tuition based on need. Award will not exceed \$6,000 per year and is to be paid in two installments to the college or university directly from Maestro Cares Foundation.

Award decisions are made on a case by case basis and exceptions can be made given the appropriate situation.

Current Maestro Cares Foundation Scholarship Program – F.J. Pollak Fund scholars are eligible to renew their application for undergraduate study only, given that they continue enrollment in an accredited college or university, maintain the required GPA and complete the required hours of community service/volunteering.

## **Recipient expectations:**

- Be enrolled full-time
- Provide proof of declared major and/or class schedule at the beginning of each semester
- Maintain a 3.0/4.0 GPA or higher
- Complete 20 hours of community service, volunteer work, or mentorship support to a younger student per semester. Proof of hours served are to be provided per semester
- Follow up with a Maestro Cares Foundation staff member two times per semester

***For questions or comments, contact Mariana Gomez at [mgomez@maestrocares.org](mailto:mgomez@maestrocares.org)***