

Don Quijote Education Fund

Eligibility

Each student applying for an educational scholarship from the Fund must:

- Be a student enrolled and in good standing in a high school or undergraduate degree program at the time of application;
- Be a resident of Porter County, Indiana;
- Be accepted or approved to participate in a language/cultural enrichment travel program in a Spanish speaking country or an immersion program in the United States;
- Have a C+ grade point average (equivalent to a 2.3 on a 4.0 GPA scale);
- Be willing to share their experiences with members of the Board of the Don Quijote Spanish Education Fund at a fundraising event or a Board Meeting with a two-minute presentation featuring trip highlights.

Selection Criteria

Each student must submit a completed application. Final selections will be determined by the Advisory Committee and approved by the Community Foundation. The applicant should demonstrate at a minimum the following:

- An interest in the Spanish language and culture (such as participation in Spanish language activities, future education and/or career plans);
- An explanation of the student's need for financial assistance along with an itemization of the source(s) of funds to cover the cost over and above the amount of the scholarship.
- Letter of recommendation from a recent Spanish Instructor
- Email an introduction video (maximum 5 minutes) to donquijotefoundation@gmail.com. Please include a little bit about you and any extenuating circumstances you have regarding needs, what program you plan to attend and why it is important, why did you choose Spanish, and anything else to help us know you better for scholarship consideration.
- Email a selfie to donquijotefoundation@gmail.com
- Make sure all files submitted contain your name in the filename
- Due to the potential size of the files, you may need to send them in separate emails. In the subject line of these emails, include your name and the file you are sending (i.e. Your Name – Selfie)

Don Quijote Education Fund – General Application



donquijotefoundation@gmail.com

The Don Quijote Grant applications must be submitted online. Application submissions will **ONLY BE ACCEPTED NO LATER THAN MARCH 30 and SEPTEMBER 30** to be considered. There will be **NO exceptions**. Only those applications that are submitted on time and complete with all requested information accurately presented will be considered. Selection of successful candidates will be finalized within 30 to 45 days.

Applicant Information

Name _____

Address _____
(Street, city, state and zip)

Applicant e-mail required _____

Applicant cell required _____

Parent or guardian name(s) _____

Parent or Guardian cell required _____

Parent or guardian e-mail required _____

Date of birth _____

Gender : male female

Academic Information

School _____

Year: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Overall GPA _____ (Attach a copy of your transcript)

Academic Information – Please describe the Spanish courses that you have taken in high school or college, and any intentions you may have of continuing your Spanish.

Extracurricular activities

List and provide details regarding any extracurricular activities in which you have participated: sports, Spanish language activities, school organizations, community involvement, work, etc.

Financial Information

What does your program cost?

What potential sources of funding are available to you? (This may include private (family or personal) funds or other scholarships, grants, etc.)

Expenses

- \$ _____ program cost
- \$ _____ transportation
- \$ _____ food
- \$ _____ other - please describe:
- \$ _____ GRAND TOTAL

Income (actual or anticipated)

- \$ _____ scholarship(s) Please list
- \$ _____ high school/college stipend
- \$ _____ family/personal
- \$ _____ other - please describe:
- \$ _____ GRAND TOTAL

Balance requested/needed

\$ _____

Are there any extenuating financial circumstances or concerns that you would like the selection committee to consider, i.e. family medical expenses, university debt, etc.? If so, please explain.

Eligible Expenditures

Educational scholarships awarded through this process may be used to support room, board, registration/ tuition, and travel expenses.

Information regarding selected study program

Name of program _____

Sponsoring organization _____

Provide a description of the program. It will be to the applicant's advantage to provide as much detail as possible regarding the program and sponsoring organization. If a brochure or other written information is available, it should be included with your application. The Don Quijote Advisory Committee also requires contact information for the sponsoring organization including the address, phone and e-mail address.

Website (if applicable) _____

Program dates _____ _____
 Start Date End Date

Essay

Please attach an essay written in English that includes the following:

1. How will this program benefit your language development and cultural understanding?
2. How do you hope to use your knowledge of Spanish language or culture in the future and how will your participation in this program help you achieve this goal?
3. What personal strengths do you possess that will help to prepare you to take full advantage of the program you have chosen?
4. Please include any other information that you consider pertinent to the selection process.

The total length of the essay should be 400 to 600 words. **Be sure to include all of the above points.**

Letters of Recommendation

Your advisor/educator's recommendation will have a strong influence on scholarship awards. Please attach a minimum of two letters of recommendation. One must be written by an educator and the other by an adult acquaintance who is not a family member, such as an employer, pastor, volunteer organizer or family friend.

Don Quijote Education Fund Award Recipient

Acknowledgement of Terms- Please Read and Sign Below

Forfeiture of Award

This award is valid only for the program specified in the candidate’s application. If for any reason the recipient does not participate in the specified program, the award will be forfeited and returned to the Don Quijote Education Fund for disbursement.

Expectations

Recipients of the Don Quijote Grant are expected to attend a meeting of the Don Quijote Education Fund committee in order to report on experience for which the grant was awarded.

Publicity Release

“I understand that names, quotes and photographs of recipients of the Don Quijote Grant may be used by the organization in media releases and other promotional materials.”

Applicant signature _____

**If the applicant is under 18,
Signature of parent or guardian** _____