



# EOFPANJ

Educational Opportunity Fund Program Professional Association of New Jersey

## 2011 Arrigo O. Rogers Memorial Scholarship Award Application

***"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."***

***-Martin Luther King***

## ***Background Information***

***This scholarship award, established in remembrance of Arrigo O. Rogers, a graduate of the EOF program and an exceptional leader, is given to students enrolled in the EOF program who have demonstrated outstanding leadership skills and ability, and have a proven commitment to serving others. This commitment is evidenced through assuming leadership roles in their student communities and in their dedication to community service and civic engagement.***

### **About Arrigo O. Rogers**

Arrigo O. Rogers was a graduate of the EOF program at Rutgers College in New Brunswick, where he received EOF funding for both his undergraduate and graduate studies. He earned a Bachelor's degree in Administration of Justice and Political Science in 1994 and a Master's in Social Work from the Rutgers University Graduate School of Social Work in 1998. As a student, Arrigo served as one of the founding members and then President of the Alliance of EOF Students of New Jersey (AESNJ), the statewide EOF Student organization.

Other student leadership roles that Arrigo undertook as an undergraduate include: President of the Paul Robeson Club, Business Manager for the Black Voice/Carta Boricua campus news paper, and Chair of the Human Interest Rutgers College Programming Committee. He was also involved with the Rutgers Police Department/Student Interaction Committee, was Business Manager for the African Kaleidoscope (radio program), and member of the Black Men's Collective and the Rutgers Sexual Assault Date Rape Theatrical Group.

While pursuing his graduate study, Arrigo was a residence counselor for the Rutgers College Office of Residence Life for three years. During that time, he was commended for his bravery in the resolution of an incident involving the kidnapping of a resident at gunpoint. This tenacity continued into his professional life, as an Academic Counselor with the Rutgers College EOF Program. As a counselor, he was instrumental in establishing the Summer Residence Life staff-training program.

After joining the Rutgers College EOF staff in 1994, Arrigo served as the Student Leadership Development Coordinator and advisor to the Rutgers College Educational Opportunity Program Student Association (EOPSA). He was also a member of the Executive Board of the New Jersey Educational Opportunity Fund Professional Association (NJEOPFA) in the role of Advisor to AESNJ. Additionally, he was an advisor to the Rutgers College Alpha Pi Chapter, of Chi Alpha Epsilon National Honor Society and the Rutgers College Dean's Diversity Advocacy Board. A sought after facilitator, Arrigo conducted numerous workshops and seminars involving diversity training, grant and proposal writing, and leadership development.

In addition to these diverse roles, Arrigo was also pursuing a second Master's degree in Public Administration from the Baruch College School of Public Administration, and was a highly respected community leader in his home town of Woodbridge New Jersey. He volunteered countless hours to the Woodbridge Domestic Violence Response Team and the Middlesex County Human Relations Commission at the time of his untimely death in November of 2002.

Arrigo earned numerous awards and accolades for his outstanding service and unselfish commitment to EOF, students, and his community. He was a constant source of light that will be forever remembered.

The Arrigo O. Rogers Memorial Scholarship was established in the spring of 2003 in remembrance of this truly special individual.

**“Students must have initiative; they should not be mere imitators. They must learn to think and act for themselves - and be free”**

**–Cesar Chavez**

# Scholarship Details & Application Instructions

## AWARD PRESENTATION AND RECOGNITION

The Arrigo O. Rogers Memorial Scholarship Award will be presented by the Educational Opportunity Fund Professional Association. Further information on place and date will be forth coming.

*The recipients of the award will receive a \$500 scholarship. Award recipients must be available to attend the reception, and due to the educational nature of the scholarship, must be enrolled in school for the semester or term following the qualification.*

## APPLICANT CRITERIA

1. Must be an enrolled in the Educational Opportunity Fund program as an undergraduate student
2. Have at minimum a 2.75 cumulative grade point average
3. Have successfully completed at minimum 36 credits
4. Must have established a record of exceptional service in campus leadership and/or community service activity, with evidence of attention given to academic and career endeavors
5. Must be in good program standing

### Campus Leadership

This is to be demonstrated in one or more ways and may include a) having made significant contributions to the quality of campus life, improvements in the college community, or through distinctive service to the student body, and/or b) having demonstrated exceptional leadership as a member of an executive board of a student organization or in a highly visible campus position.

### Community Service Activity

This is volunteer service dedicated to taking initiative in contributing to solving problems in our neighborhoods and communities. This work should address societal or civic issues and be carried out in partnership/on behalf of local, statewide, national, or international organizations. The community service should represent a sustained degree of service involvement over time that can be characterized as inspirational to others and having made a difference in the lives of others.

## Questions ??? Call 201-684-7547

### Special Note for Graduating Students

**Graduating seniors earning a bachelor's degree (May or summer 2011) are not eligible for this award.**

Students graduating with an Associate's degree (May or summer 2011) and will be enrolled at a four-year college/university for the 2011 fall semester are eligible.

## HOW TO APPLY

The applicant must send the following required documents.

- ✓ The attached application packet certified by the campus EOF Office and which is to include:
- ✓ A college transcript listing courses and grades (an unofficial copy is acceptable)
- ✓ One recommendation letter, from an individual knowledgeable of the applicant's leadership abilities and accomplishments; we recommend a campus administrator, faculty/staff member, or a personal choice from a professional whose office or organization was impacted in some manner by your leadership and/or service efforts.

## COMPLETED APPLICATIONS

**All materials must be submitted together**

**Mail to:**  
EOF PANJ Scholarship Committee  
Attn: Alexis Delgado  
OSP Program  
Vodra Hall 211  
2039 Kennedy Boulevard  
Jersey City, NJ 07305

## APPLICATION DUE DATE

**All materials must be postmarked no later than April 15, 2011**

**Incomplete application will not be reviewed**

## Application Packet

### A. Application Cover Page/EOF Office Certification Statement

You have an Application Cover Page. This form serves as your cover sheet to your application materials. The form also provides for the endorsement of your application by your campus EOF Office.

### B. Essay (Typed, 250-500 words, Times Roman, Font Size 12 )

As an applicant you have the opportunity to introduce and highlight aspects of your life experience which provides the selection committee an "inside view" of your background, aspirations, and accomplishments. Pay particular attention to writing to the four areas listed below.

1. Familiarize the committee with aspects of your personal background
2. Describe your leadership philosophy
3. Describe what impact your major campus leadership/community service experiences have had on your own self-development, on those you worked with, and those you served

### C. Student Involvement History (Times Roman , Font Size 12 )

*TIP: As much as possible, focus your history on areas of accomplishment that can be briefly described. The accomplishment is not merely the role (i.e. executive board position, etc) or activity but what was done while in that role or as a result of that activity. Describe things that made a difference!*

There are many areas from which you can draw from. Here is a sample list.

1. Organizational Memberships
2. Committee Memberships
3. Professional/Career Development: Certifications/Internships/Field Experiences/Co-ops
4. Service-Learning Initiatives/Projects
5. College-Wide Initiatives/Projects
6. Honors/Awards/ Special Recognition
7. Community Service/Civic Engagement Initiatives/Projects
8. Local, State, Regional, National, International Academic Competitions
9. Organizational/Community Leadership Training and Development Programs
10. Resident Assistant/Peer Mentor/Tutor Positions
11. Athletic Team Memberships
12. Faculty/Student Research Projects

### D. Letter of Recommendation and College Transcript

While the above items are required, it is also important to provide the letter of recommendation and your college transcript (may be unofficial). TIP: Your recommendation letter present opportunity for underscoring the impact of your accomplishments/work.

**"A good leader inspires people to have confidence in the leader;  
a great leader inspires people to have confidence in themselves."**

**- Eleanor Roosevelt**

# Arrigo O. Rogers Memorial Scholarship Award Application Cover Page

All application materials must be mailed and postmarked by April 15, 2011.  
No faxes will be accepted.

## PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_

Cell # \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name of College/ University \_\_\_\_\_

College/University Address \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated date of graduation: \_\_\_\_\_ Major \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative grade point average: \_\_\_\_\_ Credits Earned \_\_\_\_\_

### EOF Office Certification Statement

Our signature below indicates that we elect to endorse the above applicant's candidacy. It is understood, that if the applicant is awarded an Arrigo O. Rogers scholarship, a check in the amount of \$500 will be made out to the awardee, and mailed to the EOF Director upon the scholarship committee having received confirmation from your office of the awardees school enrollment for the fall 2011 term.

\_\_\_\_\_  
EOF Director Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
EOF Advisor/Counselor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*Arrigo O. Rogers Memorial Scholarship Award  
RECOMMENDATION FORM*

*Submit with Application Materials in a sealed envelope*

*Mailing Address*

EOFPANJ Scholarship Committee  
Attn: Alexis Delgado  
OSP Program  
Vodra Hall 211  
2039 Kennedy Boulevard  
Jersey City, NJ 07305

*References Must be Postmarked by April 15, 2011*

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The Scholarship Committee requires recommendations from persons who have *known and worked with* the student and are willing to write about the student's leadership accomplishments, academic and career experiences, and personal characteristics.

**To Be Completed By Student**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ College/University \_\_\_\_\_

I recognize the confidential nature of this document and:  I waive my right to access  
 I do not waive my right to access

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*"Change will not come if we wait for some other person or  
some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for.  
We are the change that we seek."*

*- President Barack Obama*

**To the Individual Providing the Recommendation**

**Part I: General Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Title or Position \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the applicant?

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In what capacity do you know the applicant?

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Part II: Recommendation**

On an attached sheet, please describe the student's leadership abilities, accomplishments, and if applicable, contributions to your office or organization. You may also describe any academic, career, and personal experiences which you feel the selection committee should be aware of. In addition, please feel free to focus on any other information that you believe should be considered in reviewing this candidate's application.

*The application will not be reviewed unless this reference is received.* Please return to the student in a sealed envelope so it can be included with the application.

**Award History & Presentation**

Established in 2003 by the Educational Opportunity Fund Professional Association of New Jersey, the Arrigo O. Rogers Memorial Scholarship Award was created to recognize student leaders enrolled in EOF programs who have demonstrated an exceptional record of campus and or community service contributions, while sustaining a commitment to academic excellence and career -related endeavors.

The Arrigo O. Rogers Memorial Scholarship Award will be presented by the Educational Opportunity Fund Professional Association. The recipient of the award will receive a \$500 scholarship.