



**The Educational Opportunity Fund**

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**Educational Opportunity Fund  
Professional Association of New Jersey**

**2009  
Arrigo O. Rogers  
Memorial  
Scholarship Award  
Application**

*"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."*

*- Barack Obama*

*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 Bachelors 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 a founding member and then President of 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 Rutgers Police Department/Student Interaction Committee, Business Manager for African Kaleidoscope (radio program), member of the Black Men's Collective and member of the Rutgers Sexual Assault Date Rape Theatrical Group as part of the Rutgers Student Health Service.

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 (NJEOFPA) 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, where 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**

## AWARD PRESENTATION AND RECOGNITION

The Arrigo O. Rogers Memorial Scholarship Award will be presented by the Educational Opportunity Fund Professional Association at the CHE/EOF Graduate Recognition Awards Reception. It will be held at Georgian Court University on April 17, 2009.

*The recipients of the award will receive a \$500 scholarship. Award recipients must be available to attend the April 17 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 2.50 cumulative grade point average
3. Have successfully completed at minimum 36 degree credits (excludes developmental/remedial courses)
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 record should reveal 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 732-224-2512

### Special Note for Graduating Students

Graduating seniors earning a bachelor's degree (May or summer 2009) are not eligible for this award.

Students graduating with an Associate degree (May or summer 2009) and will be enrolled at a four-year college/university for the 2009 fall semester are eligible

## HOW TO APPLY

The applicant must send the following required documents.

- ✓ The attached scholarship award application and leadership portfolio which must be certified by the campus EOF Director.
- ✓ A college transcript listing courses and grades.
- ✓ Two reference forms, each from an individual knowledgeable of the applicant's accomplishments and leadership abilities; one of which must be from a campus administrator, faculty or staff member, and one of personal choice.

## COMPLETED APPLICATIONS

*Mail to:*

EOF PANJ Scholarship Committee  
EOF Program  
CAR Suite 105  
765 Newman Springs Road  
Lincroft, NJ 07738-1543

## APPLICATION DUE DATE

**All materials must be postmarked by  
April 7, 2009**

## Leadership Portfolio

### A. Letter of Introduction (Typed Business Letter Format, Arial, Font Size 11)

Your letter of introduction should:

1. Familiarize the committee with aspects of your personal background
2. State the reasons why you are applying for the scholarship
3. Describe your academic and career interests/achievements
4. Describe what impact your major college/community involvement experiences have had on your own self-development, on those you worked with, and those you served

### B. Essay (Typed, 250-500 word, Arial, Font Size 11)

Provide under separate attachment a 250-500 word typed essay describing your leadership philosophy and how your experiences exemplify elements of the life and character of Arrigo O. Rogers.

### C. Student Involvement Vitae (Arial, Font Size 11)

This is a record of your college experiences which reflect your interests, achievements/ accomplishments. *While the committee's major focus is on your campus and community service activities, your vitae may also include both academic and career-related experiences.* This is an area the committee will give attention to as Arrigo was accomplished in his academic and career endeavors as well.

Where applicable, your college experiences listed in your vitae should indicate your role (s), dates, and brief descriptions of those activities which best represent the scope and/or depth of your work/ contributions . This may include but is not limited to:

1. Organizational Memberships
2. Committee Memberships
3. Professional/Career Development: Certifications/Internships
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

# Arrigo O. Rogers Memorial Scholarship Award Application

All application materials must be mailed and postmarked by March 27, 2009.  
No faxes will be accepted. Attach this form to your application materials.

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree Credits Earned \_\_\_\_\_

EOF Director Statement of Endorsemen

My signature below indicates that I 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 me upon the scholarship committee having received confirmation of the awardees school enrollment for the fall 2009 term.

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

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Date

***"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."***

*Arrigo O. Rogers Memorial Scholarship Award*  
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**To Be Completed By Student**

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

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**To the Individual Providing the Reference**

**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: Personal Statement**

On an attached sheet, please describe the student's leadership accomplishments, academic and career experiences, and personal characteristics. It would help us if you would include both strengths and weaknesses and, if possible, use specific examples. Please also add any other information that you believe should be considered in reviewing this candidate's application .

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