

**Bitsy Candelario Memorial Scholarship Criteria**  
**Children and Grandchildren of BPRO Members**

**Eligibility Requirements:**

1. Applications will only be accepted from the biological child or grandchild of a current BPRO member with two prior years of membership or a specified child whom the BPRO member has legal custody (see below).
2. The Applicant should be a biological child or grandchild of a BPRO member or a specified child which legal custody exists, (i.e. stepchild, foster child, niece, nephew, cousin, etc.)
3. The Applicant should be a graduating high school senior, college freshman, sophomore or junior.
4. The Applicant must complete a 300-500 word essay on “**How have I made a difference in my community?**”
5. The Applicant must provide (2) letters of recommendation from a non-relative
6. A copy of a letter of acceptance/enrollment from a college, university or vocational school to indicate enrollment in class which the applicant will be attending must be attached to the application.

**Filing the Scholarship Application:**

The Scholarships will be accepted January thru April and must be post marked no later than April 30<sup>th</sup> of each calendar year. The winner will be announced at the spring conference in May. The winner will be notified by mail no later than May 31<sup>st</sup> of that calendar year. The scholarship will be for the purpose of funding educational expense, (books, fees, etc.). **The decision of the scholarship committee is final!** The scholarship will be a one time award in the amount of \$500.00.

### **The Scholarship Award Selection:**

All applications will be screened by the scholarship committee to make sure they meet the criteria established. All applications that have met this requirement will be reviewed for selection. The committee will review the completed application and select the top 3 applications, one of which will be awarded the scholarship. Once the process is narrowed to the 3 best (applications and essay) the committee will vote on their ranking. **In case of a tie or if a decision can not be made, the final decision will be determined by the Scholarship committee chairperson, this decision will be considered final.** (The chairperson will only vote in case of a tie or if a decision can not be equitably made).

### **The Scholarship Committee:**

The Scholarship committee will consist of the Awards Committee, who will screen all request and refer the top 3 (three) candidates to the executive board who will make the final awarding.

### **Miscellaneous Information:**

BPRO reserves the right to use the name and/or photograph of the scholarship award recipient in promotional materials designed to increase awareness of the scholarship fund. All referrals are the discretion of the Awards committee

## Bitsy Candelario Memorial Scholarship Application

### **Student Information:**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Graduating Senior: \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

College Student status: \_\_\_Freshman \_\_\_Sophomore \_\_\_Junior

Name of College: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Name of BPRO Rep: \_\_\_\_\_

Address / Agency FIPS \_\_\_\_\_

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