

Padre Pio Gottin Charities, Inc

P.O. Box 7094

Brockton, MA 02303-7094

The 2026 Padre Pio Cape Verdean Scholarship Award

(Program Policy)

The following conditions must be fulfilled to be considered for a scholarship award:

1. Applicant must be of Cape Verdean descent to be considered for a scholarship award.
2. Members of the Padre Pio Gottin Charities organization and their immediate family (e.g. son, daughter, brother, sister, etc.) are not eligible for the scholarship.
3. Applicant must submit the formal application provided by The Padre Pio Cape Verdean Scholarship Award Program.
4. All completed applications must be received by the deadline of **May 15, 2026**. Due to the timing of decisions, applications received after this date cannot be considered.
5. Applicant must be a high school senior and must have received written notification that he/she has been accepted to an accredited college, university, technical or vocational school.
6. Applicant must submit an official transcript from the high school he/she is currently attending.
7. The Scholarship Committee will determine eligibility of all applicants based on their submissions.
8. **All applications must be complete (including application form, official transcript, essay, letter of recommendation and college/university acceptance letter) to be considered.** Please ensure all docs are included. Due to limited resources, we will not be able to follow-up on missing documents and incomplete application submissions will not be considered. Please submit all documents in a single PDF file and include your name in the file name.
9. The Scholarship Committee will select individuals to whom the Scholarships will be awarded based on the criteria described below. The decision of the Committee will be final.
10. Five (5) scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each will be awarded. Recipients must meet the criteria set forth in the scholarship policy.
11. The one-time scholarship award will be made directly to the award recipient by Padre Pio Gottin Charities.
12. All applicants will be notified in writing via email by mid-June.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The following criteria will be used by the Scholarship Committee, in considering applications received for the Padre Pio Cape Verdean Scholarship Award and in making the decision on the final recipients:

Academic Standing

- A. All applicants must submit an **official transcript** from their current high school.

- B. All applicants must also have a **letter of recommendation** submitted on their behalf by a teacher or guidance counselor who can attest to their academic performance and leadership qualifications. The letter of recommendation must be written on school letterhead and submitted directly to Padre Pio Gotti Charities at pgottincharities@gmail.com or the address noted below.

Community service

The Scholarship Committee will rate each applicant on the community service criteria based on both **quantity and quality of volunteer and community service activities.**

Essay

All applicants must write a **500-word essay** (double-spaced type-written) on one of the following topics. Please select one.

- *Tell the story of a meaningful accomplishment—big or small—that required sustained effort, initiative, or growth. What obstacles did you encounter, what choices did you make along the way, and how did this experience shape your perspective or future goals?*
- *Identify a problem or issue you care deeply about. What draws you to this issue, and how do you realistically see yourself contributing to progress on it through your education, skills, or career?*
- *What is something you once believed that you've since changed your mind about? What caused that shift?*
- *Tell us about a time when you made a difficult decision or took a stand. What guided your choice, and what were the consequences?*

Essays will be rated based on content, how effectively the applicant takes a perspective on the topic and communicates their point of view and on the overall quality of the writing (i.e. grammar, spelling, etc.),

To be considered, applications must be complete, include all of the following documents and be received by **May 15, 2026**. Please submit all documents in a single PDF file to pgottincharities@gmail.com and include your name in the file name.

- The formal application (both pages)
- Essay on one of the topics above
- High school Transcript from your current school
- Letter of recommendation from teacher, guidance counselor, etc.
- Letter of acceptance to a College, University, etc.

Applications may be downloaded at www.padrepiocv.org

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Application Form (Due May 15, 2026)

1. Applicant's name: **First:** *Click or tap here to enter text.* **MI:** *Click or tap here to enter text.*
Last: *Click or tap here to enter text.*

2. Address: **Street:** *Click or tap here to enter text.*

City: *Click or tap here to enter text.* **State:** *Click or tap here to enter text.* **Zip Code:** *Click or tap here to enter text.*

3. Mobile (Please include area code): *Click or tap here to enter text.*

4. Email address (Required): *Click or tap here to enter text.*

5. Date of Birth: *Click or tap here to enter text.*

6. Place of Birth *Click or tap here to enter text.*

7. Mother's Name: *Click or tap here to enter text.*

8. Mother's Place of Birth: *Click or tap here to enter text.*

9. Father's Name *Click or tap here to enter text.*

10. Father's Place of Birth: *Click or tap here to enter text.*

11. Applicant currently a full-time student at (Please include name and city of high school): *Click or tap here to enter text.*

12. Applicant admitted to the following college/university, etc. Please remember to include letter of admission (preferably for the school you will attend). *Click or tap here to enter text.*

13. Please list any extracurricular activities (student clubs, sports, etc.) you are involved in at school? *Click or tap here to enter text.*

14. Please list and describe any volunteer or community service work you are involved in within your community?

Click or tap here to enter text.

15. ESSAY QUESTION: Please select one of the following topics and write an essay to be submitted with your completed application. The Essay should be at least 500 words, typed and double-spaced.

- *Tell the story of a meaningful accomplishment—big or small—that required sustained effort, initiative, or growth. What obstacles did you encounter, what choices did you make along the way, and how did this experience shape your perspective or future goals?*
- *Identify a problem or issue you care deeply about. What draws you to this issue, and how do you realistically see yourself contributing to progress on it through your education, skills, or career?*
- *What is something you once believed that you’ve since changed your mind about? What caused that shift?*
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CHECKLIST: Please check below for each document to ensure your application is complete and valid before submitting. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

- This completed application form
- An admission confirmation letter from college, university, technical or vocational school.
- Most recent school transcript (s)
- 500 Word essay, double-spaced on one of the topics outlined in question #15 above
- Letter of recommendation. The individual who will write the letter of recommendation should email it directly to the Scholarship Committee at the address listed below.
- Activities or any special recognition received (optional)

By signing below (including digital signature), I hereby certify that the information contained within this application is accurate and true. I fully understand that any false information will invalidate my application.

Applicant Signature

Click or tap to enter a date.
Date

Please submit application and supporting documents by May 15, 2026, to pgottincharities@gmail.com (highly preferred) or mail to (if necessary):

Padre Pio Gottin Charities, Inc.

**Scholarship Committee
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