



LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Applicant,

We are delighted to know that you are considering the **Alvarez Foundation College Scholarship Program**. We believe that taking the time to invest in higher education is one of the best gifts you can give yourself and we are rooting for your success.

In this kit you will find everything you need for the application process. This year we incorporated an online application process to minimize the use of paper.

The scholarship will commence SY 2023 to 2024. For you to be awarded the scholarship, you will need to pass the interview AND be accepted to at least one of your schools of choice. Only candidates who have satisfied ALL application requirements will be shortlisted for an interview (For a complete list of application requirements please see “Application Reminders” on Page 4).

Initial review of the candidate will begin with the assessment of the application form, but not limited to: following directions, completeness and the meeting of deadlines.

Applicants must also meet the following application eligibility requirements:

1. Be a candidate for high school graduation.
2. Have no grade lower than 85% with a general average of 85% throughout High School.
3. Active involvement in extracurricular and/or community activities.
4. Annual household/family income not higher than PHP 500,000.00.
5. In good moral standing with no disciplinary action all throughout high school.
6. Must have already applied to at least one university.

The kit includes information about the Foundation and the Program, so please do take the time to go through them as well.

We understand that the application process may seem a bit overwhelming and that thinking about your future can get pretty daunting. Take a deep breath and smile. Stepping out to go through this application process is a big step you can already be proud of, regardless of the outcome. That being said, we cannot emphasize how important it is for you to do your “homework”. Find out as much as you can about your



options. Don't be afraid to ask your parents and/or teachers for help and guidance. Don't be afraid to learn more about your college choices and programs. Do go online and research. Do be proactive. Do get excited about all the possibilities that lie ahead for you. It is an exciting time!

As much as we would like to accept all applicants into the program, we can't. Choosing the right scholar for our program goes beyond grades and the answers on the forms. There are many factors to be considered so don't be disheartened if things don't turn out the way you expect. However, we believe that anything worthwhile takes time and effort, and regardless of the outcome, we believe that the experience in itself is something that will impart invaluable life lessons.

Applicants who pass the initial screening will be called in for interviews sometime in June-August 2023, depending on your school's academic calendar (see Application Timeline).

We look forward to receiving your application. If you have additional questions, please email us at scholarships@alvarezfoundation.org.

We wish you all the best in this endeavor.

Best,

Michelle Deles
Project Director – Scholarships
Alvarez Foundation Philippines



ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

The Alvarez Foundation was borne out of a couple's desire to give back to their country of birth. Mr. Antonio Alvarez II is a Filipino-American businessman. He is married to Mrs. Gail Alvarez. They were both born and raised in the Philippines and moved to the US as young adults. It was during one of their regular visits to their home country, in the late 2000's, that they realized that there were several areas where they could give back. To organize and manage these projects, they chose some friends in the Philippines as trustees for the formal incorporation of the foundation.

Alvarez Foundation Philippines, Inc. (AFPI) was incorporated on May 8, 2012. The project that launched the Foundation's operations into full swing was the fund-raising campaign for the victims of Typhoon Yolanda (International Name: Haiyan), specifically the victims in the town of Guiuan in Eastern Samar. Mr. Alvarez and his family organized a fund-raising campaign in Madison Square Garden, New York, which raised around US\$ 2.9 million dollars. All the proceeds from the campaign went to helping the town of Guiuan by providing boats, homes and the repair and construction of schools, with the help of partner NGOs. All administrative costs for the fund-raising project, including a total of four (4) visits to Guiuan were paid for by the Alvarez family using their personal funds.

Today, AFPI has evolved to focus on grant giving philanthropy. The foundation works alongside partner NGOs, individuals and institutions with proven track records and strategic programs in the areas of education & training, the environment, health, social development and disaster relief.

AFPI is anchored on the belief that we can all do something to help uplift the lives of the Filipino people. By giving the deserving and less fortunate opportunities to learn and enhance their skills, the Foundation believes that it can contribute to the overall development of the country. Oftentimes, opportunity is limited by ones economic and social background. AFPI hopes to break these barriers, and provide equal opportunity to those individuals who would not be given the chance otherwise, and in doing so, improving the lives of their beneficiaries in the process.



APPLICATION TIMELINE for SY 2023-2024	
May 20 to July 25, 2023*	Final Submission & Vetting of Applications
June to August 2023*	Interviews
End of July – 1 st week of August	Announcement of Scholars

*dates are adjusted based on the school's academic calendar

APPLICATION REMINDERS AND INSTRUCTIONS

Below are some reminders and instructions for you to take note of BEFORE proceeding with the application.

ONLINE APPLICATION FORM

Fill out the online application form completely and upload the necessary documents listed below. Here is the link to the form:

[Alvarez Foundation-DLSU Scholarship Application AY 2023-2024](#)

1. APPLICATION ESSAY

The Application Essay should not exceed three pages, typewritten on A4 sized paper. It should be double-spaced, using the Times New Roman font, with a font size of 11-12, and with 1-inched margins on all sides. Please type your name on each page, include page numbers and do not staple your essay.

2. CONSENT FORM

The Consent Form should be signed and uploaded to the form.

3. YOUR MOST CURRENT 2 X2 PHOTO.

RECOMMENDATION FORM (Email submission)

You are to submit two (2) recommendation forms. The first recommendation form should be filled out by your High School Principal. The second recommendation form should be filled out by any of the following: a) High School adviser, b) High School teacher or c) guidance counselor. Preferably choose the person who knows you best.

The completed forms should be emailed to AFPI directly by your principal/adviser/guidance

counselor. Please refer to the Recommendation Form for instructions.

- Submit **completed supporting documents** in a sealed large brown envelope to your school's AFPI point person. The contents of the envelope are the following:
 - Complete documents as listed in the "Documentary Requirements" page. Note: For High School Report card, submit initial card. Final report card to follow if it isn't available. (See "Documentary Requirements" for more information)
 - On the front of the brown envelope write the following information:
 - Full Name
 - High School Graduated from and batch
 - School Year applying for (indicate the scholarship program)

Example:

*John Mark F. Santos
St. Anthony School, 2023
AFPI College Scholarship SY 2023-2024*

Note: ONLY COMPLETE APPLICATIONS will be considered for interview.



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ASSESSMENT

Alvarez Foundation Scholars are asked to sign a Scholarship Acceptance Agreement every year. To stay in the program, all scholars are required to maintain a minimum term GPA of 2.5 or its equivalent, a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 or its equivalent, with no subject grade lower than 2.0 or its equivalent in any term/semester. Scholars are also expected to maintain good moral standing throughout their stay in their university and ensure that they do not receive any disciplinary action while in the program.

Every term, quarter or semester, whichever is applicable, the scholar is required to submit his/her report card to AFPI no later than one week after the grades have been released. It will be the scholar's responsibility to provide AFP with a copy of their school's academic calendar which should include dates for midterms, final exams and release of grades.

If the scholar is unable to meet the grade requirement and/or receives disciplinary action of any kind, the scholar will be required to meet with the program advisor of their school and/or the AFPI Program Director to discuss possible remediation procedures. The scholar's progress will be monitored.

If the scholar is placed on academic probation, the scholar must receive a "B" or better (or its equivalent) the following term/semester, while maintaining the minimum term and cumulative GPA to avoid disqualification from the program.

If the scholar is placed on disciplinary probation, depending on the case, the scholar will be given a written warning, at the very least. AFPI reserves the right to revoke the scholarship should the scholar display attitudes and behaviour that go against the values, beliefs, vision and mission of the foundation. We believe that education is not just about being able to maintain academic excellence. It is also about honour, integrity and strength of character.

PROGRAM GRADING CHART

DESCRIPTION	GRADE POINT EQUIVALENCE (AFSP)	GRADE POINT EQUIVALENCE (OTHER SCHOOLS)	PERCENTAGE (%)	LETTER EQUIVALENCE
Excellent	4.0	1.00	97-100	A
Very Good	3.5	1.25	93-96	A
Good	3.0	1.50	89-92	B+
Above Satisfactory	2.5	1.75	85-88	B
Satisfactory	2.0	2.00	80-84	B-
Fair	1.5	2.50	75-79	C
Pass	1.0	3.00	70-74	D
Fail	0.0	4.00	Below 70	F

DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS

- Electric bill for the last 3 months
- Water bill for the last 3 months
- Phone bill for the last 3 months
- Cellular phone bill for the last 3 months
- OR of realty tax payment for houses that are owned and mortgaged
- OR of housing loan amortization for the last 3 months if house is owned but mortgaged
- OR for rental payment for the last 3 months if renting
- ITR and COE with compensation for parents/household members who are working
- If parents or guardians are unemployed, Certificate of Exemption from filing of ITR from the BIR or Certificate of unemployment from the Barangay
- Proof of University application submission and testing date/s
- High school report card
- Proof of acceptance to university/universities (to be submitted by July 20, 2023)



APPLICATION ESSAY

*We would love to know more about you through the application essay. The main question we would like you to answer is: Who am I? **What makes you the ideal candidate for our scholarship program?***

Your essay should not exceed three pages, typewritten on A4 sized paper. It should be double-spaced, using the Times New Roman font, with a font size of 11-12, and with 1-inched margins on all sides. The essay should be uploaded to the online application form.

*How you construct, compose and express your answer to the main question is a decision we leave to you. Nevertheless, below are some guide questions you may wish to address in answering the question. Please be reminded that these are **guide questions** to help you answer the main question above. You do not need to answer all neither do you need to answer them at all. Best of luck!*

Essay Guide Questions:

What personal goals, interests and values have inspired you to apply to the Alvarez Foundation College Scholarship Program?

What are your strengths and weaknesses in character?

What personal goals, interests and values have inspired you to apply to your university of choice?

What helped you decide on your program/course choices?

What do you see as the rewards and challenges of your university choice? Your course choice? The scholarship program?

Where do you see yourself five years?

What qualities do you have that will contribute to your success in university and beyond?

How has your experience in St. Anthony affected your decision to apply to the program and your schools of choice?

What life experiences – good and/or bad – have helped form your character? How did you deal with those experiences?

What are your fears and how do you hope to overcome those fears?