2010-2011 Puente Program Scholarship Application

**Purpose of Awards:**

The purpose of Puente scholarships/awards is to recognize and encourage academic and personal excellence in Puente students. Applicants are expected to show evidence of commitment to the Puente mission and adhere to program guidelines.

**Puente Mission:**

To increase the number of educationally disadvantaged students who enroll in four-year colleges and universities, earn degrees and return to the community as leaders and mentors of future generations.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- Students must be currently enrolled in at least 7 units
- Students must be actively involved in the Puente Club
- Students must be in good standing with the Puente Program
- Students can only apply for one scholarship each semester

**Application Requirements:**

- Completed Puente Program Scholarship Application
- Copy of current class schedule
- Copy of most recent Educational Plan
- Copy of unofficial transcript from all colleges attended
- Two recommendations from a faculty member or work/volunteer supervisor
- One-page essay

**Screening Committee:**

The committee will consist of former VVC Puente students and VVC faculty/staff. Committee members will be provided with a list of applicants prior to review of applications to establish any potential conflicts of interest (i.e., mentor/mentee relationship). Any committee member who has a prior relationship with an applicant will be asked to excuse him/herself from consideration of that applicant.
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Scholarships/Awards Criteria:

Scholarships/awards are to be used for tuition, fees, books, supplies and/or equipment needed for specialized classes. Scholarships/awards will be awarded at the end of fall and spring semesters. Scholarships/awards must be accepted and utilized by the end of the following semester or the award will be forfeited. The following scholarships/awards will be awarded:

(2) Transfer Scholarships - $500 each

Deadline – May 31, 2011

- Applicant must have completed Puente classes at Victor Valley College
- Applicant must submit a copy of a letter of acceptance from a four-year college or university
- Applicant must possess a cumulative 3.0 GPA by the end of the semester
- Applicant must submit a one-page essay describing the importance of your major in today’s society.

(2) Pursuit of Excellence Scholarships - $250 each

Deadline – Fall semester: December 1, 2010 & Spring semester: May 31, 2011

- Applicant must have completed at least two semesters at Victor Valley College
- Applicant must possess a cumulative 2.5 GPA by the end of the semester
- Applicant must submit a one-page essay discussing your educational objectives/career goals

(2) Rising Star Awards - $125 book vouchers

Deadline – Fall semester: December 1, 2010 & Spring semester: May 31, 2011

- Applicant must be a first or second semester student in the Puente Program
- Applicant must be earning a “C” or better in Puente classes
- Applicant must submit a progress report of current coursework
- Applicant must submit a one-page essay discussing what you have learned in Puente classes and how you can use this knowledge in your personal and academic life

(2) Humanitarian Awards - $50 book vouchers

Deadline – Fall semester: December 1, 2010 & Spring semester: May 31, 2011

- Applicant must be currently enrolled in at least 7 units at Victor Valley College
- Applicant must have completed at least 25 hours of community service
- Applicant must submit a one-page essay describing your community involvement
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Name: ___________________________  Student ID#: __________________

Home Number: _____________________  Cell Number: _________________

Email Address: ____________________________________________________

Scholarship/Award you are applying for: ________________________________

Major(s): ________________________________

Career Goal: ______________________________________________________

Please list any extracurricular activities or employment you are currently involved in:

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Application Questions: Please submit your typed responses on a separate sheet.

1. Where do you see yourself 10 years from now?

2. Discuss a special attribute or accomplishment and how that sets you apart.

3. Who in your life has been your biggest influence and why?

4. What is the biggest problem facing college students today? Why is this a problem?

5. Why are you a good candidate to receive this award?
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References:

Please ask two people to complete the attached recommendation forms. The following individuals would be appropriate choices:

- A current employer or supervisor (or most current)
- A high school or Victor Valley College faculty or staff member
- A volunteer supervisor
- A pastor/chaplain/priest
- A mentor

Please be sure to keep the following in mind:

- None of these individuals should be students at Victor Valley College or family members.
- At least one of these references must have known you for at least six months.
- Give references enough time to complete the form and follow up with each individual.

Please return the following documents to the Puente Club advisors in Building #55:

- Puente Program Scholarship Application
- Class Schedule
- Educational Plan
- Unofficial Transcript(s)
- Two Completed Recommendation Forms
- One-page Essay
Recommendation Form: You are being asked to evaluate this applicant who is a candidate for a scholarship from the Victor Valley College Puente Program. We appreciate your honest feedback.

Name of Reference #1

Contact #: ___________________ Email Address: ___________________

How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant? ____________________________________________

What are the first words that come to mind to describe the applicant?

How would you describe the applicant’s commitment to their academic and career goals?

Please describe the applicant’s strengths:

Please discuss the applicant’s potential for future success:
On a scale of 1 to 5 (1 being poor and 5 being excellent), please rate the applicant on these qualities.

- Leadership: 1 2 3 4 5 No Basis to Judge
- Initiative: 1 2 3 4 5 No Basis to Judge
- Dependability: 1 2 3 4 5 No Basis to Judge
- Communication Skills: 1 2 3 4 5 No Basis to Judge
- Ability to work with others: 1 2 3 4 5 No Basis to Judge
- Trustworthiness: 1 2 3 4 5 No Basis to Judge
- Problem Solving: 1 2 3 4 5 No Basis to Judge
- Time Management: 1 2 3 4 5 No Basis to Judge
- Organization: 1 2 3 4 5 No Basis to Judge
- Self-discipline: 1 2 3 4 5 No Basis to Judge
- Patience: 1 2 3 4 5 No Basis to Judge
- Assertiveness: 1 2 3 4 5 No Basis to Judge
- Flexibility: 1 2 3 4 5 No Basis to Judge
- Self-awareness: 1 2 3 4 5 No Basis to Judge
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Name of Reference #2____________________________________________________

Contact #: _____________________   Email Address:___________________________

How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant? ________________

What are the first words that come to mind to describe the applicant?

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