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Porto Charities Special Education Scholarship Program Application

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ DOB: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Preferred Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Employer (School): _____

Principal/Head: _____ Principal's Email: _____

I am planning to take _____ or accepted _____ for the following program(s):

University/College _____ Program Head: _____

Expected start date: _____ Expected completion date: _____

Cost per credit/hour _____ Total Tuition Cost: _____ Amount Requested: _____

Applicant Statement: *Please attach to this application a short statement outlining your career objectives including why this scholarship opportunity is important to you and how you will use the opportunity to make a positive impact for students with disabilities in the Diocese of Arlington.*

The application window for Fall 2024 enrollment is open until 7/15/24. The application window for Spring 2025 enrollment will be from 10/1/24 to 11/15/24. All applications must be received by Porto Charities on or before the last day of the enrollment period (7/15/24 or 11/15/24).



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Overview: The Porto Charities Scholarship Program provides financial support for teachers employed by the Diocese of Arlington (DOA) who take courses to prepare them to instruct students with intellectual or developmental disabilities. Teachers may obtain a Special Education Certificate or a master's degree in special education to participate in the program.

Eligibility Criteria: Applicants must be employed by and in good standing with an accredited Catholic elementary or high school recognized by the Diocese of Arlington.

Methodology: Teachers who wish to participate in the scholarship program must submit a completed application to Porto Charities and be approved for the program before they start their course work. Teachers who enroll in a certificate program must complete their course work within 18 months. Teachers who enroll in a master's program must complete their course work within 36 months. There are several universities in the metro area that offer graduate programs in special education.

Tuition Reimbursement: Scholarships will be awarded to teachers after they provide confirmation (proof of payment and a copy of the official transcript) to Porto Charities that they have satisfactorily completed all their course work.

Award Information: Subject to available funding, tuition reimbursement for the Special Education Certificate Program will be a maximum of 50% of tuition paid by the participant not to exceed \$ 5,000. Subject to available funding, tuition reimbursement for a master's program in special education will be a maximum of 50% of the tuition paid by the participant not to exceed \$ 10,000.

Scholarship Agreement: While participation in this program does not guarantee a job/teaching position, awardees who accept scholarship funds to complete a certification program must agree to continue to work for the Diocese of Arlington for a minimum of twelve months after they have completed their course work. Awardees who accept scholarship funds to obtain a master's degree in special education must agree to continue to work for the Diocese of Arlington for a minimum of twenty-four months after they graduate. Teachers who do not honor this agreement agree to promptly reimburse Porto Charities for funds they received.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

By signing this application, I attest that I have read and understand the Porto Charities Special Education Scholarship Program requirements. I further agree to abide by all the conditions of the program as outlined above.

Please return the completed application on or before the last day of the enrolment period to
Mrs. Kathryn Doherty at kdoherly@portocharities.org