



## **Aleyris Martinez Memorial Scholarship**

**The Aleyris Martinez Memorial Scholarship** was established to honor the memory of Aleyris Martinez who, in January 2009, was tragically killed when her snow tube hit a tree at Rotella Golf Course in Haverstraw. Aleyris was just 13 years old.

Each year a \$1,000.00 scholarship will be awarded to each of up to two promising female Hispanic high school seniors who are residents of the Village of Haverstraw, to assist with costs in attending the college of their choice.

To be considered for the Scholarship applicants may be attending any public, private or parochial school within Rockland County, but must reside in the Village of Haverstraw. Well-rounded high school seniors who demonstrate a significant commitment of volunteer service to our community are encouraged to apply.

Awarding of the Aleyris Martinez Memorial Scholarship is contingent on several criteria including acceptance to and enrollment in a two- or four-year college, and a complete application. Additionally, applicants are required to submit an essay demonstrating their passion to create a better world. Scholarship recipients are expected to use their resources wisely, and uphold a high standard of conduct.

The Aleyris Martinez Memorial Scholarship award is an outright grant. Although recipients are under no obligation to make repayment, it is hoped that once graduated and engaged in a productive career they will help honor the memory of Aleyris by giving future students a similar financial opportunity.

### **How to Apply:**

The Rockland Community Foundation has transitioned to an online application process. Applications can either be completed using the fillable pdf format, or printed out, completed, and then scanned. ALL required attachments, except letters of recommendation, must be submitted at the same time your application is submitted. DO NOT send materials separately. Only those applications filed online will be given consideration.

**Your complete application, including all attachments, must be sent via email to [RCFscholarships@gmail.com](mailto:RCFscholarships@gmail.com) with the name of the scholarship in the Subject line of your email. Deadline for filing is March 31, 2019. Letters of recommendation must be sent by mail and postmarked no later than March 31, 2019. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.**

Your application will be reviewed by members of the Scholarship Committee and the fund holder. Selection will be based on a student's commitment to service in our community, overall academic progress and involvement in extracurricular activities.

Finalists may be contacted for an interview. Students will be notified by email of any scholarship award or denial on or before **May 1, 2019**.

**Application Requirements:**

- Completed and signed application –**emailed with required attachments by March 31, 2019**
- Official high school transcript showing a GPA of at least 2.5.
- A **brief** description of planned area of study and career goals
- **An essay must accompany your application**. It must be **typed**, double spaced using 12 point Times New Roman font and should be no more two pages long.

**Essay Question:** Please describe how you, as an adult, you will strive to help create a better world. This can be through field of study, or personal commitment.

- One letter of reference. Letter should be mailed **directly** to:

Rockland Community Foundation  
The Aleyris Martinez Memorial Scholarship  
P.O. Box 323  
New City, NY 10956

***Remember! Keep a copy of your application for your records.***

Questions? Call 845-947-2868 or email [RCFscholarships@gmail.com](mailto:RCFscholarships@gmail.com)

**Email your completed application and all scanned attachments to  
[RCFscholarships@gmail.com](mailto:RCFscholarships@gmail.com)  
by March 31, 2019**

**Incomplete applications will not be considered**

**APPLICATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Birthplace \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_

College attending (if already known) \_\_\_\_\_

**Planned area of study and career goals:**

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**Extra curricular and community service activities:**

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**The Aleyris Martinez Memorial Scholarship - Essay**

*Completion of this essay is a required component for consideration of your scholarship application. (see formatting requirements on p.2)*

**Essay Question:** Please describe how you, as an adult, you will strive to help create a better world. This can be through field of study, or personal commitment.

**Certification and Permissions**

**Please Read and Sign**

I hereby affirm that the information contained herein is true and correct. I hereby grant permission to the Rockland Community Foundation to verify such information and to release information to the donor of the Aleyris Martinez Memorial Scholarship.

I understand that receipt of this scholarship grant is contingent on continued enrollment for a minimum of two years, and providing proof of enrollment. Falsification of any information or failure to meet these requirements will result in the termination of my scholarship and I will be obligated to return any grant monies already received.

I hereby grant and assign the Rockland Community Foundation the right to use my biographical information, essay response, and my image to publicize my nomination and/or receipt of this scholarship award, and to promote the goals of the scholarship, for editorial, trade, advertising or any other purpose and in any manner and medium, including website and internet promotion.

I also consent to have a copy of my application and all supporting materials retained indefinitely by the Rockland Community Foundation.

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/  
Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_