

**Carlos J. DaLomba
Scholarship Foundation**

The Carlos J. DaLomba Scholarship Foundation was established in 1994 in an effort to promote one of the primary goals of its namesake: to encourage Cape Verdean youth, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds, to better themselves through the pursuit of higher education.

The scholarships, one-time awards in the amount of \$1,000.00, are presented in August of each year to two (2) individuals selected from among that year's applicants. Applicants must be:

- 1) of Cape Verdean descent;
- 2) high school seniors (attending school in RI or MA); AND,
- 3) accepted to at least one (1) post-secondary educational institution for the coming academic year. (The award recipients will be required to verify acceptance to at least one (1) such school.)

Applicants are evaluated in the following categories: academic performance; community and/or religious involvement/participation; financial need. **The Application and Recommendation Forms, which are available on the website, must be received by the Scholarship Committee on or before June 1st of each year.** All application materials should be forwarded to the attention of the CJD Scholarship Committee at: email@carlosjdalomba.org, or mailed to the Scholarship Committee c/o 57 Park Circle, South Attleboro, MA 02703.

Scholarship Banquet

Each year in August a Scholarship Banquet is held to award two individuals with a \$1,000 scholarship from the Carlos J. DaLomba Scholarship Foundation.

Funds raised from the banquet and throughout the year help pay for the scholarships.

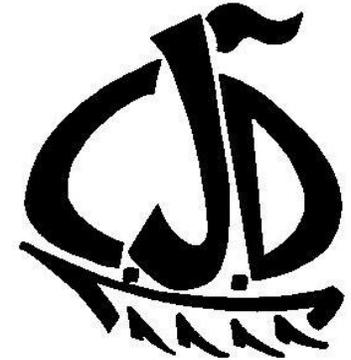
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Carlos J DaLomba Scholarship Foundation History

Carlos J. DaLomba, a loving and devoted son, brother, nephew, cousin and friend, passed away suddenly on September 6, 1993. Just 22 years old at the time of his passing, he had recently graduated from UMass Dartmouth and was contemplating the course his life would take. As is typical in cases where a young, vibrant and healthy individual is suddenly gone, Carlos' death left family and friends with questions. However, as time passed and as the faith in God which had nurtured and now sustained his family and friends worked its wonder, the realization occurred that when we were finally in a position to know the answers to those questions, we would be at the foot of the throne — and then the answers would no longer matter, for we would be with Carlos once again. That realization led to a change in the question – from “Why did this happen?” to “What good can come of this?” and “How best can Carlos' legacy be carried on?”

In looking at Carlos' life, one striking feature emerged: his exemplary commitment to Cape Verdean youth. Whether as a Sunday School teacher, youth group leader, volunteer for PONTE (People Organizing Neighborhoods to Excel, a now-defunct Pawtucket-based community service group), or as a mentor or friend, Carlos had dedicated countless hours to the support and advancement of Cape Verdean youngsters. It was decided that the best way to memorialize Carlos and the work in which he had engaged in his life on earth was to start a scholarship fund to assist Cape Verdean youth. And so the CJD Scholarship Foundation was created in 1994.

In contemplating what the criteria for the scholarship should be, the original members of the Scholarship Committee, most of whom continue to serve to this day, looked to what had been important to Carlos himself.

Because Carlos had a particular concern for those Cape Verdean youth of lesser means, often utilizing not only his time but his personal funds to take them to recreational parks, beaches and other places their wallets might not have permitted them to go, Financial Need became a criteria;

Because Carlos believed and attempted to impart to the youth with whom he worked that education was the key to future success, Academic Achievement became a criteria;

And because Carlos, by example, encouraged the youth to become active in their churches and communities through volunteerism, Religious and Community Service became a criteria.

Each year the members of the Scholarship Committee convene and review the application submissions received that year. Each committee member reviews each application individually and independently, scoring the applicants from 1 to 10 in the areas of Financial Need, Academic Achievement and Religious/Community Service, for a maximum total of 30 points. It is only after each committee member has reviewed and scored each application submission that the committee convenes as a group and tallies the scores. In what is a true democratic process, the two applicants with the highest total scores are declared that year's recipients.