



Edwin Vazquez Memorial Scholarship

Please submit this completed application along with your attached essay, teacher recommendation, and college acceptance letter no later than **May 10, 2024**.

You may submit your application via email at info@evrocks.org

or

you may submit your application by mail using the address shown below.

*EV Rocks Incorporated
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Wappingers Falls, NY 12590*

2024 Scholarship Application

Who was Edwin Vazquez?

Edwin Vazquez was a Puerto Rican native who spent his adult life living in Dutchess County, New York. He was an incredibly active, upstanding member of his community and was truly beloved by all. He was a lifetime member of the Beekman Fire Company, a volunteer EMT, a CPR/First Aid instructor, a little league coach, a boy scout leader, and the best Santa Clause the town of Beekman has ever seen. Eddie cared deeply for his family, friends, and community, but also had a life-long passion for both architecture and music. He worked full-time as an architect for upwards of 30 years, concentrating mostly on renovation and adaptive reuse of older structures. He loved to research old buildings in his free time and would talk about famous architectural sites as if they were celebrities.

Although Eddie found great joy and success in the world of architecture, truly nothing compared to his love of music. He was introduced to rock music at a young age when he became a bass player in his cousin's band, and his enthusiasm for all things surrounding the music industry never stopped growing. By the time of his passing, Eddie had accrued an impressive collection of musical equipment and set up a small recording studio in his basement.

Eddie was diagnosed with stage IV esophageal cancer in September of 2020. Throughout his three year battle, he continued to make music and contribute significantly to his architecture firm. When he passed away in September of 2023, the charitable organization, EV Rocks Incorporated, was created in his memory to support families throughout their cancer journey. It is the distinct honor of this organization, along with Edwin's family and friends, to offer this scholarship on his behalf.

Scholarship Award:

An award of \$3,000.00 will be given to a graduating senior residing in New York State or Puerto Rico who plans to pursue a degree in architecture or music and who has significantly given back to their community.

Eligibility:

- Student must be a graduating senior for the 2023 - 2024 school year.
- Student must attend school or be home schooled in the State of New York or Puerto Rico.
- Student must be an active participant and in good academic standing with their school.
- Student must be majoring in architecture or pursuing one of the following music concentrations: musical studies, music education, music history/theory, music business/industry, music technology, songwriting/composition, or audio production.
- Student must be an active, upstanding member of their community.

Scholarship Selection Process:

All completed applications will be reviewed by the EV Rocks Incorporated scholarship committee and given a score using the criteria below.

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| ● School Involvement | 0 - 10 Points |
| ● Community Involvement | 0 - 20 Points |
| ● Applicant Essay | 0 - 40 Points |
| ● Letter of Recommendation | 0 - 30 Points |

The maximum score a student can receive is 100 points. Upon reviewing all of the applications, the student with the highest point value will be granted this award.

Important Dates:

- Application Due Date: May 10, 2024
- Notification of Scholarship Recipient: By June 1, 2024

Student Application

Part 1: General Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

High School: _____

District: _____

College (Fall 2024): _____

Anticipated Major: _____

Part 2: School Involvement

School Organizations/Clubs:

List any school organizations you have been involved in and provide the years in which you were an active member.

Organization(s)	Year(s)
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

School Leadership and Awards:

List organizations in which you have been assigned a leadership role and/or any awards you have received over the course of your high school career.

Leadership Role/Title	Year(s) Assigned
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Award(s)	Year Received
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Part 3: Community Involvement

Community Organizations:

List any community organizations you have been involved in and provide the years in which you were an active member.

Organization(s)	Year(s)
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Additional Community Involvement:

Use the space below to provide a **brief** description of other ways in which you have been involved in the betterment of your community. You will have the opportunity to elaborate on this section and any of the items mentioned in part two or three in your essay.

Part 4: Essay

Answer the following prompt in 1,000 words or less (typed).

Describe how your acts of service have impacted your community and the ways in which the degree you are pursuing will continue to make a difference.

Part 5: College Acceptance

Provide a copy of the acceptance letter for the college you are planning to attend. If a college acceptance letter is not yet available, one will need to be provided prior to receiving this scholarship.

Part 6: Letter of Recommendation

Please attach at least one signed letter of recommendation explaining why the student should be awarded this scholarship.