



**Movimiento Tricolor
Miguel Martínez Memorial Scholarship Application
2026**

The Miguel Martínez Memorial Scholarship honors the life and legacy of Miguel Martínez, a beloved member of the Movimiento Tricolor community whose kindness, work ethic, and unwavering belief in the power of elevating his community continues to inspire us.

This scholarship recognizes an immigrant student who embodies Miguel's values: perseverance, generosity, and a deep commitment to community. It supports a young leader who, like Miguel, turns challenges into opportunities and envisions a brighter future for themselves and others.



Miguel Martínez
(1997 - 2025)

Born in San José de las Matas, Dominican Republic, and raised in Camden, New Jersey, Miguel Martínez was a proud Dominican immigrant whose creativity, generosity, and community spirit left a lasting mark on everyone he met. With a passion for media and storytelling, Miguel found his purpose behind the lens, capturing moments that celebrated joy, culture, and connection.

From photographing friends and local events to working with major outlets like Univision and WHYY, Miguel turned his talent into a career and eventually built his own media business. Yet his greatest gift was how he used his platform to lift others. He was always quick to share an opportunity, offer support, or connect someone to their next step.

To Movimiento Tricolor (MTC), Miguel was more than a photographer, he was family. He documented our journey from the very beginning, bringing his ideas, energy, and pride to every parade, gala, and community event. His lens captured not just images, but the spirit of our mission.

The Miguel Martínez Memorial Scholarship honors his life, his artistry, and his unwavering belief in helping others rise. Through this award, we celebrate his legacy by supporting immigrant students who, like Miguel, dream boldly, work tirelessly, and give back generously.

Who We Are

Movimiento Tricolor Inc. is a local 501(c) (3) non-profit organization formed for charitable and educational purposes with of capacity building and empowering the Dominican community and its at-large community

Mission

Movimiento Tricolor's (MTC) mission is to provide services and resources to address the social and economic barriers facing the Dominican community and community at large

Vision

To unite the diverse Dominican diaspora and community at-large to create a supportive hub to increase their social and economic development

Pillars:

Economic Development

Education

Cultura

Civic Engagement & Advocacy

Scholarship

At Movimiento Tricolor, we believe that honoring Miguel's legacy means carrying forward the light he shared with others. The Miguel Martínez Memorial Scholarship uplifts an immigrant student who, like Miguel, dreams big, works hard, and uses their talents to uplift their community. Through this scholarship, we celebrate Miguel's passion for creativity, connection, and opportunity, and affirm our commitment to empowering those who continue his vision of a brighter, more inclusive future.

Language Justice

Language should never be a barrier to opportunity. Our commitment to language justice means honoring the languages our community speaks, and ensuring that everyone can fully participate, share their story, and access resources in the language they feel most at home in. By offering our application in both English and Spanish, we're affirming that bilingualism is a strength and that every voice deserves to be heard, understood, and acknowledged.

Requirements for Scholarships

Requirements for Applicants:

- First-generation immigrant student who will be pursuing higher education, a trade, or entrepreneurship upon graduation
- Senior in high school
- Resides in Camden County
- Essay must be 500 words

Deadline

Application must be submitted by **July 15th, 2026** to jennifer@movitricolor.org with the subject being, “2026 Miguel Martinez Scholarship” Late applications will not be accepted. The applications will be reviewed and chosen by the family of Miguel Martinez. A formal letter of acceptance will be sent via email to the scholarship winner by **August 1, 2026**. The recipient is expected to attend the “Second Annual Dominican Parade and Concert” on August 16, 2026 at the Wiggins Waterfront Park in Camden, NJ. At this event, the scholarship will be presented on stage and funds will be provided in the form of a check.

The scholarship awarded will be **\$1000**.

Checklist

- Application sections all fully completed
- 500-word essay answering essay prompt below

First Name:

Last Name:

Phone:

Email:

Mailing Address

Street:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

DOB

Month:

Day:

Year (YYYY):

School Information

Name:

Street:

City:

State:

Zip

Code:

Phone:

Year of Graduation:

GPA:

Employment / Volunteer Work (if applicable)

Employer:

Job Title:

Responsibilities:

Start Date:

End Date:

Employer:

Job Title:

Responsibilities:

Start Date:

End Date:

Employer:

Job Title:

Responsibilities:

Start Date:

End Date:

Involvement

Activity	Years Involved/ Hours Involved	Position of leadership	Awards/ Recognition	Other Information

Essay

500 word limit

Miguel Martínez used his creativity and kindness to uplift others, turning his passion for media into a way to celebrate and support his community. Think about what that means to you. How do you use your own talents, story, or passions to make a difference for others, or how do you hope to in the future?

The strongest responses will:

1. **Reflect the spirit of Miguel Martínez** - showing creativity, generosity, and a commitment to uplifting others.
2. **Describe a personal experience, passion, or project** that demonstrates how you use (or hope to use) your talents to make a positive impact in your community.
3. **Express your authentic voice and values** - showing who you are, what drives you, and how you hope to carry forward Miguel's legacy of connection, opportunity, and pride in community.

Any questions or concerns?

Email us at: jennifer@movitricolor.org