



ACAPO 2017 ARMANDO (RILHAS) COSTA APPLICATION

Armando Costa (Rilhas) July 20, 1949 - December 7, 2012

Armando Costa, also known as Rilhas, was a Portuguese singer, soccer player and coach. Born in the village of Bombarral in central Portugal. He immigrated to Toronto in 1968 at the age of 18. Having played in Portugal for his local team, Bombarralense, he immediately started his Canadian career playing for Toronto First Portuguese of the Canadian National Soccer League, eventually becoming the longest serving player in the league and winning a championship with the club. Costa later joined the Buffalo Stallions of the Major Indoor Soccer League for two seasons until his retirement in 1982.

After retiring from playing, Armando started his coaching career as head of, Toronto First Portuguese, leading the team to an NSL championship in 1990. He would join the coaching staff of the Canadian Professional Soccer League's Toronto Blizzard the following year in 1991. Costa took over the Ontario Soccer Association's High Performance Academy from 1993 to 1997. He spent one season on the coaching staff of the Toronto Lynx in 1998. In 1998 Costa became a personal coach to Al-Saadi Gaddafi, son of Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi during his time with Italian team Perugia Calcio, and with the Libyan national football team. He later became the Youth National Team's Technical Director from 2000 to 2005 and also the head coach of U-17 and U-20 Libyan Olympic teams. Following his time in Libya, Costa became the head coach and Director of Soccer Operations for Brampton City United FC of the Canadian Soccer League until his death in December 2012.

Costa's was also a traditional Portuguese singer who had sang Fado since he was a young person in Portugal, where he played drums with a band. Costa released an album in 1989, entitled "Sou quem Sou" (I am who I am).

In honour of this great friend and volunteer of Toronto's Portuguese community The Alliance of Portuguese Clubs and Associations of Ontario, in collaboration with Casa Do Alentejo Community Centre will be presenting two Luso-Canadian Youth with scholarships – one recognizing excellence in Sport and one recognizing Excellence in Music.

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Portugal Week 2017 Armando “Rilhas” Costa Scholarship Application

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SCHOLARSHIP: (check one)

Sports

Music

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____.
(month) (day) (year)

RESIDENCE: (while in school)

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Residing there until: _____

PERMANENT RESIDENCE: (if different from above)

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

CURRENT LEVEL OF EDUCATION: (check one)

(___) **High School, Grade 12** (*Name of High School*)

(___) **College** (*Name of College, Program Enrolled In, Year of Study*)

(___) **University: Undergraduate** (*Name of University, Year, Faculty*)

(___) **University: Graduate and Post-Graduate** (*Name of University, Year, Faculty, Specialization*)

ACADEMIC INFORMATION: (programs you are currently enrolled in)

High School _____
University Degree _____
or College Diploma _____
Year of Study _____

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

(Please provide ALL of the following in your application package):

1. Original official academic transcript issued by a Canadian High School, College or University Institution. Must be received from the institution that the student is currently enrolled at, and be both stamped/signed and sealed.
Photocopies or
 - a. e-mails will not qualify as "official" documents.
2. Updated Curriculum Vitae
3. Short Bio of yourself, explaining how you excel in sports or music and why you should receive this award (250 words maximum).
4. Signed Declaration (please see below).

DECLARATION:

I, (applicant's name) _____

1. reside in Canada, am a Canadian Citizen *or* Permanent Resident of Canada, and my permanent residence is in Ontario when I am not studying outside of Ontario (**ACAPO** may request the proof of permanent residence in Ontario);
2. am enrolled full time in a program at a Canadian academic institution located in Canada which I have identified above and have achieved at least a "B" average in this current year of study;
3. at least one of my parents/guardians is of Portuguese origin;
4. acknowledge that the Scholarship Selection Committee is relying upon the information provided herein and, should this information be found to be incorrect or misleading, it will result in my disqualification as an applicant. Furthermore, if a scholarship is awarded and it is later determined that this application contained false information, I will be required to return the award;
5. state that I have complied with all of the outlined provisions in this application.
6. also confirm that I understand the following no applicant will be entitled to apply to an **ACAPO** Scholarship in concurrent years.

Signature of Applicant

Date

PLEASE NOTE:

1. We thank everyone for their application but only the selected winners will be contacted.
2. All applications once submitted become the property of **ACAPO**, including official transcripts.
3. **ACAPO** may choose to publish the list of the selected winners.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: Tuesday April 4th, 2017.
Including Official Transcripts

Please hand deliver or courier your application no later than 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 4th, 2017. Official transcripts from institutions must also be received by April 4th 2017, at the following address:

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