

**Valencia Alumni Association**  
**Bill Castellano Civic Leadership Scholarship**  
**2009/2010**

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**Overview:**

Nearly 50 years ago, President John F. Kennedy challenged a new generation to “ask not what your country can do for you-ask what you can do for your country”. His words struck deep into the soul of a young man who would later become one of the first students to attend Valencia Community College. Bill Castellano always took an active interest in government and his community. From serving in the Student Government Association and as a founder of the Valencia Alumni Association after graduating to retiring as one of the most admired and respected government professors, he always challenged the next generation he met to rise and meet the challenges of the man who inspired him to be a true civic leader.

Professor Castellano’s ability to encourage students to share their true talents for the common good of their community will be his legacy. He was a guiding force for students and the Valencia Community College family for over 40 years. In remembrance of his outstanding contributions to our community, the Bill Castellano Civic Leadership Scholarship will be awarded to a student who exhibits the leadership skills and overwhelming desire to become a future civic leader. This scholarship will allow those who will never have the opportunity to meet him the ability to carry on his passion and love of government and true civic leadership.

**Eligibility Criteria:**

The student must:

- be degree seeking and have completed at least 9 credit hours at Valencia Community College
- have a minimum overall 2.5 GPA
- have successfully completed POS 2041 U.S. Government with a “C” or higher
- have demonstrated a commitment to school, leadership and community service and/or have actively participated in a government campaign

**Application Process:**

1. In conjunction with the application form, each candidate must submit a completed nomination packet to the **Alumni Relations Office, Building 6, Room 101 at the East Campus** to be received no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, October 16, 2009.

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**701 N. Econlockhatchee Trail, Mail Code: 3-12**  
**Orlando, FL 32825**  
**(407) 582-2946**

2. The application packet must include:

- Completed Application Form (<http://www.valenciacc.edu/alumni/scholarships.cfm>)
- Official Valencia Transcript
- A Resume (not to exceed two pages - recommend visiting the Career Center on any campus for review)
- Two letters of recommendation (one from Valencia staff or faculty and one from community organization where you have volunteered)
- Essay (minimum of 400 words and not to exceed 500 words)

**\*Please Note:** Incomplete packets, late packets, or those exceeding the guidelines for length will be automatically disqualified.

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Application Form

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

(Last Name)

(First Name)

(MI)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

(Street)

(APT)

(City)

(State)

(ZIP Code)

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

VID# V \_\_\_\_\_

Valencia Overall GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Attach an Official Transcript\*)

**APPLICATION PACKET**

**Please attach a typed personal statement of a minimum of 400 and no more than 500 words which addresses all of the following:**

- Explain your philosophy regarding civic leadership.
- Describe your educational and career goals as a civic leader.
- Explain a leadership role(s) you have played in a community service or government campaign of which you are particularly proud and the impact it made on the project and on you.

**A Resume showing paid and volunteer positions (not to exceed two pages - recommend visiting the Career Center on any campus for review)**

**Two signed letters of recommendation are required.**

One letter must be from a Valencia faculty or staff member and the other from a community organization where you have volunteered

**An official college transcript is required.**

\*An official transcript is one issued from the Admissions office in a sealed envelope. The transcript is considered unofficial if opened. Transcripts must be ordered in advance. For instructions go to: [http://www.valenciacc.edu/records/transcript\\_form.asp](http://www.valenciacc.edu/records/transcript_form.asp)

*I certify that to the best of my knowledge all information submitted is true. I will enroll in a minimum of six credit hours at Valencia during the term for which this award will be made.*

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Signature of student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

***This application with all required attachments must be received in the Alumni Relations Office, East Campus, Bldg. 6 Room 101, by 5:00 p.m. on the due date.***  
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