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| ***Achieving Success & Knowledge (A.S.K.) Scholarship Program*** ***2017******Graduating High School Seniors***  |
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| **Disclaimer: Please read the content of this package carefully as changes were made to the A.S.K. scholarship program.**  **Any questions contact or email:****Valerin Ubri or Lisett Lebron** **732-442-0384****info@partnernj.org** |

**Scholarship Overview and Program Priorities**

This scholarship is awarded to graduating high school seniors who are currently part of the Housing Authority of the City of Perth Amboy’s Public Housing and Section 8 Housing Voucher Assistance Program. The Perth Amboy Redevelopment Team for Neighborhood Enterprise & Revitalization (P.A.R.T.N.E.R) is the sponsoring organization for the annual scholarship.

 The recipients are selected on the basis of good academic standing, commitment to volunteerism/community service and personal accomplishments. Those enrolled in the Family Self Sufficiency program are preferred candidates. The scholarships for qualified recipients will be awarded for a term of one year.

The priorities of the A.S.K. Scholarship are to promote, encourage and support the educational advancement of graduating seniors who are part of Public Housing and Section 8 Housing Voucher Assistance as well as the participation in the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program.

**Award Criteria and Eligibility**

 **Required:**

* Current participant of the Public Housing or Section 8 Housing Voucher Program of the City of Perth Amboy.
* Graduating High School Senior (provide proof; unofficial transcripts suggested).
* U.S. Citizen or Legal Permanent Resident (Green Card Holder) in good standing with the Perth Amboy Public Housing or the Section 8.
* Good academic standings (exemplary school attendance and minimum GPA of 2.0 required).
* Must be in need for financial educational assistance.
* Must be accepted and enrolled for the 2017 Fall Term, in a degree or certificate in an accredited college/university or vocational institution, full time (12 credits) or part time (6 to 9 credits). ***A letter of enrollment or acceptance for the 2017 Fall Term must be provided.***

**Award Criteria and Eligibility (cont.…)**

**Preferred**:

* Participation in the Family Self-Sufficiency Program.
* Active role in the community/ extracurricular involvement is highly recommended.
* Listed are examples of community service: volunteer at local churches and school, community cleanups, gardening projects, Boys and Girls Club, Youth Alliance, Model United Nations, language clubs, Year Book Club, tutoring, etc...

**Application Process/Checklist and Mailing Instructions**

* [ ]  Complete the enclosed application form with signature. Typed or neatly print (black or blue ink).
* [ ]  High School Diploma, GED equivalent or Official transcripts. (***Transcripts must be in a sealed envelope and remain sealed as they were by the issuing institution/school***).
* [ ]  Include three (3) recommendation letters from the following criteria:

**Required:**

* Academic (professor, advisor, school administrator) (***must be in a sealed envelope and remain sealed as it were by the issuing academic professional***)

**Preferred:**

* Personal (non-relative or work related).
* Community service/ extracurricular involvement (service coordinator, athletic coach, etc.).

***\*All letters of recommendation must be typed.***

* [ ]  Letter of acceptance from an accredited college/ university or vocational institution (Non-accredited institutions will not be accepted).
* [ ]  Personal statement (3-page double-spaced typed essay). The essay is an opportunity for graduating seniors to express themselves in a well thought out and organized manner. The following should be included:
* Tell us about yourself.
* Your chosen field of study and the reasons why it was chosen.

**Application Process/Checklist and Mailing Instructions (cont.…)**

* Career plan and goals upon graduation.
* How the A.S.K. scholarship would help with your academic goals.
* If awarded, how will you most likely use the scholarship award (laptop, text books, transportation funds, or other).
* Mail your completed application packet in a 8.5 x 11 letter-size envelope to:
* **Perth Amboy Redevelopment Team for Neighborhood Enterprise and Revitalization (P.A.R.T.N.E.R.) ATTN: Lisett Lebron – A.S.K. Scholarship Program**

**Graduating High School Seniors 2017**

**415 Fayette Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861**

**Application Due Date**

All applications are due by ***Friday, April 21, 2017 at 5:11pm. Incomplete or after the due date applications will not be considered for review.***

**Selection Process**

P.A.R.T.N.E.R will conduct the review and selection of scholarship recipients.

 Candidate interviews may be conducted.

**Award Announcement**

***Announcement will be by mailed by June 2017.***

**Application Form**

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| Personal Information |
| Date:       | **Section 8:**[ ]  | **Public Housing:**[ ]  |
| Name:      |
| Current Mailing Address:       |
| Permanent Address:      |
| SS#:      | **Date** **of** **Birth:**  | **Male:** [ ]  | **Female:**[ ]  |
| Phone #:       | **Email:**  |
| Head of Household Name:       |
| Institution Information  |
| Name of Institution:       |
| Address:       |
| Major/Field of Study:       |
| Signature I certify that the information provided on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any misrepresentation of information may cause denial of the scholarship award payment. |
| Signature:       Date       |
| Parent / Guardian Signature:      (if the student is under the age of 18) Date       |