A.S.K. YOUTH
Graduating High School 2020
Scholarship Program

NEW SUBMISSION DATE: FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2020

SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

The Perth Amboy Redevelopment Team for Neighborhood Enterprise & Revitalization (P.A.R.T.N.E.R.) is the sponsoring organization for the annual scholarship. This scholarship is to be awarded to graduating high school seniors. Achieving Success & Knowledge (A.S.K.) Scholarship Program challenges students, who are residents of the Housing Authority of the City of Perth Amboy Public Housing or receiving Perth Amboy Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Assistance, to develop and perform services within the community.

The recipients are selected on the basis of good academic standing, school attendance, and commitment to volunteerism/ community service, personal accomplishments, and progress towards the achievement of the Family Self-Sufficiency goals.

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Program Priorities

- Scholarships for qualified applicants will be awarded for a term of one year.
- Promote and encourage Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) participation.
- Support educational advancement of graduating Seniors of FSS participating families and residents of Perth Amboy Public Housing or families receiving Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Assistance.

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Award Criteria

- Good academic standings (minimum 2.0 GPA required)
- Exemplary school attendance
- Need for Financial Assistance (for educational purposes)
- Must be accepted and enrolled, **for the 2020 Fall term**, in a degree or certificate seeking program at an accredited college/university or vocational trade school full- time (12 credits) or part- time (6 credits). Should you not be enrolled in an accredited institution, your scholarship will be forfeited. ***Must provide a letter of acceptance or enrollment for the Fall 2020 term.**
- Demonstrate active role in community/ extracurricular involvement, church and or school.

Eligibility

- Graduating high school senior.
- U.S. Citizen or a Legal Permanent Resident.
- Must be a Legal resident and in good standings with Perth Amboy Public Housing or the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program.
- Participation in the Family Self- Sufficiency (FSS) preferred.

How to Apply

- Complete the attached Application. Must be typed or neatly handwritten.
- Official transcripts issued from the high school or a copy of your High School Diploma.
- Three letters of reference- from your employer, guidance counselor, school faculty member, community provider or a personal reference (non- relative.)
- Attach a letter of acceptance from the accredited college, university or vocational trade school.
- Personal Statement (minimum 2 pages double-spaced type written essay) answering the questions below. The essay is designed to offer an opportunity for graduating seniors to express themselves in a well thought out and organized manner. It allows us the opportunity to become familiar with you outside of academics.
    1. Discuss your field of study, why you chose the field of study, and what do you plan to do once you graduate.
    2. Why are you applying for the A.S.K. Youth Scholarship, discuss any circumstances that may have affected your academic standings, if any, and provide any applicable information that may assist us in the decision making process.

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Application Deadline

All applications are to be submitted prior to the end of the business workday **4:30pm, Friday, May 29, 2020**. Incomplete or late applications will not be reviewed.

Forward your completed application packet to:

Housing Authority of the City of Perth Amboy
ATTN: Eugenia Hill - A.S.K. YOUTH Scholarship Program
881 Amboy Avenue, P.O. Box 390
Perth Amboy, NJ 08862

For questions or assistance completing this application please contact Eugenia Hill, Social Services Program Director at (732) 826-3110 extension *631 OR ehill@perthamboyha.org.

Application Reviewing Process

The Executive Board of P.A.R.T.N.E.R will conduct the review and selection of scholarship recipients. It is at the discretion of P.A.R.T.N.E.R. to conduct candidate interviews. All applicants are not guaranteed a scholarship.

Scholarship Recipient Announcement

Finalist will be notified by mail in May 2020.

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Application Checklist

1. _____ Completed Application

2. _____ Official Transcript

3. _____ Three letters of references

   a. Academic (i.e. Teacher, Counselor, School Administrator)
   b. Community Service/ Extracurricular Involvement (i.e. Service Agency Coordinator, Athletic Coach)
   c. Personal (non-relative)

4. _____ Attach copy of your letter of acceptance and enrollment in an accredited institution

5. _____ Personal Statement (Minimum of 2 pages double-spaced type written)

**** Remember we cannot consider your application for review unless it is complete****
**** P.A.R.T.N.E.R. reserves the right not to review incomplete scholarship applications ****

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Please Print or Type:

Date: _____ Section 8 ____ Public Housing ____

Name:

_____

First Middle Initial Last

_____

Current Mailing Address City State Zip

_____

Permanent Address: City State Zip

Social Security Number: _____ Male □ Female □

Date of Birth (Mo./Day/Year): _____ Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Parents/Head of House Hold Name: _____

Name of Institution to which you have applied:

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Name of Institution:

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Address: City State Zip

Major or Field of Study:

_____

Have you been accepted yet? Yes □ No □
If yes, make sure you attach a copy of your acceptance letter.

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The term of study will begin:

☐ Summer 20 _____ ☐ Fall 20 _____ ☐ Winter 20 _____ ☐ Spring 20 _____

Make sure the following is attached:

- **Personal Statement** minimum 2-page double-spaced typed essay) The essay is designed to offer an opportunity for applicant to express themselves in a well thought out and organized manner. Personalize your essay

- The essay should include the following items:
  1. Describe chosen field of study
  2. Reasons for chosen field of study
  3. Description of plan upon graduation
  4. Describe how the ASK Scholarship can help with your academic goals.

- **If awarded, how would you prefer your scholarship award?**

_____ **Laptop computer**
_____ **funds for text books**
_____ **Funds for transportation**
_____ **Funds to prepare for school**

- **Work Experience (if applicable):** Attach resume or briefly explain. If necessary, use additional sheets of paper.

Signature:

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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.

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Applicant Signature:

_____

Parent/ Guardian: (If the student is under the age of 18)

Date: _____

For Office Use:

Date Received: _____ Date Reviewed: _____

Approved ☐ Initial of Approving Officer: _____