



Community Affairs
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Dear HACP Resident,

I am pleased to offer you the opportunity to apply to the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh's **Clean Slate E3 Scholarship Program**. This scholarship is available to all residents of the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh, including students who reside in low-income public housing, Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8) housing, or scattered sites.

If you are a current high school senior residing in HACP housing and are preparing for post-secondary education, I strongly encourage you to review the information regarding this opportunity and to apply before the **June 30, 2009 deadline**.

The monies awarded under this program may be used for any post-high school education including a four-year college or university, community college, vocational/technical school, or business school. Based upon the availability of funds, HACP can reward students up to **\$1,000 per year** for a term of up to 4 years. PLEASE READ THE ENCLOSED APPLICATION GUIDELINES.

In order to participate in this program, students must complete the enclosed application and submit it to the HACP before the deadline date. Students will also be required to submit: a current high school transcript, a typed essay and a letter of recommendation. Deadline for returning the completed application for the school year 2009-2010 is June 30, 2009.

I urge you to add your name to the list of fine young men and women who have participated in the program. The opportunities provided by your commitment to this program are many and the effects are long lasting. I wish you success in all of your future endeavors and encourage you to apply for this exciting opportunity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Fulton Meachem Jr.', with a stylized flourish at the end.

A. Fulton Meachem Jr.
Executive Director

Enclosures

The Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh/ Clean Slate E3 Scholarship Program Overview and Application Guidelines

The Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh (HACP) is committed to assisting the residents of public housing in their efforts to achieve educational advancement. In order to achieve this goal, we have established a post-secondary scholarship fund that is available to qualified public housing residents.

The HACP Scholarship Program provides scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 per year toward the post-secondary education efforts of qualified public housing residents. The scholarship can be used toward tuition at any accredited college, university, community college or an accredited trade or technical school.

Based on the availability of funding, HACP will issue scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 for qualified applicants. The scholarships may be renewed annually, based on need, for the student's sophomore, junior and senior years of schools. Applicants may only receive funding for a maximum of four years, if the applicant passes each year and maintains a GPA of at least 2.5.

The requirements to qualify for the scholarship include the following:

1. Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh residency (head of household is in good standing with HACP);
2. Good academic standing in high school and cumulative GPA of at least 2.5; For returning scholarship applicants, a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 for the most recently completed year of school;
3. Students must be attending school on a full-time basis;
4. Scholarships will be awarded to graduating high school seniors, with a greater level of preference provided to HACP youth employees or participation in the HACP Street Team Program or other organized HACP youth program.

Applicants for the HACP Scholarship Program must also provide:

1. Letter of acceptance to an accredited college, university, community college or an accredited trade or technical school;
2. Letter of reference from a teacher, guidance counselor, coach, or other adult mentor;
3. Copy of high school transcript.

Repeat applicants for the scholarship program must provide:

1. Copy of transcript from most recently completed year of college;
2. Schedule for upcoming year of college. Students must be attending school on a full-time basis in order to renew their HACP Scholarship.

Clean Slate E3 Scholarship Application

Date: _____

Applicant Name: _____

Address: _____

Community: _____

City/ State/ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____

High School: _____

Expected Graduation Date: _____

Grade Point Average: _____

College or Post-Secondary Learning Institution: _____

Starting Date at College or Post-Secondary Institution: _____

Additional Requirements:

1. Typed Essay – Provide a typed essay of 500 words or less describing activities in which you have participated during the past school year. The essay should focus on activities that have helped you to build character, good citizenship, and/or academic achievement (this could include, but is not limited to examples of: volunteerism, mentoring, academic achievement and/or social or civic awareness). Attach a copy of your essay to this form and return it along with your completed scholarship application.
2. Letter of Acceptance – Provide a copy of an acceptance letter to a university, college, community college or accredited professional trade or technical school.
3. High School Transcript – Provide an up-to-date copy of your high school transcript that includes the grades from the most recently completed term.
4. Letter of Recommendation – Provide a letter of recommendation/ reference provided by have an adult, including but not limited to: a teacher, counselor, coach or other mentor. Contact information must be included in the letter of recommendation.

Attach each of the required documents to your application and submit to:

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Community Affairs Department
200 Ross St., 8th Floor
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Deadline to Apply:

All applications must be received by HACP, no later than Tuesday, June 30, 2009.