



## A.S.K. YOUTH Graduating High School 2024 Scholarship Program

### **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.

### **A.S.K. YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP 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 2024 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 2024 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.
- **Student must attend award ceremony**
- 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, Tuesday, April 30, 2024**. Incomplete or late applications will not be reviewed.

Forward your completed application packet via email to [ehill@perthamboyha.org](mailto:ehill@perthamboyha.org) or mail 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](mailto: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. \* If awarded the scholarship, student must attend award ceremony.

### Scholarship Recipient Announcement

Finalist will be notified by mail in May 2024.



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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:

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First	Middle Initial	Last
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Current Mailing Address	City	State	Zip
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Permanent Address:	City	State	Zip
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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:

\_\_\_\_\_

Address:	City	State	Zip
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Major or Field of Study:

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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.



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**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.

I understand if selected to receive the scholarship, I must attend the award ceremony to receive the funds.

\_\_\_\_\_  
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: \_\_\_\_\_