



A.S.K. CONTINUING EDUCATION Scholarship Program 2024

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 adults who are interested in continuing their education. 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 and commitment to volunteerism/community service, personal accomplishments, and progress towards the achievement of the Family Self- Sufficiency goals.

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- Scholarships to qualified applicants will be awarded for a term of one year. You must apply each year in order to be considered for a consecutive scholarship term.
- Promote and encourage Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) participation.
- Support educational advancement for adult members of the FSS program and residents of Perth Amboy Public Housing or families receiving Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Assistance.
- Assist in developing progressive escrow savings to be utilized to accomplish established goals.



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Award Criteria

- Good academic standing (minimum 2.0 GPA required)
- 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 2024 fall term.**
- Demonstrate active role in community, employment, extracurricular involvement, church and or school.

Eligibility

- High school graduate or GED equivalent.
- 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) Program preferred.

How to Apply

- Complete the attached Application. Must be typed or neatly handwritten.
- Official transcripts issued from the high school you graduated from or a copy of your High School Diploma/GED.
- If you are already attending college, current transcript
- Three letters of reference-from your employer, 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 of 2 pages, double- spaced type written essay) answering the questions below. The essay is designed to offer an opportunity for adults interested in continuing their education 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. Continuing Education 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 via email to ehill@perthamboyha.org or mail to:

Housing Authority of the City of Perth Amboy
ATTN: Eugenia Hill
A.S.K. CONTINUING EDUCATION 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. * 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. _____ Copy of your High School Diploma/GED or transcript
3. _____ If applicable – current college transcript
4. _____ 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)
 - d. Employer
5. _____ Attach copy of your letter of acceptance and enrollment in an accredited Institution
6. _____ 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 or currently enrolled:

Name of Institution:

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 _____ Spring 20 _____

Class Standing: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

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 this 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: _____