



St. John Community Development Corporation Scholarship

Information and Guidelines

Purpose of Scholarship: To provide financial assistance to students currently accepted to a four-year accredited college or university. Priority is given to those individuals who exhibit behaviors reflective of the mission of St. John Community Development Corporation, good academic ability and positive leadership skills, and to students experiencing economic hardship.

Scholarship Amount: \$ 5,000

CRITERIA for Submitting an Application

- Be accepted to a four-year accredited college or university
- Must be a Senior at Booker T. Washington Senior High School
- Demonstrate behaviors reflective of the mission of SJCDC, a good academic record, and positive leadership abilities
- Be enrolled full time (minimum 12 credits) and exhibit financial need
- Participate in extracurricular, professional and/or community activities

INSTRUCTIONS for Completing an Application USE THE FOLLOWING AS A CHECK LIST.

1. **Application Form:** Complete and TYPE the **attached application form** being sure to **verify you meet the applicant qualifications.**
2. **Documentation of Acceptance to College or University** (Letter of email will suffice)
3. **Essay (Typed, Times New Roman, 12-Point Font, No more than 500 words)**
Pick ONE from the following topics:
 - How has the Overtown Community influenced you?
 - What can I do to improve the quality of life in Overtown?
 - Which Overtown individual has influenced you and why?
4. **Transcript:** Official academic transcript from your Booker T. Washington Senior High.
5. **Recommendations: Three (3) recommendations** from individuals who can evaluate your performance on the items on the **attached "Recommendation For Scholarship Award."** **Make copies of this form.** Complete the top two lines of the form and request that the completed form be returned to you in a sealed envelope with your name on it by the date you provide. Recommendations may be from teachers, counselors or employers. They **MAY NOT** be from family members of close friends.
6. **DEADLINE: Friday, May 31st, by 5pm**

Deliver to: St. John Community Development Corporation
1311 NW 3rd Avenue
Miami, Florida 33136

Four Areas of Consideration

- 25% - Interview** (You will be contacted upon receipt of your application.)
25% - Merit/ Scholarship (Calculated through GPA)
25% - Community Service/ Extracurricular Activities
25% - Level of Financial Need

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM (TYPE)

(Last name) (First) (Initial) _____

Complete Address _____

Phones (Home) _____ (Work) _____ **Email** _____

Social Security # _____ **Date of Birth** _____

Date graduation planned _____

Financial Need How many people live in your place of residence besides yourself?

Identify the relationship of these persons to you:

Approximate Annual Gross Family Income _____

Current Financial Aid (You may attach FAFSA EFC or similar information)

Source _____ Amount/year

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Extracurricular and Professional Activities (You may also include a resume) Include honors/awards, athletics, clubs, organizations, committees, offices held, publications, community/volunteer, certifications. Attach separate sheet, if necessary

Employment History Attach separate sheet, if necessary.

How did you become aware of this Scholarship program?

I hereby certify that the information I have submitted in this Scholarship Application is a true report.

(Signature)

(Date)

Recommendation for Scholarship Award

Name of Applicant (Please Type)

_____ (To be completed by applicant)

Return to Applicant by _____ **(To be completed by Applicant)**

Instructions to Person Completing Recommendation

Below are statements which represent the purposes and criteria for the scholarship award. To assist you in evaluating the applicant, each of these statements are followed by a few examples of behaviors which are characteristic of the statement. **After completing his form, place form in a sealed envelope with applicant's name on the envelope and return to applicant by above date.**

On a scale of "1 to 6," with "6" representing outstanding performance of a criterion and "1" representing poor performance, circle the number which represents your opinion on how the applicant meets each statement.

Poor Outstanding

1. The applicant is a compassionate citizen. 1 2 3 4 5 6

Communicates interest and concern toward others.
Is alert to and considerate of needs of others (classmates)
Is supportive of Overtown Community.

2. The applicant demonstrates positive leadership abilities. 1 2 3 4 5 6

Collaborates with others (classmates, co-workers) in achieving mutually agreed goals.
Holds self and others accountable as appropriate to the situation.
Assumes role of group member or group leader as appropriate to situation.
Contributes constructively to the group's efforts to achieve goals.

3. The applicant demonstrates good academic ability. 1 2 3 4 5 6

Applicant's performance on class requirements demonstrates highly developed academic ability.
Uses classroom/professional situations as opportunities to develop as an individual .
Takes advantage of opportunities to continuously learn new knowledge and skills.
Expresses ideas succinctly and logically when speaking and in writing.
Exhibits spirit of inquiry by asking appropriate questions and discussing all sides in issues.

This applicant should be awarded a scholarship.

(1 =Do Not recommend; 6=Highly recommend) 1 2 3 4 5 6

Comments on any of the above items are encouraged. Use back of page if necessary.

A letter providing information as to your relationship with the applicant, and when and where it took place along with any further comments about the applicant should be attached.

Signature _____ Print Name _____

Phone # _____