



## **The Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus (PLBC) Scholarship Program**

### **THE PROGRAM**

The Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus (PLBC) has established a scholarship program to assist graduating minority high school students who plan to continue their education by enrolling in a Pennsylvania college. Scholarships are offered each year for full-time study at an accredited two or four year college or university of the student's choice located in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

This scholarship program is administered by Scholarship Management Services®, a division of Scholarship America®. Scholarship Management Services is the nation's largest designer and manager of scholarship and tuition reimbursement programs for corporations, foundations, associations and individuals. Awards are granted without regard to creed, religion, sexual orientation, gender, disability or national origin.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Applicants to the PLBC Scholarship Program must -

- Be a graduating high school senior
- Plan to enroll in full-time undergraduate study at an accredited two or four year college or university in Pennsylvania for the entire upcoming academic year.
- Have maintained a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Be an ethnic minority student (Please reference application).
- Be a resident of one of the following school districts:
  - Chester Upland School District
  - Harrisburg City School District
  - Philadelphia City School District
  - Pittsburgh City School District
- Recipients must also be able to attend the scholarship award mock check presentation at the Pennsylvania State Capitol Building on May 1, 2012. (Additional details are forthcoming.)

### **AWARDS**

If selected as a recipient, the student will receive a \$ 1,000 award. Awards are one time only and nonrenewable.

Awards are for undergraduate study only.

## **APPLICATION**

Interested students must complete the attached application and mail it along with a current, complete transcript of grades to Scholarship Management Services postmarked no later than February 17, 2012. Only the first 250 applications will be processed. Grade reports are not acceptable. The first 250 applicants will receive acknowledgment of receipt of their application.

Applicants are responsible for gathering and submitting all necessary information. Instructions for completing the Financial Data section of the application are included. Applications are evaluated on the information supplied; therefore, answer all questions completely. Incomplete applications will not be evaluated. All information received is considered confidential and is reviewed only by Scholarship Management Services.

## **SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS**

Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of academic record, demonstrated leadership and participation in school and community activities, honors, work experience, statement of goals and aspirations, unusual personal or family circumstances, and an outside appraisal. Financial need as calculated by Scholarship Management Services must be demonstrated for the student to receive an award.

Selection of recipients is made by Scholarship Management Services. In no instance does any officer or employee of the PLBC participate in the selection. All applicants agree to accept the decision as final.

The first 250 applicants will be notified in April 2012. Not all applicants to the program will be selected as recipients.

## **PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIPS**

Scholarship Management Services processes the PLBC scholarship payments on behalf of the PLBC. Payments are made on August 13. Checks are mailed to each recipient's home address and are made payable to the school for the student.

## **OBLIGATIONS**

Recipients have no obligation to the PLBC. They are, however, required to notify Scholarship Management Services of any changes in address, contact information, school enrollment, or other relevant information and to send a complete transcript when requested.

## **REVISIONS**

The PLBC reserves the right to review the conditions and procedures of this scholarship program and to make changes at any time including termination of the program.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Questions regarding the scholarship program should be addressed to:

### **Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus Scholarship Program**

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