



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 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.

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 -

- Have maintained a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Be a graduating high school senior
- Plan to enroll in full-time* undergraduate study at an accredited two or four year college or university for the entire 2010-2011 academic year.

**Full-time undergraduate study is defined as full-time enrollment for the entire upcoming academic year.*

- Be an ethnic minority student (African American, Hispanic/Latino, American Indian, Native American, Asian, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander)
- Be a resident of one of the following school districts:

- Allentown School District
- Chester Upland School District
- Coatesville Area School District
- East Stroudsburg Area School District
- Harrisburg City School District
- Lancaster County School District
- Norristown Area School District
- Philadelphia City School District
- Pittsburgh City School District
- Reading Area School District

- **Recipients must also be able to attend the two (2) day Scholarship and Awards banquet held on April 30th- May 1st 2010.

- "Kickin' It with the Caucus" - Friday, April 30, 2010- Students and their family (two family members maximum) will spend the evening with members of the PLBC.
- Morning of Saturday, May 1, 2010- Tour of Philadelphia Sites and Local Philadelphia Colleges.

- Evening of Saturday, May 1, 2010- Scholarship and Awards Banquet will be held at the University of Pennsylvania, Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, in Philadelphia. Mock checks will be presented.

*** Recipients' hotel accommodations will be paid by the PLBC.*

AWARDS

If selected as a recipient, the student will receive a \$ 2,500 award. Awards are one time only and not renewable.

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 **January 29, 2010**. Only the first 250 applications will be processed. Grade reports are not acceptable. Online transcripts must display student name, school name, grade and credit hours earned for each course, and term in which each course was taken. 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 as completely as possible. 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 play a part in the selection. All applicants agree to accept the decision as final.

The first 250 applicants will be notified in **March 2010**. 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 15. 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, 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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