

## **Commitment to Excellence Scholarship Program**

1133 North Capitol Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002

### **2013 APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND CHECKLIST**

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

- Full-time admission to a two-year or four-year college, university or trade/technical school;
- GPA of at least 2.0;
- Resident must reside on a DC Housing Authority (DCHA) property or have a Housing Choice Voucher (verified by the lease).

#### **AWARDS**

The \$25,000 in scholarships will be awarded as follows:

- Three (3) \$5,000 scholarships will be awarded to selected applicants with a GPA of 3.5 or better
- Ten (10) \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to selected applicants with a GPA of 2.0 or better

#### **SCHOLARSHIP PAYMENTS**

Scholarship awards are to be used for tuition, books, and school supplies ONLY. Payments will be made directly to the college, university, or trade/technical school. Payments will be processed once verification of enrollment is received.

#### **APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

Please use checklist below to ensure that you have submitted all items below. Incomplete applications will NOT be considered. Completed applications must be postmarked to the address below by **Friday, July 5, 2013.**

- Applicant must complete the ENTIRE application; please print or type.
- Applicant must be a DCHA (public housing or Housing Choice Voucher Program) resident.
- Applicant must either be graduating in June 2013 or already have a high school diploma with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above, have received a GED or be enrolled in College.
- Submit official transcript from current or last school attended and include in application packet in an envelope sealed by a school official, with the official's signature or the school stamp across the sealed portion of the envelope. If you received a GED, please include a copy of GED certificate.
- Five hundred (500) word essay (12 font, double spaced) on one of the following topics:
  - Community service: Explain what you have done to make your community a better place to live. Give examples of specific projects in which you have been involved over time.
  - Indicate a person who has had a significant influence on you, and describe that influence.

**NOTE: Self-plagiarism is prohibited. If an applicant submits an essay from a previous application, the essay will NOT be scored.**

- Three Letters of Recommendation (from a teacher, school counselor or professor, including their contact information)

Applications can also be completed at [www.dchousing.org](http://www.dchousing.org). Completed copies of the application may be mailed or hand-delivered to the address below, no later than **Friday, July 5, 2013:**

**Community Vision, Incorporated Scholarship Committee  
Office of Resident Services  
1133 North Capitol Street, N.E., Suite 325 • Washington, DC 20002**

For more information, please contact the DCHA Office of Resident Services at (202) 535-1517.

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### 2013 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

#### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Student's Name ( <i>Last, First, Middle Initial</i> )			Age	Gender (please circle) Male      Female	
Social Security Number		Birth Date		Ethnicity	
Permanent Address					
City	State	Zip Code	Name of DCHA Property	HCVP: Yes   No	Ward
Home Telephone Number			Cell Number		
E-Mail Address					
Name of Parent/Guardian (Head of Household)					

**EDUCATION (CHECK ONE)**    High School Senior    GED    Currently attending college

Name of High School/College		City/State	Zip Code
School Counselor's Name/Advisor's Name		(Expected) Graduation Date	Cumulative GPA

**AWARDS, HONORS, AND ACTIVITIES**

Please list awards, honors and school/community activities in which you have participated in the past five (5) years. Attach an additional sheet, if necessary.

Please select (✓) the box indicating the scholarship amount for which you are applying:

- \$1,000.00 Scholarship Award (Must have a GPA of 2.0 or above to be eligible)
- \$5,000.00 Scholarship Award (Must have a GPA of 3.5 or above to be eligible)
- Additional funding for students currently enrolled in a college, or university education program:**
  - Please check here if you are entering sophomore through senior year and would like to qualify for additional funding. Indicate year:    Sophomore    Junior    Senior

Please list the university/college or trade school that you will be attending in the fall:

College/University/Trade School
Intended Major/Minor:

**Please sign below. Your signature certifies that the information submitted is accurate and correct.**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_