

Commitment To Excellence Scholarship Program (CESP)

2022 Application Instructions, Questions and Answers

Completed Applications Must Be Received In The Office Of Resident Services No Later Than **MONDAY, June 20th, 2022**

Who is ELIGIBLE to apply?

Applicant must be a **DCHA customer**: public housing resident or Housing Choice Voucher Program participant.

An applicant must have:

- Proof of being accepted for admission or currently enrolled in an accredited two or four-year college or university; or an accredited trade or technical school.
- GPA of at least 2.0 or GED score of at least 225.
- Applicant must reside on a DC Housing Authority (DCHA) property or have a Housing Choice Voucher issued by DCHA. Residency will be verified by ORS staff.

What is the AMOUNT of the CESP Scholarship Award(s)?

Scholarship awards are to be used for tuition, books, equipment or other related school expenses.

There is an approximate amount of the CESP scholarships that will be awarded to recipients.

Awards will be based on an applicant's GPA and total application points as scored by the panel of reviewers.

How will the SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS receive payment?

Each winner's award payment will be made payable *to the college, university, trade or technical school* upon receipt of written verification (i.e. Letter of Acceptance, Enrollment Certification Form) that student is accepted and enrolled for the Fall 2021 semester. The payment will be mailed directly to the appropriate department at the *college, university, trade or technical school*.

How will the Scholarship Winners be SELECTED?

The 2021 CESP Scholarship Review Committee will be comprised of anonymous reviewers who're representatives from a Commercial, Governmental, Community and/or Service Organization and representatives from DCHA departments not directly related to the Office of Resident Services (ORS). Upon completion of the review process, the applicants with the highest scores will be selected to receive a scholarship award.

Is there a CHECKLIST and INSTRUCTIONS for all items to be included with the Application?

Yes. See Scholarship Application page two (2) and page three (3) for instructions regarding the Transcript, Essay and Letters of Recommendation that are to be submitted with the Application. A copy of the CESP Application can also be downloaded at (Click on RESIDENT SERVICES/General Info/Services).

Will applicants receive UPDATES and ANNOUNCEMENTS during the review process?

Yes. Updates, questions, and request for additional information will be communicated to you primarily via email or phone. It is the applicant's responsibility to provide a working email, telephone numbers and to check their email and/or voicemail regularly for updates and information.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

There will be a **mandatory** award ceremony for selected applicants. **The award ceremony will be on Wednesday, August 3rd, 2022.** All applicants should keep this date in mind as they apply for the scholarship.

COMMUNITY VISION, INC. SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
c/o DCHA - Office of Resident Services
1170 12th Street, N.W • Washington, DC 20005

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For more information, please contact the DCHA Office of Resident Services at (202) 914-6334 or orsprograms@dchousing.org.