

Higher Education Book Scholarship Instruction Page

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Scholarship Eligibility Criteria:

Any student applying for the Higher Education Book Scholarship is expected to meet the following criteria:

- Be a graduating senior at a participating Parent Linking Program
- Have 75% participation rate or higher in Group Sessions
- Have an average GPA of 3.0 (B) or better in their senior year
- Be accepted to a community college, university or higher education program
- Must be present at the Teen Conference to receive the scholarship

Application Instructions:

- Complete the PLP Higher Education Book Scholarship Application
- Submit an official high school transcript (NOT report card)
- Submit a "Letter of Recommendation" from a teacher or guidance counselor in a sealed envelope. You must inform the person completing your letter of recommendation to include the following:
 - ✓ Describe your character
 - ✓ Describe your commitment to educational pursuits
 - ✓ Why he/she believes you are deserving of the scholarship
- Submit a college acceptance letter from the school you will attend
- Complete an essay choosing ONE of the topics below. Essays must typed and a minimum of 1 page in length (maximum of 3 pages) double-spaced, Times New Roman, 12 point font.
- Complete the attached W-9 form (this is a requirement to receive a check from a non-profit agency). You must complete the following sections:
 - ✓ Name
 - ✓ Address
 - ✓ Social security number

Application materials must be mailed in one packet. Transcripts and letters of recommendation should not be sent separately. If students have not yet received their college acceptance letter, they may submit their application packet separately but **MUST** submit the letter by the **March 30th deadline**. Incomplete, e-mailed or faxed applications will not be considered. We suggest that you keep copies of your application materials. Scholarship recipients will be announced at the Teen Conference on May 2nd. **Recipients must be present at the conference to receive the scholarship.**

Essay Topic Options: Please choose one essay question to answer.

1. The theme of this year's Teen Conference is ***Stepping Stones to Success***. Write about a time when an obstacle became a stepping stone to your success. In your essay, tell us what the obstacle was and detail how you turned it into a success.
2. The theme of this year's Teen Conference is ***Stepping Stones to Success***. What is a character trait of yours that has helped you to be successful and will help you succeed in college and beyond? Within your essay describe this character trait, how it shows up in your life already, and how it will make you successful while you are in college.

Application Deadline: March 30, 2020

Send all application materials to:

Prevent Child Abuse – NJ
Attn: Parent Linking Program
Carrie Speiser
103 Church St., Suite 210
New Brunswick, NJ 08901

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Student's Name: _____ Date: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Grade: _____ GPA _____

Name of High School: _____

What essay question are you answering: _____

List the name of all colleges, universities or higher education program applied to:

1. _____	Accepted:	Y___ N___ Not yet___
2. _____	Accepted:	Y___ N___ Not yet___
3. _____	Accepted:	Y___ N___ Not yet___
4. _____	Accepted:	Y___ N___ Not yet___

What major do you plan to pursue?: _____

Letter of Recommendation Instructions

This section is to be completed by a teacher or school guidance counselor

Name _____ Position: _____

Telephone: _____ How long have you known the student? _____

Letter of recommendation should be given to the student in a sealed envelope. Your letter of recommendation should describe the following: 1) The student's character; 2) Commitment to educational pursuits **and**; 3) Why you believe the student is deserving of this scholarship.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

I agree that all information contained in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also acknowledge and grant permission for any or all of the content of my application to be used by any means deemed appropriate by the selection committee, including, but not limited to, announcement of names of scholarship winners and their qualifications. I also understand that this scholarship may or may not be taxable to the recipient, and the recipient should consult his/her tax adviser. If taxable, the recipient is responsible for any and all applicable taxes.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Prevent Child Abuse-NJ loves success stories. Do you give permission for PCA-NJ to contact you after to check on your progress after high school?
___ Yes ___ No