

Community Action Agency

\$1500 SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

At Miami-Dade Community Action Agency (CAA) we understand that students and their families are faced with concerns when making the decision to attend a college or university. One of the most important concerns is financing the costs of higher education. The CAA Community Advisory Committees (CACs) are providing scholarship awards in the amount of \$1500 to assist students and families in financing their education.

Scholarship applications also available at the following sites:

Liberty City CAA
Wanda Fort
6100 NW 7th Avenue
(305) 756 – 2830 or
(786) 469 - 4746

Edison CAA
Jean R. Lafortune
150 NW 79th Street
(305) 758—9662

Acción CAA
Maggie E. Nieto
858 West Flagler Street
(305) 547 – 4893

Perrine CAA
Geneva Mobutu
17801 Homestead Avenue
(305) 254 - 5804

Overtown Village North
Quincy Cohen
701 NW 1st Court, Suite 9
(786) 469 - 4746

For further scholarship or program related information on any programs offered at Community Action Agency, contact Claudette McLean at (786) 469-4746 or via e-mail at cmlean@miamidade.gov.



Eligibility requirements:

Any person 16-25 years of age that has obtained a high school diploma or GED equivalent, and who is a resident of the following target areas: Allapattah, Brownsville, Coconut Grove, Culmer, Edison/Little River, Florida City, Goulds, Hialeah, Liberty City, Little Havana, Naranja, Opa-Locka, Perrine, South Beach, South Miami or Wynwood.

Applicant's family income must fall within 200% of Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Poverty Income Guidelines.
(See chart on back.)

Criteria for selection:

- Academic Achievement
- Community Service
- Employment History
- Financial Circumstances

Deadline: February 16, 2010



COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY

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GUIDELINES FOR SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 16, 2010

AWARD PROCEDURES

AUTHORITY: Community Advisory Committee

I. PURPOSE:

To provide financial assistance to low-income youth, this enables them to attain an adequate education by attending college or a vocational school.

II. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

Any person 16-25 years old, that has obtained a high school diploma, or a GED equivalent and who is a resident of the following target areas: Allapattah, Brownsville, Coconut Grove, Culmer, Edison/Little River, Florida City, Goulds, Hialeah, Liberty City, Little Havana, Naranja, Opa-Locka, Perrine, South Beach, South Miami or Wynwood. For target area boundaries, see attached.

Applicant's family income must fall within 200% of the Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) Poverty Income Guidelines (see attached).

III. CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:

1. **Academic Achievement:** The applicant must have achieved at least a "C" average in school. If the scholarship is for a vocational school, a letter of recommendation from the school's faculty or counselor and should indicate the student's skills and interest in the vocational field.
2. **Community Service:** The amount of community service the applicant has performed will be considered. The applicant will submit at least three (3) references and a short description of the service he/she has rendered to the community.

3. **Employment History:** The initiative and responsibility exhibited by the applicant by working during the junior and senior high school years, and input from the school faculty will be considered.
4. **Financial Circumstances:** The financial situation of the applicant and his/her family will be considered.

IV. CONDITIONS OF AWARD:

This scholarship, up to the amount of \$1,500, which includes matching funds, would require the student to provide the target area's Advisory Committee with a periodic progress report, and a final grade report or transcript.

V. APPLICATION:

The following documents will be attached to the application form:

1. Proof of income (copy)
2. Proof of address in target area (School Records, Driver's License, Lease/Mortgage, Utility Bills)
3. Proof of age (Birth Certificate, Driver's License)
4. Copy of Social Security Card
5. Letter of recommendation from school faculty, if scholarship is for a vocational school.
6. Official copy of transcript.
7. Letter of acceptance from educational institution is required.
8. Copy of High School Diploma (if student is currently a high school senior, a copy of the diploma must be submitted as soon as it is received.)

Children of committee members will be allowed to apply for a scholarship, but the member will be excluded from the screening committee, and will not vote when the committee makes the final selection of the winning candidate. (See application form attached.) The Basic Intake Form I must be completed on the family at the time of the application for income verification and documentation.

Only original scholarship applications will be accepted. Faxed copies will not be accepted.

VI. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT & RECRUITMENT PROCESS:

The Scholarship Program will be widely publicized through the media, area schools, community centers, local churches, and other community organizations.

VII. FORFEITURE OF SCHOLARSHIP:

If a student does not enter the educational institution within their full reimbursement grace period, the scholarship award amount will be returned to the appropriate Advisory Committee and CAA's Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) Scholarship Fund, and another recipient will be selected.

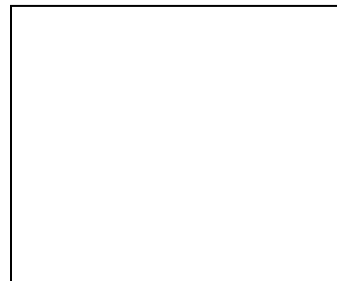


MIAMI-DADE COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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Please Attach Wallet Size Photo



APPLICATION DATE: _____

DEAD LINE FOR APPLICATION: **FEBRUARY 16, 2010**

TARGET AREA: (SEE ABOVE) _____

PERSONAL DATA: (PLEASE PRINT)

NAME: _____
Last First Middle

ADDRESS: _____
Street City State Apartment Number Zip Code

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ SSN# _____
MM/DD/YYYY

PHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

ALTERNATE PHONE NUMBER: _____

EDUCATION: (MUST SUBMIT PROOF OF MID-TERM GRADE)

INCOMING FRESHMAN

NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTLY ATTENDING (SENIORS ONLY): _____

NAME OF INSTITUTION PLANNING TO ATTEND: _____

MAJOR: _____

CURRENT STUDENT

NAME OF INSTITUTION ATTENDING: _____

MAJOR: _____

H.S. GPA (UNWEIGHTED) _____

COLLEGE GPA _____

VOCATIONAL G.P.A _____

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Please check all that apply. Proof of income for household must be provided.

WAGES

TANF

SSI

SSA

VA

CHILD SUPPORT

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

WORKER COMPENSATION

OTHER INCOME

TOTAL INCOME PER MONTH: _____

HOUSEHOLD SIZE: _____

**AMENDED
 FY2009-2010
 COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (CSBG)
 POVERTY INCOME GUIDELINES*
 200% OF POVERTY INCOME GUIDELINES
 EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009**

PEOPLE IN THE HOUSEHOLD	200%
1	\$21,660
2	\$29,140
3	\$36,620
4	\$44,100
5	\$51,580
6	\$59,060
7	\$66,540
8	\$74,020
Add this amount for each additional person in the household with more than 8 people.	\$ 7,480

* These amended poverty income guidelines are based on the 2009-2010 American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (AARA) directives for the CSBG Program administered through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.



**Miami-Dade Community Action Agency
Self Help Division/Citizen Participation Unit
FY2010/2011
Target Area Boundaries**

Allapattah: Airport Expressway to the North and 836 Expressway and Miami River Dr. to the South; I-95 to the East and NW 37 th Ave. to the West
Brownsville: NW 62 nd St. to the North and NW 36 th St. to the south; NW 7 th Ave. to the East and NW 37 th Ave to the West.
Coconut Grove: McFairlane Main Highway, Franklin Ave., Charles Terr. And Loquet to the North and S. Dixie Highway to the South; 27 th Ave. to the East and Lejeune Rd. to the West
Culmer: NW 23 rd St. to the North and Miami River to the South; NW 1 st Ct. (Railroad) to the East and NW 7 th Ave. to the West.
Edison/Little River: 119 th St. to the North and NW 36 th St. to the South; FEC railroad track to the east and NW 27 th Ave. to the West.
Florida City CAA: Target area boundaries: SW 8 th St. (Lucy St.) to the North and Arthur Vinning Davis Parkway to the South; Krome Ave. to the East and Redland Rd. to the West.
Hialeah: Okeechobee Road to the West and Railroad Track to the East; Hialeah Drive (54 Street NW) to the South and 25 Street East thru Jose Marti Blvd. to the North.
Liberty City: NW 79 th St. to the North and NW 62 nd St. to the South; West of I-95 to the East and NW 37 th Ave. to the West.
Little Havana: Miami River to the North and SW 37 th Ave. to the South; I-95 to the East and 27 th Ave. to the West.
Naranja/Leisure City: Limited to the North at 240 th Street SW and to the South part of 296 th Street SW, up to 147 th avenue and 288 th Street along Biscayne Drive. To the East is limited by SW and 133 rd place and SW 163 rd Avenue to the West.
Opa Locka: NW 151 st St. to the North and NW 119 th St. to the South; NW 17 th Ave. to the East and NW 47 th Ave. to the West.
Perrine: SW 172 nd St. to the North and SW 186 th ST. to the South; S. Dixie Highway to the East and SW 113 th Ct. to the West.
South Beach: 41 st St. to the North and South Beach Point to the South; the sea to the East and West Dade Blvd. to the West.
South Miami: SW 62 nd St. to the North and SW 72 nd St. to the South; SW 57 th Ave. to the East and SW 62 nd Ave. to the West.
Wynwood: NW 36 th St. to the North and NW 15 th St. to the South; Biscayne Bay to the East and NW 7 th Ave, and part of FEC Railroad Track to the West.



MIAMI-DADE COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY SELF HELP DIVISION CITIZEN PARTICIPATION UNIT



Miami-Dade Community Action Agency (CAA) provides residents with the opportunity to advocate for change in their respective neighborhood through its Citizen Participation Program. The program assists residents in sixteen (16) communities throughout Miami-Dade County in playing an active role in improving their neighborhoods. Residents participate in Community Advisory Committees (CAC) that provides input on social and economic issues facing their community and develop strategies on correcting these issues.

Issues identified at the community level are forwarded to the CAA Board for resolution or passed on to the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners for final action. The program provides a valuable mechanism for communication between citizens and decision-making entities and ensures that local residents are involved in the planning and development of activities for their neighborhoods.

Community Advisory Committees are located in the following communities: Allapattah, Brownsville, Coconut Grove, Culmer/Overtown, Edison/Little River, Florida City, Goulds, Hialeah, Liberty City, Little Havana, Naranja, Opa-Locka, Perrine, South Beach, South Miami and Wynwood.

The CAA Citizen Participation's strategy and approach provides local residents with an opportunity to involve themselves in the planning of activities for their neighborhood. Some of these activities include:

- Annual Scholarship Awards
- Disaster Preparation Workshops
- Health Fairs
- Resource Fair
- Meet and greet with local Politicians
- Neighborhood Crime Watch
- Housing Assistance Program
- Home Improvement Projects
- Street Improvement Projects
- Renovation of local parks
- Community Forums

And many more.

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MIAMI-DADE COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY SELF HELP DIVISION

The Community Action Agency's (CAA's) Self Help Division Community Service Centers provide a variety of social services to economically disadvantaged individuals and families interested in achieving self-sufficiency. These centers offer a variety of core services such as:

- General Assistance
- Family Development
- Emergency Food and Shelter (EFSP)
- Emergency Housing
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP)
- Care To Share Energy Assistance Program
- Elderly Home Energy Assistance (EHEAP)
- Citizen Involvement/Participation
- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)
- Youth Intervention
- Crisis Intervention
- Computer Training
- FATHERS Program
- Second Chance-One Stop Program
- Farm Share Program
- Housing Assistance Grant Program (HAG)
- After School Programs
- Family and Child Empowerment Program (FACE)
- Notary Assistance
- Life Support Initiative Assistance Program (LISAP)
- Computer Maintenance/Repair and Networking Training Program
- Home Buyers Initiative
- Immigration Assistance
- Citizenship Classes
- ESOL Classes
- Arts and Craft Classes
- Dial a Life Program
- Sharp Program
- Lifeline and Linkup Telephone Service
- Notary Assistance
- Information and Referrals

Additional information regarding our Community Service Centers and the programs and services available, please call (786) 469-4640.