Shelby County Training School Alumni Association
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT AWARDS

Active participants of the Shelby County Training School Alumni Association are pleased to announce the first "EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT AWARDS" beginning immediately. Awards to incoming or continuing students may be made to assist with purchase of textbooks, meal ticket program, or with the purchase of other materials needed in their academic programs at an accredited college or university. The award may also be applied toward fees and/or tuition. Minimum award will be $500.00.

Interested Students must complete an application. The minimum GPA is 2.50. In addition to the application, three letters of recommendation are required: a) current major professor, b) college residential or academic advisor, and c) community leader or minister. Letters should address applicant's character, qualities, and expressed career aspirations. Strong letters will have specific examples of a student's strengths. The letters must be signed and dated and include the writer's name, title, address, phone number, and relationship to the applicant.

The SCTS Scholarship Committee will make selection of award recipients. The Committee will make their recommendations to the Board of Directors for approval. Only complete application packages will be forwarded to the committee for consideration. Although a higher priority will be given to students from Shelby County Alabama and those students attending an institution in Alabama, all students deemed qualified by the selection committee will be considered.

Send complete application along with sealed letters of recommendation to the following address postmarked by October 31, 2011. Awards are expected to be made by November 30, 2011.

SCTS Education Award
P. O. Box 198475
Chicago, IL 60619-8475

Sincerely
Dr. Charles E. Cannon, President
THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
OF THE
SHELBY COUNTY TRAINING SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

APPLICATION FOR EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT AWARD
Please read instructions carefully. Scholarship awards will be based on your application, personal essay, goals, honors/activities, letter of recommendation, and financial need (when applicable). Your current college GPA will also be used in the review. All scholarships are based on availability of funds.

APPLICANT'S INFORMATION

1. ____________ ____________ ____________
   Last name (legal) First Name (legal) Middle Name

2. ____________________________
   Permanent Street Address
   ____________________________
   City State Zip Code

3. ____________________________
   Telephone No. eMail Address

4. ____________________________
   Date of Birth Social Security No.

5. ____________________________
   High School Graduation Year GED Date

6. ____________________________
   College/University Attending Classification GPA

7. ____________________________
   Major Field of Study Minor Field of Study

8. Enrollment Status: Full-Time ____ Part-Time ____

9. Gender: Male ____ Female ____

10. Are you an ethnic minority including African-American, American Indian/Alaskan Native, Asian/Pacific Islander or Hispanic? Yes ____ No ____

11. Are you a first generation college student (one whose parents did not attend college)? Yes ____ No ____

12. Are you or an immediate family member related to Shelby County Training School Alumni Association member? Yes ____ No ____ If yes, explain.

13. List and describe all college related activities with which you are currently involved. (Use additional sheet if necessary.)
14. Attach three letters of recommendation: a) current major professor, and b) residence and/or academic advisor, and c) community leader or minister.

- Note: Letters should speak to applicant's character, qualities, and career aspirations. Strong letters will have specific examples of a student's strengths. The letters must be signed and dated and include the person's name, title, address, phone number, and relationship to the applicant.

15. Attach a copy of your current academic record obtained from the college records office.

16. Application must be received in complete form to be considered for an award.

17. List honors and awards, and leadership positions currently held.

18. On a separate sheet of paper, write a paragraph or two explaining your educational and professional goals.

19. Write a personal essay, approximately 300 words, that give reviewers additional insight about you not covered in other sections of the application. Examples might be life or job-related experiences, special skills, talents, or your motivation for seeking an award from the SCTS Alumni Association.

Return all materials in a single package to:

SCTS Alumni Association-Award
Post Office Box 198475
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