



## 2021 HUDE Scholarship Fund Haitians Unified for Development and Education

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- I- **Demographic.** To be considered for scholarship awards, applicants must be:
- A. U.S. Citizen, Permanent Resident or Legal Resident of the United States
    - Students with DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) or TPS (Temporary Protected Status) approval may apply
  - B. Haitian or of Haitian descent (Parent or Grandparent)
  - C. A resident of the State of New Jersey
  - D. Between the age of 16 and 21 years of age
- II- **Academic Profile.** This scholarship is intended primarily to assist students seeking admission to a 2 or 4 year accredited undergraduate college, university technical or vocational institution. The applicant for this scholarship must satisfy the following criteria:
- A- Applicants must be a high school graduate or GED candidate applying to College/University or technical/vocational school
  - B- Has **at least** a current GPA (Grade Point Average) of 3.0 or an average GED Score of 501
- III- **Application Deadline: April 7, 2021**
- A- All applications must be postmarked by April 7, 2021 or received by email by 11:59pm. We reserve the right to reject incomplete applications.
  - B- Application package **must** include:
    - 1- Application Form
    - 2- Official school transcripts, GED Transcript and acceptance letter to college/university/technical/vocational school
    - 3- Two (2) letters of recommendation: one from teacher and the other from a individual of non-relation such as a member of clergy, a community agency or employer
  - C- **Reapplying for HUDE scholarship awards.** We do not award repeat scholarships. Currently, this scholarship is being awarded on a **one-time basis only** and for the academic year mentioned in the letter of interest.
  - D- Applicants **must** submit along with his/her application a 2-3

page essay (no more than three (3) pages) double spaced, 12 pt, Times New Roman Font). Please print legibly.

**IV- The Application Review Process and Notification of Award (s).**

- A- All applications received by the deadline with the supporting documentation will go to an internal review panel for examination
- B- Each individual panelist will assign a score per application, and the particular applicant's scores will be added up. The scores will be ranked. All scholarship awards will be announced no later than June 1st (by phone, email and/or in writing)
- C- Applicants **must** sign a release form that allows HUDE to use their name and image to promote the scholarship fund and to be announced on the HUDE website, by way of press release and social media. **Failure to sign the release will delay receipt or forfeit the scholarship award.**
- D- **Virtual Presentations:** In light of Covid-19, we will request a recorded interview/ presentation of the selected scholarship recipient to incorporate as part of the awards ceremony if we decide to hold a virtual event.

**V- Scholarship Awards Availability and the use thereof:**

- A- Awards are contingent upon funding availability. The amount to be awarded to the applicant(s) for an academic year depends both on the number of qualified applicants, and the availability of funds.
- B- Once the award is announced, the full amount, will be forwarded before or during the school year to the designated academic institution or vocational institution which the recipient is affiliated with
- C- Awardees are required to attend the HUDE annual Gala to accept their official award.
- D- The scholarship recipient **must** submit an acceptance letter, tuition bill/statement for the academic year of enrollment from their college, university, technical or vocational school before the award is distributed. Scholarship monies will be distributed directly to the school.
- E- The tuition bill/statement must also reflect credit hours (full-time attendance)

**VI- Follow up:**

- A. Applicants **must** send to HUDE current contact information, as well as updates on their attendance at an institution of higher education
- B. If it is discovered that any misrepresentations were made on the application HUDE retains the right to withhold the scholarship award and seek reimbursement of any funds already awarded through legal action