



Huntingdon County Head Start
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Due to
Guidance
by Feb. 13th

January 30, 2018

Dear Senior High Guidance Staff,

The Pennsylvania Head Start Association gives out at \$1,000 scholarship each year to a current high school senior, who formerly attended Head Start. Huntingdon County Head Start is now looking for nominations for seniors in our county to send to PHSA for consideration for the scholarship. The following criteria must apply.

- The nominee must submit two letters of reference from two people who know the nominee as a student
- The nominee must provide a written personal statement that includes the following three elements. biographical sketch, special contributions, and educational goals.
- The nominee must have attended a Head Start program for one or more years

Please announce the opportunity for this award at your schools. Unfortunately, we are unable to give out a list of children from the current graduating class that have formerly attended Head Start. Seniors should be able to acquire this information from their parents, if interested in applying for the scholarship. Once the completed application is received by Huntingdon County Head Start, we will complete the nomination form and any other documents that are required by us for submission to PHSA. Nominations should be submitted no later than Monday, February 19, 2018. A Checklist and further information on the scholarship and requirements are included along with the application.

Please feel free to contact me at (814)643.6800 ext. 108 or by email at AGrove3@hccadc.org with any questions. Thank you

Sincerely,

Alisha Grove
Administrative Assistant



PENNSYLVANIA HEAD START ASSOCIATION

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PHSA Head Start Alumni Scholarship, High School Senior

The PHSA Head Start Alumni Scholarship winner will receive \$1,000 check to be used for their post -secondary education.

Award specific criteria:

- The nominee must have attended Head Start/Early Head Start program for one or more years.
- The nominee must be scheduled to graduate from High School and submit proof of acceptance or enrollment in an institution of higher learning. These funds may be applied to the documented cost of tuition, and or books.

Paper work:

1. The nominee must submit a nomination form from their Local Head Start program (see attached form)
2. The nominee must submit two letters of reference from two people who know the nominee as a student (school personnel preferred), and as a member of or volunteer in the community. Judges will rate the overall effectiveness of the letters. Applications that do not include two references will not be considered for this award. (20 points)
3. **Personal Statement:** Nominees must provide a written personal statement that includes all 3 of the following elements. Points allotted for each element appear below:
 - a. **Biographical Sketch:** Key details about the nominee and his/her family, connection to Head Start and current educational environment. (20 points)
 - b. **Special contributions:** Describe activities contributed by the student to the local program or community as volunteer, (30 points)
 - c. **Educational goals:** The applicant should write a statement of personal goals no more than 200 words in length. (30 points)



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PHSA Head Start Alumni Scholarship Application Form

Nominee's Name _____

Nominee's Social Security# _____

Nominee's Mailing Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip: _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Institution of Higher Education the Nominee is enrolled in or has been accepted to:

Field of Study _____

Name of Local Head Start Program _____

Program's Mailing Address _____

City _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Name of Head Start Director: _____

Submission Checklist:

Please check to confirm that all required materials are attached and send to your local Head Start center:

- ____ Completed application form
- ____ Proof of acceptance or enrollment in an institution of higher learning
- ____ Two (2) letters of reference
- ____ Personal Statement (biographical sketch, special contributions and educational goals)
- ____ Signature of Head Start Director/Policy Council

**Pennsylvania Head Start Association
Nomination Application Checklist**

Please ensure that the nominee meets ALL of the following criteria:

Criteria
The nominee HAS attended the Head Start Program for at least one year
The nominee is scheduled to graduate from High School
The nominee has been accepted into an institution of higher learning

Please ensure that all of the following has been submitted with the application:

Required Documents
Completed Application
Completed Nomination form (This will be completed by Huntingdon County Head Start prior to submission to PHSA)
Proof of acceptance into an institution of higher learning
Letter of reference (1 of 2 required)
Letter of reference (2 of 2 required)
Personal Statement (be sure that the statement includes all three elements)

Please ensure that the nominee meets all of the criteria listed above. Also double check to make sure that all of the required documents are included when submitted to Huntingdon County Head Start. ALL PAPERWORK MUST BE SUBMITTED TO HUNTINGDON COUNTY HEAD START NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2017. You may submit nominations any of the following ways:

By Mail: HCCADC
52 Juniata Avenue
Huntingdon, PA 16652

Personally Deliver to: HCCADC
52 Juniata Avenue
Huntingdon, PA 16652

By Fax: (814)-643-2273

Use the above checklist to confirm that all documents are included with the submission of the nomination. Feel free to contact Alisha Grove with any questions, by phone at (814)-643-6800 ext. 108 or by email at AGrove3@hccadc.org.