



JOHNNY E. SIMON, JR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship

The Johnny E. Simon, Jr. Memorial Scholarship offers college scholarships to students with financial need who have achieved academic excellence, display strong citizenship and character, and possess a desire to make a meaningful contribution to society.

History

The Johnny E. Simon, Jr. Memorial Scholarship was established in 2008 by the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of DeKalb County to honor the memory of Mr. Simon, a Housing Authority employee of 32 years.

Mr. Simon was born in Atlanta, Georgia on August 23, 1950 to John and Bessie Simon. He graduated from Murphy High School in 1968. He attended Hutchinson Junior College in Hutchinson, Kansas. He played offensive tackle on the National Championship team in 1968 and 1969. He was also selected as an All-American. He then attended the University of Louisville in Louisville, Kentucky. He made First Team All Conference and graduated in 1971 with a B.S. in History and Physical Education.

Mr. Simon possessed a passion for inspiring, motivating, and uplifting youth. He was a volunteer coach for several athletic teams. He was a mentor, role-model, and leader within the Decatur and DeKalb Housing Authority community for 32 years. He was instrumental in implementing numerous programs, clubs, activities, and events that provided youth with an opportunity to improve their well-being through activities for daily living and etiquette, athletic coordination and fitness, academic enrichment and achievement, environmental awareness, and community activism. He also serviced the Authority's senior citizens by coordinating and providing transportation to a variety of events.

In his life-time of accomplishments, Mr. Simon received several merits of honor and accolades for devoting his time to helping others. Throughout his life he was able to reach out to and help many people of diverse backgrounds and walks of life.

Award

Two individual scholarships will be awarded each year. Each scholarship will be for \$1,500 per academic year. All grants must be applied to tuition and fees only and will be paid directly to the institution. Recipients may re-apply each year for up to four years, provided they continue to meet the scholarship criteria. Scholarship funding availability will be reviewed on an annual basis by the Executive Director.



JOHNNY E. SIMON, JR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

College Scholarship Qualifications:

Student is required to be a resident of an HADC assisted/affordable housing property (excluding bond properties) for at least 2 years.

Student is required to be a high school graduate (or equivalent) and under 24 years old.

Student is required to be in "good standing" at his/her high school/college the previous semester.

Student is required to have a 3.0 GPA (or better) the previous semester.

Student is required to provide an official copy of his/her high school transcript (including SAT score and GPA).

Student is required to have completed at least 30 hours of community service work during his/her junior or senior year or over the last 2 years.

Student is required to have a letter verifying community involvement.

Student is required to have a letter of recommendation from his/her school/teacher.

Student is required to have 2 letters of character reference from the resident or management staff in his/her development.

Student is required to provide a copy of the acceptance letter from the admitting college he/she plans on attending.

Student is required to complete a HADC Johnny E. Simon, Jr. Memorial Scholarship application and return by the June 15, 2008 deadline specified.

Student is eligible for a \$1,500 college scholarship each year for a period of 4 years as long as he/she is a full-time student and is in good standing at their high school/college at the time of the request.

Application - Students who submit a Johnny E. Simon, Jr. Memorial Scholarship application and all required documents by the application deadline.

Good Standing - Students who attend classes regularly, have passing grades and have no withdraws from class after the reimbursement deadline.

Community Service - Students are to provide 30 hours of their time in assistance to the community through a school sponsored activity, church or other non-profit organization during his/her junior or senior year in high school. These hours are to be above and beyond those required to be a member of that club/activity.

Any changes in this policy are at the sole discretion of the Executive Director. Exceptions to the above requirements will be considered only in extreme circumstances, but not guaranteed.

For more information, please contact Monifa Holman, Community Relations Manager at 404-270-2618 or email mxh@dekalbhousing.org.



JOHNNY E. SIMON, JR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Print Name _____ Date _____

Address _____
City State Zip code

Name of complex _____ How long have you lived at this address? _____

If less than 2 years, where did you live before? _____

Social Security # _____ Date of Birth _____

Which HADC program are you a participant? Housing Choice Voucher / Section 8 Public Housing
 DVP Affordable Housing Other, list _____

Name of High School _____ Year of Graduation _____

School, College or University that you plan to attend _____

Address _____
City State Zip code

Are you receiving additional funding or scholarships? Yes No

If so, please list those sources and amount: (Note: this will not affect the scholarship from the HADC)

Please provide (and attach) the following documents:

- Official High School Transcript including GPA and SAT score.
- An acceptance letter from the admitting college listed above.
- A letter of recommendation from your school (teacher/ coach/ principal).
- 2 Letters of recommendation (character reference) from the management staff in your development.
- A letter verifying community involvement of at least 30 hours over the last 2 years.
- An essay of at least 150 words but no more than 1,000 words describing your background, interests, plans for undergraduate study and career aspirations. The essay should include experiences and ideas that have shaped those interests, plans and aspirations.

Applicant's Signature _____ Phone number _____

Parents (or legal guardian) Signature _____ and/or _____

DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, JUNE 15, 2008
Contact Monifa Holman at 404-270-2618 for more information