

## **Harpers Ferry Memorial Scholarship and Joint Action in Community Service (JACS) Scholarship: Guidelines on Eligibility, Application Requirements, and Procedures**

### **HARPERS FERRY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

#### **Background Information**

The Harpers Ferry Memorial Scholarship Award Fund was established in 1996 to commemorate the lives of eight Harpers Ferry Job Corps students who perished in a MARC/AMTRAK train collision. The students were traveling home for a holiday weekend from Job Corps when the accident occurred on February 16, 1996, in Silver Spring, Maryland.

The scholarship is awarded annually to one or more individual(s) in the amount(s) of \$1,000 to help defray the costs of academic or vocational training. The recipients of this annual award are announced each spring. The scholarship is paid directly to each student's educational institution and is to be used specifically for tuition, books, school supplies, and/or campus lodging.

Joint Action in Community Service, Inc. (JACS) administers the Harpers Ferry Memorial Scholarship Fund for the Department of Labor (DOL). Contributions to support the fund are tax deductible. Checks or money orders may be made payable to Harpers Ferry Memorial Scholarship Program Fund and sent to the following address: Attention: Harpers Ferry Memorial Scholarship Fund, Joint Action in Community Service, Inc. (JACS), 5225 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., Suite # 404, Washington, DC 20015.

### **JACS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

#### **Background Information**

The JACS Scholarship Program was launched in 1986 with the Jerome D. Schaller Scholarship Award, which was established to commemorate the life of Jerome D. Schaller, who had served as the President of JACS, Inc. for 12 years at the time of his passing. In 1993, the name of the award was changed to the JACS Scholarship Award, in order to more appropriately reflect the various donors contributing to this scholarship fund.

Although the number of \$1,000 scholarships awarded will vary from year to year, it is customary for JACS to designate one recipient as the Jerome D. Schaller Scholar each year. The annual award recipients are announced in the Spring. The scholarship is paid directly to each student's educational institution and is to be used specifically for tuition, books, school supplies, and/or campus lodging.

Contributions to support the JACS Scholarship Program are tax deductible. Checks or money orders should be made payable to JACS Scholarship Program and sent to the following address: Attention: JACS Scholarship Program, 5225 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., Suite # 404, Washington, DC 20015.

### **Who May Apply for a Harpers Ferry Memorial Scholarship or a JACS Scholarship?**

- Job Corps graduates who have already been accepted into colleges, trade schools, vocational schools, or other institutions of higher education.
- Job Corps graduates who are enrolled in and/or attending undergraduate classes at institutions of higher education. (This scholarship is NOT available to students pursuing graduate or post-graduate degrees).
- Job Corps students who are enrolled in the Advanced Career Training (ACT) program who have been accepted into a college, trade school, vocational school, or other institution of higher education.
- Former Harpers Ferry Memorial Scholarship or JACS Scholarship recipients are ineligible to compete; however, former applicants who have not won either of the awards may re-apply each year.
- None of the student applicants may be selected to receive both of these scholarship awards, nor be awarded more than once.

### **Application Requirements**

- An application form must be completed. Please make every effort to ensure that applications are complete when submitted, as incomplete applications will not be considered.
- A personal letter to the selection committee from the student must accompany the application form. In this detailed statement of need, the student should explain any challenges being faced, how the scholarship will benefit him/her, and why he/she should be selected. The applicant should also include any successes, hobbies, extra-curricular activities, and community service involvement.
- Two letters of recommendation from Job Corps instructors, teachers, counselors, administrative staff, employers, professors, or pastor that speak to the character of the student, as well as his/her achievements.
- Letters of acceptance from the prospective institution must accompany applications from applicants not enrolled at the time the scholarship application is submitted.
- A copy of the applicant's college transcript if already enrolled in undergraduate program.

### **Where Should Applications be Sent?**

Harpers Ferry Memorial/JACS Scholarship Award Programs  
Joint Action in Community Service, Inc. (JACS)  
5225 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., Suite # 404  
Washington, DC 20015

**When are Applications Due?**

The deadline for receipt of applications is April 1, 2005.

**Whom Should I Contact If I Have Questions?**

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**Selection and Announcement of Recipients**

The selection committee is comprised of an impartial group of judges whose decision will be final. All scholarship recipients will be announced in the late Spring.