

**Harpers Ferry Memorial Scholarship Fund:
Guidelines on Eligibility, Application Requirements and Procedures**

Background Information

This is the final year of the Harpers Ferry Memorial Scholarship Awards Program 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 from Job Corps for a holiday weekend when the accident occurred on February 16, 1996, in Silver Spring, Maryland.

McNeil Technologies, Inc., will administer the Harpers Ferry Memorial Scholarship Fund and Awards Program this final year as part of their overall support services contract with the ETA/National Office of Job Corps. Scholarship awards of \$750 each will be made to a total of four students, representing the following categories:

- Outstanding Student of the Harpers Ferry Job Corps Center — one student
- Outstanding Student Government Association Presidents — two students
- Outstanding Disabled Job Corps Student — one student

For this final year of the Scholarship, in addition to helping defray the costs associated with academic or vocational training following graduation from Job Corps, funds may also be used to secure tools and equipment related to a student's vocational training, as well as for housing, transportation, and child care support. McNeil Technologies, Inc. will deposit each Scholarship Award directly into each student's bank account as listed in his/her application.

Who May Apply for the Harpers Ferry Memorial Scholarships from any of the Above Three Categories?

- Current Job Corps students in good standing who will graduate from the Job Corps by August 15, 2006.
- Current students in good standing who applied in the past but were not selected may apply this year, as long as the above criteria are met.

Application Requirements

- An application form fully completed. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- A personal letter from the student, addressed to the Selection Committee, must accompany the application form. In this detailed statement, the

applicant shall discuss: the reasons why he/she should be selected; the need of the applicant for the Award; any personal challenges that have been overcome as a result of the Job Corps experience or that continue to be addressed; any successes/accomplishments, extracurricular activities, and community service involvement since entering Job Corps, particularly what has been learned from any or all of these experiences, and any other information pertinent to this application.

- Two letters of recommendation (from Job Corps staff members, such as instructors and counselors, employers, etc.) that speak to the character and achievements of the student, particularly as they relate to the category of the application (e.g., SGA President).
- The application must also list the name and address of the bank where the student has an existing savings or checking account. Students awarded a scholarship will be contacted by a representative of McNeil Technologies, Inc., to make arrangements for depositing the Scholarship Award directly into the student's personal bank account.

Where Should Applications be Sent?

McNeil Technologies, Inc.
Attn: HFSA
c/o Charles L. Cox
1333 H Street NW
Suite 400 West
Washington, DC 20005

When are Applications Due?

Applications and all required and supporting documentation must be received by April 14, 2006.

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 decisions will be final. All scholarship recipients will be announced in late spring 2006.