2019 Scholarship Program

Message from Gilbert Winn:

In honor of Winn’s four decades in business and in furtherance of our objective to enhance the lives of all that we serve, distinguished high school seniors, high school graduates, and GED holders living in communities managed by WinnCompanies, are invited by our Board to apply for a WinningEdge Scholarship award for the 2019–2020 academic year. This program was designed to celebrate and support residents pursuing post-secondary education at a college, university or professional trade school.

Please contact us at scholarships@winnco.com if you have any questions about the program.

On behalf of our Board, we extend our sincerest gratitude and best wishes to all applicants.

Gilbert Winn,
Chief Executive Officer

The mission of WinnCompanies' WinningEdge Scholarship Program, a subsidiary of the WinnCares initiative, is to provide financial assistance to high school seniors, high school graduates and GED holders who are residents of communities managed by WinnCompanies or its affiliates and matriculating at a post-secondary educational institution.
2019 SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION
FOR APPLICANTS AND PARENTS

ELIGIBILITY

• Resident in good standing at a community managed by WinnResidential Military Housing Services
• High school diploma or GED
• Accepted to an accredited college, university or professional trade school for 2019–2020 enrollment
• High school seniors and college student applicants must have a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent
• College juniors applying must provide documentation of a declared major
• Demonstrable financial need to cover tuition, fees or student housing costs

*Note that WinnCompanies employees and their relatives are ineligible for these awards. Further, the employees and relatives of employees at WinnCompanies affiliates, HUD, or any other government agency that regulates WinnCompanies apartment communities or military bases are ineligible for these awards.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Applicants will be evaluated based on their academic performance, character, and their proficiency or potential proficiency in their chosen fields of study. Applicants pursuing careers in real estate, especially property management, will be given special consideration. Applicants that have worked to better their communities, or to support charitable causes through volunteer service, will also be given special consideration.

NOTIFICATION PROCESS

All applicants can expect to be notified about the status of their application in late May. Applicants selected for an award will need to return a letter of acceptance by June 21, 2019 to remain eligible.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The exact number of scholarships and the total amount of money to be awarded in 2019 will be determined during the selection process, at the discretion of WinnCompanies. Financial need will be a key consideration when determining individual amounts. It is therefore critically important that applicants complete a 2019 FAFSA, and indicate their FAFSA Expected Family Contribution (EFC) score as directed to on the enclosed application form.
PAYMENT OF AWARDS

All awards will be made payable to the colleges or other post-secondary institutions that recipients attend during the 2019–2020 school year. The student must provide WinnCompanies with a copy of an admissions acceptance letter or other suitable documentation to an accredited school. It is the intent of WinnCompanies that the full amount of these awards will be applied toward the recipient’s school-related expenses, including on campus housing costs. We suggest that recipients contact WinnCompanies before accepting a WinningEdge Scholarship if there is any doubt about the continuance of other financial aid, especially need-based scholarships.

APPLICATION PROCESS

This application has six parts. Once you have completed or gathered all parts of the application, please submit your application packet to your Community/Property Manager or their designee. The deadline for completed applications is April 19th, 2019.

A complete application will include the following:

I. Application Form. Please be sure to answer all questions that apply to you and to write “N/A” (not applicable) in response to any question/section that does not pertain to you. Note that the Application Form requires that ALL applicants include their FAFSA Expected Family Contribution score.

II. Official Grade Transcript. If you are currently enrolled at a high school or college, you must provide us with an official transcript which shows the courses that you have taken and any grades that you received through fall 2018. Transcripts should be sent directly from your school to the address listed above, or enclosed in your application packet.

III. Personal Statement. The selection committee wants to get to know you on a personal level. In a typed essay of approximately 400 words, please tell us about your personal/professional goals, and what you are doing to achieve them. Alternatively, please tell us about a social, environmental, or charitable cause that you care about and what you have done or are doing to support that cause.
IV. **Resume.** Please provide us with a resume which highlights any relevant work experience, academic accomplishments and/or extracurricular activities.

V. **Two Letters of Reference.** The selection committee would like to hear what others have to say about your academic performance, character and potential. Please provide us with two letters of professional reference from non-relatives that have firsthand knowledge of your academic performance and extracurricular activities, such as community service. Letters should be typewritten and include each author’s name, signature and contact information. Ideally, these references should come from school personnel, employers, community leaders, or clergy.

VI. **Completed Eligibility Statement:** All applicants and their parent or guardian must complete the enclosed form indicating that they meet the eligibility requirements stated above.
2019 Scholarship Application Form
APPLICATION DEADLINE IS April 19, 2019

1. Name
(Please include middle initial)

Social Security Number (SSN) XXXX XXXX [☐ ☐ ☐ ☐]
(Last four digits only)

Phone Number

Address

Street or P.O. Box

City State Zip Code

Email Address:

D.O.B. / / Female Male

Please complete the following optional section:

Ethnic Categories
☐ Hispanic or Latino ☐ Not-Hispanic or Latino

Racial Categories
☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
☐ Asian
☐ Black or African American
☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
☐ White
☐ Other

2. Post-secondary institution you are attending

School Student Identification (ID) Number

2019 FAFSA EFC Score

Fall of 2019/2020 class status
☐ College Freshman ☐ College Sophomore ☐ College Junior ☐ College Senior
☐ Other (Please provide explanation)

If you are a college junior or college senior, please indicate your declared major.

Entering College Freshman Only:
College Board Scores SAT Reading Math Writing or ACT Score
(all entering Freshman must provide this information, unless it was not required by your school of attendance)
List any currently held degrees (not including high school)

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List all scholarships, work study grants, student loans and any other form of financial aid you have been promised or have received for the 2019-2020 school year.

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PLEASE PROVIDE COPY OF DOCUMENT CERTIFYING THE AWARD
APPLICANT AND PARENT/GUARDIAN STATEMENT

PERMISSION TO RELEASE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

As parent/guardian of ____________________________ I hereby release all necessary financial information on file to WinnCompanies for the purpose of determining financial need.

PERMISSION TO PUBLICIZE NAME AND PHOTOGRAPH

If awarded a scholarship, permission is given to share applicant’s name and/or photograph in WinningEdge Scholarship promotional materials and press releases.

Applicant’s Signature ____________________________ Date __________

Parent/Guardian’s Signature ____________________________ Date __________

(only required if applicant is under 18 years of age)
RESIDENCY IN GOOD STANDING STATEMENT

Name of Applicant

Address of Applicant

Name of Head of Household

RESIDENCY
Property Manager certifies that the address listed above is the applicant's primary place of residence and his/her name is on the household's current Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) or government agency's annual income certification or respective specific WC lease as finalized by WC or its affiliates. The applicant can be an enrolled boarding student if the aforementioned criteria is satisfied.

GOOD STANDING
Property Manager certifies that as of the signature date, the applicant/household is in good standing with the rules and regulations of HUD or applicable government agency that regulates the WC apartment or military base and the lease requirements of the WC apartment community or military base where they reside and relevant guidelines of WC or its affiliates.

Print Name & Job Title:

Signature_____________________________________________________ Date________________