

UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

Unity in the Community is a Pompano Beach non-profit organization whose purpose is to plan and implement a grass roots event called "Unity in the Community." Through the joint efforts shown by our various multi-cultural and religious groups in organizing this day of Unity, we hope to foster an understanding what while we come from different backgrounds, we are one city.

The organization also has as its goal to provide scholarships to graduating seniors **who are residents of the City of Pompano Beach.**

Award Information:

Administrator: Unity in the Community, Inc.

Award Amount: \$1000

Application Deadline: APRIL 1, 2017

Mail or drop off completed application to:

**Unity in the Community
c/o The Pelican Newspaper
1500-A E. Atlantic Blvd.
Pompano Beach, FL 33060**

Award Distribution: Upon receipt of college class registration and schedule.

Eligibility:

- Be a City of Pompano Beach resident and U.S. citizen
- Be a 2017 graduating high school senior
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher
- Have been accepted to attend an eligible college, university or technical school
- Be a drug and crime free student of good moral character
- Have completed 40 hours of Community Service during 4 years of high school
- Have a household income that does not exceed the 2015 Broward County Low Income Category, based on the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Income Limits Documentation System.

Household Size	Maximum Income	Household Size	Maximum Income
1	\$40,600	5	\$62,650
2	\$46,400	6	\$67,300
3	\$52,200	7	\$71,950
4	\$58,000	8	\$76,600

Submittal Requirements:

Submittal must include the following (please do not fold or staple)

- One copy of completed and signed application form
- Official High School Transcript (in a sealed envelope)
- Two letters of recommendation from either a teacher, BRACE Advisor, employer, minister or community leader
- One typed copy of essay about yourself, your school activities, including service hours, career goals and why you should receive this scholarship (no more than 500 words, 12 pt. font)
- Copy of Birth Certificate or verification of citizenship or qualified alien status affidavit
- Copy of acceptance letter from university, college, technical or vocational school, **if available by April 1**
- Copy of FAFSA **OR** Tax Return for 2015 or 2016
- Copy Financial Aid Award Letter or copy of Scholarship and Pell Grant Award Letters, **if available by April 1**
- Copy of Community Service hours record from High School or volunteer organization

Application Instructions:

Please fill out the following information completely and accurately. Submit this form along with other required documents listed under Submittal Requirements.

STUDENT INFORMATION:

Student Name _____
Last First Middle

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ D.O.B. (MM/DD/YY) _____

Email: _____

Male _____ Female _____ Citizen/Resident Alien Yes No

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION:

Name of Parents/Guardian _____

Parent/Guardian Street Address: _____

City State Zip Code

Number of Dependents: _____

HIGH SCHOOL DATA

Name of High School _____

Graduation Date (MM/YY): _____

PLANNED POST HIGH SCHOOL DATA:

Name of college, university, vocational or technical school: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Major: _____

_____ I have attached official transcripts and an acceptance letter. Both MUST be included.

Please list scholarships, grants or assistance you anticipate receiving to fund your university, college, or vocational/technical school expenses. (Attach copies of scholarship and grant award letters).

Scholarships/Grants	Amount

SCHOOL/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

List school and community activities in which you have participated during the last 4 years (e.g. community service hours, church activities, student government, music, sports, etc.) Indicate all special awards and honors. List all leadership positions or offices held. Include the years of participation for each activity or honors.

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____

WORK EXPERIENCE

List work experience in the last 4 years.

<u>Type of Work</u>	<u>Date Started</u>	<u>Date Ended</u>	<u>Name of Employer</u>	<u>Hourly Wage</u>
1. _____				
2. _____				
3. _____				

Do you plan to work the summer before you begin college: yes no

If yes, where? _____

FINANCIAL NEED: Please include copies of FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) OR copies of Tax return IRS form 1040 with Shedules C, D or F for 2015 or 2016 and Financial Aid Award Letter, if available

- 1. What is the Adjusted Gross Income for your father? \$ _____
What is the Adjusted Gross Income for your mother? \$ _____
What is the Adjusted Gross Income for your step-father? \$ _____
What is the Adjusted Gross Income for your step-mother? \$ _____

2. Who will share in contributing to your college expenses? (circle all that apply)

Father Mother Step-Father Step-Mother

3. How many people are dependent on the income for your family? _____

4. Are there other extenuating circumstances related to the family income which should be considered by the review committee? Use an additional page to fully explain extenuating circumstances.

5. If your parents are divorced or separated, who has custody? _____ Father _____ Mother _____ Joint
6. Will the non-custodial parent contribute to your educational expenses _____ Yes _____ No
7. Will your step parent(s) contribute to your educational expenses? _____ Yes _____ No
8. Number of brothers _____ age(s) _____ sisters _____ age(s) _____
9. How many brothers/sisters are currently in college? _____
10. What year of college will they complete this spring? _____

CERTIFICATION AND RELEASE AUTHORIZATION

I hereby give the financial aid officer or school guidance counselor permission to release all information requested in this application. I also affirm that the information I have provided is correct to the best of my knowledge. I have included current IRS Tax Returns and all related schedules for 2015 or 2016 **OR** FAFSA and Financial Aid Award Letter, if available. I will notify the scholarship committee reviewing this application if there is any change in my condition or status that would materially affect the information contained in my application.

Student's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

**Unity in the Community of Pompano Beach, Inc.
Scholarship Application Checklist**

Completed and signed application		
Copy of community service hour record (this may be included in your transcript)		
Meet income guidelines?		
Official high school transcript in sealed envelope		
2 letters of recommendation		
Typed essay no more than 500 words, 12 pt font		
Verification of citizenship, copy of birth certificate, driver's license or qualified alien status affidavit		
Copy of acceptance letter to college, university or vocational school, IF AVAILABLE		
Copy of financial aid award letter		
Copy of scholarship and pell grant award letters		

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Questions? Email: info@uicpompano.org or call 954-586-1123.