

STADIUM DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

HOW MUCH

\$1,000 & \$3,000 Scholarships in 2023

ELIGIBILITY

Residents of Southwest DC ANC SMD 6D08 ONLY

APPLICATIONS DUE

August 31, 2023 by 11:59 PM EDT

EXAMPLES OF SUCH ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

Sports Camps • College Classes • Music Camps • Private lessons or Training • Job Training • Job Certification • Art classes/camp • etc.

APPLICATIONS & QUESTIONS

Website: www.StadiumDistrictScholarship.com

Email: Info@StadiumDistrictScholarship.com

A NEW NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

\$100,000 in scholarships to be distributed over the Next 25 Years

BENEFITING

Residents, ages 12-24, of ANC SMD 6D08 demonstrating financial need

SPONSORS

**Stadium District
Scholarship Fund LLC**

Tyler Merkeley

DBT Development Group LLC

BACKGROUND

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STADIUM DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

TWO (2) SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE AUGUST 31, 2023

GUIDELINES

The **Stadium District Scholarship** (www.StadiumDistrictScholarship.com) is available to teens and young adults (Ages 12 – 24) who reside in Southwest Washington, DC Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) Single Member District (SMD) 6D08. Two scholarships annually will be available - one (1) \$1,000 Scholarship and one (1) \$3,000 Scholarship. The purpose of these scholarships is to assist Southwest (SW) ANC SMD 6D08 residents who wish to pursue further educational, vocational training, and sports/music/art camps and activities. Examples of such activities include: basketball camps, subsidized university/college classes, music camp/private lessons, job training, job certification art classes or camp, etc. In order to qualify for a Stadium District Scholarship, applicants must meet the following requirements and communicate these requirements in their written submission:

- Reside in ANC SMD 6D08 in, SW Washington, DC (must provide proof of residence). Type your address into this link to confirm you reside in ANC SMD 6D08 <http://dcatlas.dcgis.dc.gov/mar/>
- Have a specific use for the funds that relates to education, training, sports, arts, or activities to further one's skill and learning and communicate how this will help you achieve your personal goals
- Demonstrate financial need (see Financial Need section below)
- Ability to provide a letter of reference from a school teacher or administrator, coach, or community leader
- Identify a means by which he or she will give back to the community in a way that relates to the education or skill gained from this scholarship



Applications are due on August 31, 2023. Scholarships will be awarded by September 15, 2023. Applicants will not be reimbursed for events that occur prior to September 15, 2023 and any programs selected to utilize this scholarship must start after September 15, 2023, except for fall tuition if school starts before the anticipated award date. Please note, payment will be made ONLY directly to the service provider or educational institution and not to the recipient. Any funds not used will be returned for future year's scholarships.

APPLICANTS MUST DEMONSTRATE FINANCIAL NEED

The Stadium District Scholarship was established in an effort to give back to residents in ANC SMD 6D08 and to ensure access to new opportunities for those that meet federal financial needs standards. To qualify for a Stadium District Scholarship, applicants must demonstrate the following financial need (based on HUD FY 2023 Income Limits Documentation):

FY Income Limit Area	Median Family Income	FY 20&3 Income Limit Category	Persons in Family							
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD HUD Metro FMR Area	\$152,100	Very Low (50%) Income Limits (\$)	52,750	60,300	67,850	75,350	81,400	87,450	93,450	99,500

*Financial information was obtained from the Housing and Urban Development Office, FY 2023 Income Limits Documentation at [efaidnbmnnnibpajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/il/il22/Section8-IncomeLimits-FY22.pdf](https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/il/il22/Section8-IncomeLimits-FY22.pdf)

BACKGROUND ON STADIUM DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP FUND, LLC

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APPLICATION GUIDELINES

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY AUGUST 31, 2023

PHASE 1: INITIAL APPLICATION

- a. Candidate must submit one (1) letter of recommendation from a school teacher/administrator, coach, pastor, or community leader
- b. Provide a pamphlet or other documentation that clearly specifies how the scholarship funds will be used, dates and location of program, and information regarding where to send the scholarship payment. The Scholarship Fund will directly pay scholarship and will not be providing cash to recipient, funds not used will remain for future year's scholarship awards.
- c. **Proof of residence in ANC SMD 6D08 SW Washington, DC** (Identification Card, Paperwork with your name and address)
- d. Application Signature of parent/Legal Guardian on application if under 18 years of age

STADIUM DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Last Name:

First Name:

Parent/Legal Guardian(s) Last Name:

Parent/Legal Guardian(s) First Name:

APPLICANT INFO

Applicant's Mailing Address:

Street:

City:

State:

Zip:

ANC SMD:

Applicant's Telephone Number:

Applicant's Email Address:

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN INFO

Mailing address of Parent/Legal Guardian(s) (if different than applicant's address)

Street:

City:

State

Zip:

Parent/Legal Guardian(s) Telephone Number:

Parent/Legal Guardian(s) Email Address:

APPLICANT BASIC INFO:

Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year):

Gender:

Scholarships are available to teens and young adults who will be between the age of 12 – 24 on August 31, 2023

EDUCATION BACKGROUND

Name and location of educational institution you attend or attended if you have already graduated:

What is your current level of education:

Graduation or anticipated graduation date from educational institution you attend or date you graduated:

Current or most recent GPA:

Favorite class or school program:

HONORS, ACHIEVEMENT, HOBBIES, AND INTERESTS

a) List any academic honors, awards and membership activities you achieved:

b) List your hobbies, outside interests, extracurricular activities and school related volunteer activities:

c) C. List your non-school sponsored volunteer activities in the community:

HOW YOU WILL USE THE FUNDS (ATTACH SEPARATE PAGES AS NEEDED)

Select **ONLY** one of the two scholarship amounts (if you pick both, you will be ranked only for the \$1000 scholarship:

___ \$1,000 scholarship

___ \$3,000 scholarship

Name of program you wish to attend:

Address:

Primary contact person for this program:

Primary contact phone number:

Primary purpose for this program (i.e. sports camp, music lessons, college classes, employment training):

Why did you choose this program and what do you hope to learn from the program:

Note: Remember to include Pamphlet or other documentation that clearly specifies how the scholarship funds will be used (Camp/class registration form, etc.)

FINANCIAL NEED

Combined household income for 2022:

Number of persons in household at present:

Example: If you are 17 years of age, you live at home in ANC SMD 6D08 with your one parent/guardian and you have two siblings, your family is likely considered a four-person family. The total family income must be less than \$75,350 annually (see above table "HUD FY Income

Limits Documentation”) for you to qualify for this scholarship which is based on financial need. If your family income exceeds that amount, your application will not be reviewed or scholarship awarded.

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY FOR APPLICANTS

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Signature:

Date:

Parent/Legal Guardian(s) Signature (if under 18 years of age):

Date:

PERSONAL ESSAY

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY FOR APPLICANTS

On a separate sheet please write an essay (500 words or less) answering the questions below

1. What are your future professional and personal goals and how will the program that you chose help you achieve these goals?
2. How will you use the skills or knowledge gained from this program to give back to your community (i.e. help with a youth sports team, mentor a young musician, teach others the information you learned, etc.)?

LETTER OF REFERENCE

Please provide one (1) letter of reference from a school administrator/teacher, coach, instructor, or community leader with this application. Please ask the references to provide profession and place of employment in the letter along with their contact information. If references want to forward the letter directly to the review team they can email it to Info@StadiumDistrictScholarship.com

STADIUM DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICATION SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

- Stadium District Scholarship Application Form
- Written Essay (500 words or less)
- One (1) letter of reference
- Proof of residence in ANC SMD 6D08 SW Washington, DC
- Pamphlet or other documentation that clearly specifies how the scholarship funds will be used (Camp/class registration form, etc.)

PLEASE SEND COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING:

Application Deadline: 11:59 EST August 31, 2023. All information must be uploaded and submitted on time with no missing or late information to Info@StadiumDistrictScholarship.com. Any incomplete applications will NOT be reviewed. Please attach all files and send all information in a single email.

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions regarding the scholarship fund or application process, please contact Tyler Merkeley at: Info@StadiumDistrictScholarship.com