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**Environmental Justice Community
 Mitigation Plan - College Aid Initiative**

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) established a College Aid Initiative that funds up to \$500,000 in scholarships to students who intend to enroll or are currently attending an institution of higher education and live in the following North Charleston neighborhoods: Highland Terrace, Joppa Way, Liberty Park, Russelldale and Ferndale. Residents of these neighborhoods who will be displaced and relocated by the I-526 LCC WEST interstate improvements project would remain eligible for the scholarship program. The scholarships will be available for both technical and trade schools as well as 4-year colleges. The College Aid Initiative will begin in 2023 and funds will be available through construction or until all scholarship funds have been awarded.

Annual Awards

| 4-Year College/University | 2-Year College | Vocational/Trade Pursuit |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Three (3) \$5,000 Scholarships | Six (6) \$2,500 Scholarships | Five (5) \$250 Scholarships |

APPLICATION FOR COLLEGE AID
 2024 Applications are due May 10, 2024

ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION MATERIALS TO BE EVALUATED

- Student must reside in one of the following neighborhoods:
 - Highland Terrace ○ Joppa Way ○ Liberty Park ○ Russelldale ○ Ferndale
- Student must currently attend or have been accepted to an accredited institution of higher learning (*must demonstrate current enrollment or intent to enroll as awards will be distributed directly to the school*)
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 (*official transcript required*)
- Two (2) letters of recommendation must be received. One (1) letter of recommendation should be on official letterhead from a school official.
- Applications must include a written statement (no minimum word count, but thoughtfully prepared) declaring the student’s career goals and answering the prompt: “How will this scholarship help you achieve your career goal?”

STUDENT INFORMATION (*Please print legibly.*)

Name (*Last, First MI*) _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

College/University _____ Student Id # _____

Student’s Signature _____

Date _____

Email, mail, or hand deliver complete application packets to the Community Office addresses listed above.

