

# 2025/2026 MAYOR MARTY SMALL SR. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Mayor Marty Small Sr. Scholarships are awarded in the amount of *up to* \$10,000  
(Split equally between the fall and spring semesters)

Criteria #1: **Must be a Resident of Atlantic City that will graduate, or has graduated, from Atlantic City High School or another school accepting Atlantic City Students.** This applies to graduating high school seniors accepted to an accredited higher educational institution(s), current college students, current graduate & doctoral students, and prospective trade school students.

Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: M / F

Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Please ensure your email address is legible.)*

Current School: \_\_\_\_\_

Higher education institution(s) or trade school you are planning to attend. (If undecided, list options.):

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Please provide a copy of your acceptance letter!)*

Proposed/Current Major: \_\_\_\_\_

For consideration, a **COMPLETE** application packet must be received by **4 PM, Monday, April 7, 2025**. Applications can be submitted via the following methods:

- A paper copy **hand-delivered or mailed** to the Mayor's Office located at 1301 Bacharach Blvd., Suite 706, Atlantic City, NJ 08401
- Emailing to [greatday@acnj.gov](mailto:greatday@acnj.gov) (Please send all materials in **one** email. Photos of documents WILL NOT be accepted-- scanned documents, PDFs, etc. are acceptable.)

## THE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE **ALL OF THE FOLLOWING**:

- **Complete Scholarship Application Packet**- Each participant is only allowed ONE SUBMISSION with all materials submitted together. Packets submitted with missing documents will be disqualified.
- **Resume**- Should be formatted as a resume, no longer than one page, single spaced using font size 12
- **High School Students**- Your school acceptance letter **AND** latest high school transcript, *unofficial copies are acceptable*. Transcripts must be included in the application. Do not have your school mail them separately.
- **College/Graduate Students**- Proof of current Atlantic City residency **AND** latest transcript. For newly accepted graduate students, please provide acceptance letter.
- **A Two-Page Essay** using **MLA format** (*sample attached*). This includes **Times New Roman in 12-point font, double-spacing, 1" page margins on 8.5" by 11" paper, and ½" indent for new paragraphs**. Essays must be typed in a Microsoft Word document or equivalent. Please answer one of the following prompts according to your current education level:

- **Graduating High School Seniors and Trade School Applicants:**

*Atlantic City is a city of resilience, opportunity, and transformation. How has your personal journey and specific life experiences shaped your decision to pursue higher education?*

- **Current College Students (Undergraduate):**

*Your college experience often shapes your perspective on the world and your role in it. How has your college education shaped your perspective of life thus far?*

- **Graduate & Doctoral Students:**

*Atlantic City faces unique economic, social, and environmental challenges. What do you consider to be the single most important societal problem in our community? With your advanced degree, how do you plan to address this issue and create sustainable change?*

- **Two Letters of Recommendation** - One of those letters must be from an educator or staff attesting to your character
- **In-Person or Zoom Interview May Be Required**
- **Additional Significant Information** you would like the Committee to consider.

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Direct questions to Scholarship Committee Chairs at [greatday@acnj.gov](mailto:greatday@acnj.gov)

**Application materials will NOT be returned.** updated 3/5/25

**Sample Essay Template**  
*Courtesy of Scribbr*

