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TO: TRIO Director/Coordinator
FROM: Belinda Brownlee: TASP Scholarship Committee Chair
DATE: March 18, 2015
RE: Call for 2015 TASP Merit Award Nominations

The time has come for TASP's Merit Award Scholarships. The TASP association will award a total of seven \$400.00 scholarships: one scholarship each for Talent Search, Upward Bound, Upward Bound Math/Science, Student Support Services, Educational Opportunity Centers, Veteran's Upward Bound, and Ronald E. McNair programs.

The enclosed the information and application is needed for your program participants to apply for the scholarship. The application can also be downloaded from the TASP's website at <http://www.tasp trio.org>. Only one application per program. If your campus or agency has more than one of the same programs, please make the distinction clear for the reviewers. Please urge your students to complete the application in full and submit the application so that it will be in my office by Friday, April 17, 2015.

Applications must be submitted to their respective programs. In order for the application to be considered the TRIO/TASP staff member must be a current member of TASP AND their institutional fees must be current. Please contact Charles White @ crw@matthew-reed.com or rmcdonough@bgctnv.org to ensure that both memberships are current. If memberships are not current, the application will be DISQUALIFIED. No exceptions will be made.

If you have any questions, you can contact me at (423) 425-4691 (office), (864) 710-3511 (cell) or belinda-brownlee@utc.edu (email).

The material is being sent to Program Directors/Coordinators only. Please share with staff as you deem necessary.

All applications **MUST** be in my office (UT-Chattanooga) by Friday, April 17, 2015.

Sincerely,

Belinda Brownlee

Belinda Brownlee
TASP Scholarship Chair

TO: TASP Members

DATE: March 18, 2015

RE: CALL FOR TASP ADULT LEARNER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS
DUE DATE: APRIL 17, 2015

The Tennessee Association of Special Programs (TASP) is pleased to announce its annual scholarship competition. TRIO participants are invited to compete for Adult Learner Scholarship awards of \$400.00. These awards may be used to help defray postsecondary educational costs during the academic year.

Enclosed are application materials needed to apply for these scholarships along with a list of current TASP individual and institutional members. The application can also be downloaded on TASP's website at <http://www.tasptrio.org>. **Only one application may be submitted per TRIO program. Institutions which have more than one program (e.g. Student Support Service, Educational Opportunity Center, Veterans Upward Bound, and McNair Scholars, Educational Talent Search (ETS participants age 19 and older)) may submit an application for each project. Sponsors of applicants MUST BE CURRENT MEMBERS OF TASP as well as their respective institutions. Refer to the list of TASP's individual and institutional members to ensure your membership is current or contact Charles White @ crw@matthew-reed.com or rmcdonough@bgctnv.org.**

NOTE: Institutions/agencies that send more than one application from the same program will be disqualified.

Applicants will be judged and rated in the following areas (see **Rating Rubric for Detailed Point Values**):

Please be sure to go over the applications with your students for accuracy and completion before submitting

1. Essay (content, grammar, format, etc.) (50 points)
2. Academic performance/scholarship (10 points)
3. Two recommendation letters (10 points)
4. Leadership, school activities, and community volunteer service (20 points)
5. TRIO activities (10 points)

Each application will be reviewed and rated by the TASP Scholarship Committee. No applicant's materials will be reviewed by a person from the same college, university, or agency.

Applicants and their sponsors will be notified of results by the end of **May 2015**. The names and schools of winners will be announced at the Student Initiatives and on TASP's website (www.tasptrio.org).

In order for winners to receive their awards, students must provide official verification of FALL 2015 enrollment in a postsecondary institution by **September 30, 2015 to Rebecca McDonough. Award checks will be issued during the fall semester and made payable to the student.**

The deadline for submission of all application materials is April 17, 2015. All application materials must be in the UT-Chattanooga office (POSTMARK IS INSUFFICIENT) by APRIL 17, 2015. If you wish to save money, applications may be scanned and emailed. You may request a read receipt for confirmation of delivery. The DEADLINE is still April 17th.

Belinda Brownlee
TASP Scholarship Chair

TASP ADULT LEARNER 2015 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Each applicant for a TASP Adult Learner Scholarship **MUST:**

1. Have participated in one of the federally-funded TRIO programs (SSS, EOC, VUB, McNAIR, or TS (age 19 and older))
2. Be a freshman, sophomore, or junior in college with at least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average; be a college senior (*only if they are planning to enroll in a graduate school program following the award announcement*); or, if not currently enrolled in school, be an individual who has met the criteria listed herein at the school last attended or has scored an average of at least 50 on the General Education Development (GED) test.
3. Be sponsored/recommended by a TRIO/TASP staff member of the project in which the applicant participates. **NOTE:** Both the TRIO program and sponsoring staff member must be current members of TASP. **NOTE: The TRIO/TASP staff member must be a current member of TASP as well as their institution. The TRIO/TASP staff member can email Charles White at crw@matthew-reed.com or rmcdonough@bgctnv.org, to ensure his/her institution and individual membership are current and/or refer to the enclosed list of TASP's current individual and institutional members. If membership is not current, the application will be disqualified. No exceptions will be made.**

Materials that must be submitted

1. Complete an official TASP Adult Learner Scholarship Application in its entirety. Included in the application is space for a 300-word essay (maximum). **Please have student write based upon criteria outlined on the essay page.**
2. Provide an official college transcript or a GED Certificate listing official written verification of scores. *Note: an official high school transcript is to be submitted only if the applicant is not currently enrolled in college.*
3. Provide a Letter of Recommendation from the sponsoring TRIO staff member.
4. Provide a Letter of Recommendation from a school official (teacher, counselor, principal, president, dean, etc.). *A TRIO staff member may provide the second letter, only if the applicant is not currently enrolled in college.*
5. Email a picture and short bio to Belinda-brownlee@utc.edu. A short bio and picture of the winners will be posted on TASP's website (www.tasp trio.org).

All required materials must be in UT-Chattanooga by April 17, 2015

***ALL Materials should be mailed to:**

UT-Chattanooga
TASP Scholarship Chair
Belinda Brownlee
615 McCallie Ave #5005
Chattanooga, TN 37403
Belinda-brownlee@utc.edu

If emailing applications, the email must be submitted by 5:00 pm April 17, 2015. Email received after this time will be disqualified, no exceptions.

TASP ADULT LEARNER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2015 RATING SCALE

ITEM	DETAILED POINT VALUES	
<p style="text-align: center;">ESSAY</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Essay must be between 250-300 words (maximum)</i></p> <p><i>Please note this is a major category, have students review their essay in key areas listed and write based on criteria required</i></p>	<p>Essay is rated as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Content • Communications Skills (grammar, punctuation, and spelling) • Organization <p style="text-align: right;">Total Possible Points – Essay =</p>	<p>Points: 1 - 30 1 - 10 1 - 10 ----- 50</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE / SCHOLARSHIP</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>GPA (4.0) Scale</u> OR <u>GED (Average Score)</u></p> <p>3.80 to 4.00 Above 57</p> <p>3.50 to 3.79 56 to 57</p> <p>3.00 to 3.49 54 to 55</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total Possible Points – GPA or GED =</p>	<p>Points: 10 8 6 10</p>
<p>RECOMMENDATIONS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendation 1 (<i>sponsoring TRIO staff member</i>) • Recommendation 2 (<i>a school official—teacher, counselor, principal</i>) <p style="text-align: right;">Total Possible Points – Recommendations =</p>	<p>Points: 0 – 5 0 – 5 ----- 10</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">LEADERSHIP, SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, AND COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER SERVICE</p> <p><i>Points in this section are given per organization/agency in each category with a maximum total points of 25</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership Office (<i>President, Vice President, or Chair</i>) • Other Office (<i>Secretary, Treasurer, etc.</i>) • Committee Member • Academic Honor or Award • Non-Academic Honor or Award • Community Volunteer Service <p style="text-align: right;">Total Possible Points – Leadership, School Activities, etc. =</p> <p><i>Please be sure to clearly distinguish each category as point values are higher in certain areas and are based upon clarity and distinction with a maximum points of 25 for this category.</i></p>	<p>Points: 5 points each 4 points each 3 points each 2 points each 1 points each 3 point each ----- 25</p>
<p>TRIO ACTIVITIES</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TRIO Activities (<i>beyond general participation—i.e., mentor, tutor</i>) <p><i>General participation does not merit extra points in this category, please specify activity.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total Possible Points – TRIO Activities =</p>	<p>Points: 0 – 5 ----- 5</p>
Total Possible Points – Overall =		100

TASP ADULT LEARNER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

DEADLINE: APRIL 17, 2015

PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION _____

Name _____
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Permanent/Home Address _____

CITY STATE ZIP CODE TELEPHONE #

E-mail address _____

Local/School Address (if different from above) _____

CITY STATE ZIP CODE TELEPHONE #

Social Security # _____ Date of Birth _____ Gender _____

Project (Check One) SSS EOC VUB McNAIR ETS (age 19 or older) Date Entered: _____

High School Attended _____ H.S. Graduation Date _____

Location/Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

College/University you currently attend/will attend in Fall 2015 _____

Location _____
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

Classification in college (e.g. freshman, etc.) _____

Date you expect to graduate (Month/Year) _____

Overall College GPA (on a 4.0 scale): _____ or GED Average: _____ High School GPA (if not enrolled college): _____

College Major/Expected Major _____

Career Goal _____

PART II: TRIO PROJECT / SPONSOR INFORMATION

Name of director for TRIO project in which you participate(d) _____

Phone Number (_____) _____ E-mail address _____

Sponsor's Name* _____ Position/Title _____

Sponsor's Institution/Agency _____

Sponsor's Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone Number (_____) _____

NOTE: *The individual who sponsors the applicant for the Scholarship above must be a **current member of TASP as well as an institutional member**. Membership status of the sponsor will be verified by TASP scholarship chair.

PART III

LEADERSHIP, SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER SERVICE, AND TRIO ACTIVITIES

List leadership roles; school activities; community volunteer or service; TRIO activities; or other activities you have participated in. Use additional sheets if necessary.

Name of Activity/Service	Dates Participated	Office Held [Include Date(s)]
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____
7. _____	_____	_____
8. _____	_____	_____
9. _____	_____	_____
10. _____	_____	_____
11. _____	_____	_____
12. _____	_____	_____

PART IV CERTIFICATION OF APPROVAL BY PROJECT DIRECTOR

By my signature which appears below, I certify that the student making application for this scholarship is a participant in the project which I direct and that he or she is otherwise eligible to compete for this award.

DIRECTOR'S NAME _____ SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

PART V ESSAY

Submit an essay entitled, "*How my Involvement in _____ (Name of TRIO Program) _____ Has Assisted Me in Preparation for College Success and Success in Life.*" Your essay must be typewritten, and be between 250-300 words.