



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

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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**  
2023 Applications are due October 16, 2023

**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*)
- 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Name of College or University \_\_\_\_\_

Student’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

