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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.**

