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## Mayor Small Announces Details of 2026 Scholarships for Atlantic City Residents

**ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (June 10, 2026)** – The City of Atlantic City is now accepting applications for the 2026 Mayor Marty Small, Sr. Scholarship, providing financial assistance to Atlantic City residents. Mayor Small and members of his scholarship committee announced this year’s scholarship totals, eligibility requirements, and application details during a news conference held outside City Hall today.

Scholarships are once again available to Atlantic City residents who are graduating high school seniors pursuing a college degree, as well as residents pursuing a Master’s degree, Doctorate degree, or trade school education. This year, 40 scholarships will be awarded to graduating high school seniors and 12 scholarships will be awarded to residents pursuing postgraduate degrees or trade school. Up to \$10,000 is available for each of the 52 scholarships.

Over the first three years of the program, Mayor Small made \$1 Million available annually to residents. This year, \$500,000 in scholarship funding is available through the American Rescue Plan and the city’s Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) office. Due to this year’s reduced funding amount, only residents who have not previously received a Mayor Marty Small, Sr. Scholarship are eligible to apply.

“This is yet another example of my administration’s commitment to supporting our youth and investing in the future of Atlantic City,” said Mayor Small. “When this round of scholarships is awarded, the Small Administration will have distributed more than \$3.5 Million directly back into our community. This is life-changing money for other residents, and for some students, it could be the deciding factor in whether they are able to continue their education or not.”

Scholarship recipients will receive half of their award for the Fall 2026 semester and the remaining half for the Spring 2027 semester. Funds will be paid directly to the educational institution. Applications will be reviewed by the scholarship committee comprised of city employees and community members. Mayor Small is not involved in the selection process.

As part of the application process, candidates must submit an essay describing a person, place, or experience in Atlantic City that has shaped who they are and influenced their future goals. Applications are available at [www.acnj.gov](http://www.acnj.gov) and include complete eligibility requirements, submission instructions, and a list of required supporting documents. Completed applications must be submitted by **4:00 PM EST on Monday, June 15, 2026.**

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