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Mayor Small Announces New Criteria for Third Year of \$3M Scholarship Program for Atlantic City Residents

Atlantic City, N.J. (March 10, 2025) – City of Atlantic City Mayor Marty Small, Sr. and the “Mayor Marty Small, Sr. Scholarship” committee announced exciting new details this morning for the third year of this program. This year, another 100 scholarships worth up to \$10,000 each will be awarded to Atlantic City residents who meet the eligibility requirements.

First announced in 2023, the “Mayor Marty Small, Sr. Scholarship” is a three-year commitment of up to \$3 Million (\$1 Million each year). For the first two years, eligible students had to be Atlantic City residents who just graduated from Atlantic City High School (ACHS) or residents in college who previously graduated from ACHS. This year, scholarships are open to residents that will graduate this spring, or previously graduated from ACHS or another school accepting Atlantic City Students. This applies to graduating high school seniors accepted to an accredited higher educational institution, current college freshman, sophomores and juniors, current graduate and doctoral students, and prospective trade school students.

“We said when we first started this scholarship program that the Small administration would do everything in our power to give our Atlantic City residents the opportunity to succeed by making sure finances would not be a deterrent in continuing their education,” said Mayor Small. “We made some changes to the program this year to open the field up even more, and are excited to once again change the lives of our residents for the better.”

Scholarship winners will receive half the money for the fall 2025 semester and the other half for the spring 2026 semester. The scholarship committee, made up of city employees and members of

the community, is responsible for reviewing applications and choosing the winners among the qualified applicants. Mayor Small is not part of the selection process. Students who applied for the scholarship previously, who once again meet the eligibility requirements, may apply again this year. The \$3 Million Scholarship money comes from the Addressing Educational Disparity category of American Rescue Plan funds Atlantic City has received. Applications and submission instructions are posted now on the City of Atlantic City website (www.acnj.gov). Completed applications will **be due by 4:00 PM EST on Monday, April 7, 2025.**

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