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# Mayor Small Announces Winners of Next \$1M of His \$3M Scholarship Program for Atlantic City Residents

**Atlantic City, N.J. (June 18, 2024)** – City of Atlantic City Mayor Marty Small, Sr., along with members of the ‘Mayor Marty Small, Sr. Scholarship’ selection committee, announced some of the winners of the second year of the scholarship program, this morning, at Atlantic City High School. Just like last year, 100 scholarships of \$10,000 each (\$5,000 for the Fall 2024 semester and \$5,000 for the Spring 2025 semester) were awarded. This is a three-year, \$3-million commitment to the residents of Atlantic City (\$1-million each year). The money comes from the Addressing Educational Disparity category of American Rescue Plan funds Atlantic City has received.

The scholarship breakdown for the second year of the program is as follows:

- **45 Scholarships** – Atlantic City residents who are current seniors graduating from Atlantic City High School this Spring who plan to attend college in the Fall
- **45 Scholarships** – Atlantic City residents who graduated from Atlantic City High School who are incoming college sophomores, juniors and seniors this Fall
- **9 Scholarships** – Atlantic City residents who graduated from Atlantic City High School who are currently pursuing a Masters or Doctorate Degree
- **1 Scholarship (broken into 10 parts)** – Partnership with nonprofit Battle by the Bay for them to distribute \$1,000 each to Atlantic City High School students

When the criteria for the second year of the program was announced in May, some scholarships were allotted for Atlantic City residents graduating from Atlantic City High School this Spring who plan to attend Trade School this Fall, but nobody applied. Those scholarships were then added to the other categories.

“This scholarship gives our future leaders an opportunity to succeed in the next chapter of their lives,” said Mayor Small. “For some students, this money could be the deciding factor in whether they continue their education or not. I want these kids to always remember where they come from, and one day come back to Atlantic city to make a difference in their community. We have an unprecedented amount of opportunities for youth right now in Atlantic City, and we hope our scholarship winners take advantage of that.”

There are 14 members in the ‘Mayor Marty Small, Sr. Scholarship’ selection committee who review the student applications and essays. Mayor Small is not part of the selection process. Students who applied last year, who once again met the eligibility requirements, were allowed to apply again this year. The full list of scholarship winners will be made available when all recipients have been notified

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