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# Recipients of Historic ‘Mayor Marty Small, Sr. Scholarship’ for Atlantic City Residents Selected

**\*LINK TO ENTIRE NEWS CONFERENCE\* <https://rb.gy/5r5wy>**

**Atlantic City, N.J. (June 20, 2023)** – All recipients of the unprecedented “Mayor Marty Small, Sr. Scholarship,” which was announced last month, have been selected. City of Atlantic City Mayor Marty Small, Sr., during a news conference this morning held at the Atlantic City High School Library, formally announced some of the 100 Atlantic City residents who received this historic scholarship.

The first 50 scholarships of \$10,000 each (\$5,000 per semester this Fall and next Spring) went to current Atlantic City High School seniors who live in Atlantic City and will be graduating tomorrow. An additional 50 scholarships of \$10,000 each (\$5,000 per semester) went to incoming sophomores, juniors and seniors currently in college who graduated from Atlantic City High School and reside in Atlantic City. The high school seniors were notified of their selection last night by Mayor Small, and were in attendance for this morning’s news conference. The college students who received a scholarship were notified by Mayor Small following this morning’s news conference.

“We had a great response from students interested in the scholarship, and it ended up being an extremely competitive process,” said Mayor Small. “These students have high aspirations, and their reactions when I called them to let them know they are getting this money were priceless. I told the scholarship recipients ‘if you dream it and believe it, you can achieve it.’ You hear a lot of people talking about being for the kids, but the Small Administration puts its money where its mouth is and delivers.”

All applicants had to submit a one-page resume, a one-page essay explaining how they will contribute to bettering Atlantic City and had to obtain two letters of recommendation. Current seniors applying needed an acceptance letter from an accredited higher educational institution. There were no GPA requirements for the scholarship. Mayor Small formed a scholarship committee that reviewed applications, and chose the recipients. He was not part of the selection process. The committee co-chairs were Dr. La'Quetta Small, Superintendent of the Atlantic City school District and Pamela Fields, City of Atlantic City employee.

This scholarship is a \$3-million commitment over the next three years, with \$1-million awarded this year. The money comes from the Addressing Educational Disparity category of American Rescue Plan funds Atlantic City has received. The city received \$33-million in ARP money, half used last year, and half for this year.

All 100 scholarship recipients will be posted on the City of Atlantic City website, [acnj.gov](http://acnj.gov), by Wednesday morning.

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