

***The Interstate Realty Management Company
Educational Foundation***

2009 Scholarship Application Form and Information



Dear Students, Parents, and Friends of Interstate:

All high school seniors and graduates living in sites managed by Interstate or its affiliates are invited by the Board of Directors of the Interstate Realty Management Company Educational Foundation to apply for scholarship grants totalling at least \$125,000 to be awarded in 2009.

The Foundation, in its nineteenth year, is issuing this invitation to distinguished residents who are pursuing some form of higher education, in college, trade/professional school, or institute. The Interstate Realty Management Company Educational Foundation is a privately funded, non-profit educational organization that was created in February, 1991, expressly to assist high school graduates living in Interstate properties throughout the nation. In its first eighteen years, the Foundation awarded in excess of \$2,000,000 to worthy students throughout the country. This is one of the few foundations of its kind in the nation.

We encourage the financial support of corporations, companies, families, private trusts, and individuals wishing to join us in this effort to honor and assist those who are the future of the Interstate community.

Please contact me if you have any questions about any phase of the Foundation's work to help students living in Interstate sites throughout the nation.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Olivette Beaton'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Olivette Beaton, MSPSY
Director of Social Services
Interstate Realty Management Company
3 East Stow Road
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Scholarship Information For Applicants And Parents

ELIGIBILITY

All high school students who plan to begin post-secondary studies at colleges or trade/professional schools are eligible for these grants provided he/she resides on a site which is professionally managed by Interstate Realty Management Company (IRM). The applicant/family must be in good standing with the rules and regulations of HUD and IRM.

High school graduates residing at Interstate or its affiliate sites who are currently enrolled in college or trade/professional school and plan to return to post-secondary studies for the 2009-10 school year are also eligible, and may apply for an Interstate Realty Management Company Educational Foundation Grant. A matriculated boarding student may apply provided his/her primary residence is with a parent/guardian residing on a site which is professionally managed by Interstate Realty Management Company, (applicant/recipient must be named on all applicable lease documents).

SELECTION CRITERIA

The criteria used to select grant recipients includes academic performance, character, and proficiency, and/or potential in a chosen field of study. Each of these three criteria carries equal weight in determining who will receive grants (see back of application form). Academic performance is determined by evaluating high school or college grade transcripts released to the Foundation by the student.

All high school students applying must possess a minimum of a 2.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent. All matriculated college students applying must possess a minimum of a 2.3 grade point average on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent. College students applying for grants who have attained sufficient credits at their institution of higher learning to be considered as a junior, must provide documentation of a declared major. The Foundation values student efforts in working toward a degree.

Character will be evaluated through examination of an essay written by the student and three references. Proficiency and/or potential in a chosen field of study will be evaluated through examination of a second essay. The topic may be chosen by the applicant, but must be relevant to his/her field of study. As an alternative to the essay, musical and/or dramatic presentations may be provided. These presentations may not exceed five minutes. The Foundation would prefer these presentations on videotape or DVD. Submission of a portfolio of artistic work and/or composition is also a suitable alternative to the second essay.

DETERMINATION OF FINANCIAL NEED

Since the parent, guardian or students residing at Interstate or its affiliate sites must provide a yearly updated financial statement demonstrating their eligibility for continued residency at an Interstate site, this form will be utilized to determine financial need. Gross income of the household of the applicant must fall within the range of Section Eight (8) Income Limits or within the range of affordable housing limits of the county in which the applicant resides.

DESCRIPTION OF AWARDS

Each award will represent a scholarship grant provided to the selected students. These grants should not be mistaken in any way for student loans. While a high school student may apply for consideration for a grant prior to being accepted at a college or trade/professional school, they must provide documentation in the form of an admissions acceptance letter to the Foundation before the grant will be finalized. The exact number of awards and the total amount of money to be awarded in 2009 will be determined during the selection process.

PAYMENT OF GRANTS

All grants are made payable to the colleges or other post-secondary institutions the recipients will attend during the 2009-10 school year. As was previously mentioned, the student must provide the Foundation a copy of an admissions acceptance letter to an accredited school. It is the intent of the Interstate Realty Management Company Educational Foundation that the full amount of these grants apply toward the recipient's school expenses. We suggest that the recipient contact Interstate Realty Management Company Educational Foundation before accepting any scholarship from the Foundation, if there is any doubt about the continuance of other financial aid, especially need-based scholarships.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

There are four essential parts of this application, and all must be received in order for the Interstate Realty Management Company Educational Foundation to consider an application.

The deadline for completed applications is **May 15, 2009**. Please mail or hand deliver Parts I, II, III, IV and V (listed below) to Dr. Bruce W. Johnson, Interstate Realty Management Company, 3 East Stow Road, Suite 100, Marlton, New Jersey 08053.

- I. The completed **Application Form** that contains basic information about the applicant, as well as, the applicant and parent/guardian statement with signatures.
- II. An official grade transcript that shows the courses you have taken and the grades awarded through the first semester of the 2008-2009 school year. These transcripts will allow us to evaluate academic performance. College students should request their transcripts no later than **April 7, 2009**.
- III. The selection committee wants to get to know you on a personal level and gain insight into your character. In an essay of approximately 300 words, typed or neatly printed in your best style, identify and describe what you feel are your most positive personal qualities. Where possible, refer to personal experiences in which you have demonstrated those qualities.
- IV. The selection committee is also interested in learning about your chosen field of endeavor. In a separate essay, list co-curricular activities (sports, educational, social, civic, religious, job experiences or family responsibilities) which reflect your interest in the field you have chosen to pursue through your post-secondary studies. We encourage you to elaborate briefly on the length of time of your involvement and describe any projects that reflect your interest in this chosen field of study. This essay should also be of approximately 300 words, typed or neatly printed in your best style.

Creative alternatives to this second essay are also acceptable. Musical and/or dramatic presentations may be provided. This presentation should be five minutes or less in length, preferably submitted on video tape or DVD. Submission of a portfolio of artistic work, not to exceed 25 pieces, is also a suitable alternative to this second essay.

- V. Utilize the attached reference forms to secure references from three (3) individuals. These references should come from people who have first-hand knowledge of your functioning as a student on a regular basis. The Interstate Realty Management Company Educational Foundation Scholarship Program assumes that recommendations from teachers, guidance counselors, professors, principals, deans, and/or other school administrators are better indications of a student's future performance in school than personal recommendations. **AS A RESULT, AT LEAST TWO AND PERFERABLY ALL THREE RECOMMENDATIONS SHOULD COME FROM THE AFOREMENTIONED TYPE INDIVIDUALS.** References from relatives will not be accepted. If you are unable to secure references from school personnel, employers and/or clergy people qualified to comment on your leadership ability, your personal work accomplishments and/or your character in general would be acceptable.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE

The selection committee will meet during the month of June. Students who are selected as scholarship recipients will be notified by **July 3, 2009.**

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

- March 2, 2009** Application forms available at all Interstate Social Services Offices and/or Management Offices.
- April 7, 2009** **Suggested deadline for college students to request grade transcripts** from their registrars in order to assure that part of the application will be received by the Foundation prior to **May 15, 2009.**
- May 15, 2009** **FINAL DEADLINE** for all parts of the application for a 2009 Interstate Realty Management Company Educational Foundation Grant. Mail the application form, references, essays and grade transcripts to Dr. Bruce W. Johnson, Interstate Realty Management Company, 3 East Stow Road, Suite 100, Marlton, New Jersey 08053.
- July 3, 2009** All grant recipients notified.
- July 17, 2009** Acceptance forms must be returned by this date if grant recipients wish to accept the offer of a scholarship. Grants not accepted by this date will be awarded to other applicants.
- July 27, 2009** Scholarship checks, made payable to post-secondary institutions, will be sent directly to the post-secondary institution on behalf of the scholarship recipient to help pay for the student's 2009-10 school year costs.

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2009 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Application Deadline is May 15, 2009

1. Name _____
(Please include middle initial)
- Social Security Number (SSN) / / • / / • / / /
(Last four digits only)
- Phone Number _____
- Address _____
Street or P.O. Box
- _____ City State Zip Code
- Site Name _____ D.O.B. _____ / _____ / _____
_____ Female _____ Male
- Head of Household _____
- Unit & Tenant Number _____ (Obtain from site office)

2. Post secondary institution you will attend:

School Student Identification (ID) Number _____

Fall of 2009 class status:

- College Freshman College Sophomore College Junior
 College Senior Other (Please provide explanation)

If you have indicated college junior or college senior, please provide an indication of your declared major.

Entering College Freshman Only:

College Board Scores – SAT - Reading _____ Math _____ Writing _____
or ACT Score _____

Degrees currently held (not including high school)

3. List all scholarships, work study grants, student loans and any other form of financial aid you have been promised or have received for the 2009-10 school year as of May 15, 2009.

SOURCE OF FUNDING	AMOUNT	EFFECTIVE DATE
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

PLEASE PROVIDE COPY OF DOCUMENT CERTIFYING THE AWARD

4. The selection committee wants to get to know you on a personal level and gain insight into your character. In an essay of approximately 300 words, typed or neatly printed in your best style, identify and describe what you feel are your most positive personal qualities. Where possible refer to a personal experience in which you have demonstrated those qualities.
Please submit on white paper only.
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6. The selection committee is also interested in learning about your chosen field of endeavor. In a separate essay, list co-curricular activities (sports, educational, social, civic, religious, job experiences or family responsibilities) which reflect your interest in the field you have chosen to pursue through your post-secondary studies. We encourage you to elaborate briefly on the length of time of your involvement and describe any projects that reflect your interest in this chosen field of study. This essay should also be of approximately 300 words, typed or neatly printed in your best style. **Please submit on white paper only.**

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COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Interstate Realty Management Company and its affiliates believe in giving back to the communities which it serves. The Foundation is but one manifestation of this philosophy. Just as the Foundation provides scholarships to worthy students as a portion of Interstate's commitment to assist the community, the Foundation values community service from students. If you have at any time over the last three years, been of service to the Interstate site in which you live, please include relevant information regarding this in one of your essays. If you have not provided previous service, would you be willing to provide service over the course of the next year to the Interstate site in which you reside or any other Interstate site?

___ YES ___ NO

Know that if you are selected, and have indicated a willingness to serve, the Foundation will try to establish a reasonable commitment for community service for you between June, 2009, and June, 2010.

APPLICANT AND PARENT/GUARDIAN STATEMENT

We have read the instruction sheet and this application form and wish to apply for an Interstate Realty Management Company Educational Foundation Scholarship. We agree to comply with all procedures outlined in the application information and we release to the Interstate Realty Management Company Educational Foundation, the applicant's academic records.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

PERMISSION TO RELEASE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

As parent/guardian of _____
I hereby release all necessary financial information on file to the Interstate Realty Management Company Educational Foundation for the purpose of determining financial need.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

PERMISSION TO PUBLICIZE NAME AND PHOTOGRAPH

If I am awarded a scholarship, I give my permission to use my name and/or photograph in publicity releases related to the Interstate Realty Management Company Educational Foundation. ___ YES ___ NO

Applicant's Signature

Date

Scholarship Application

Personal Character Reference Form

Name of Applicant: _____

Address of Applicant: _____

Name of Person Providing Referral: _____

Address of Person Providing Referral: _____

Telephone Number of Person Providing Referral: _____

Please circle the most appropriate response for the applicant you are referring. Please consider each item independently from the others listed.

	Poor		Good	Outstanding	
Dependability.....	X	X	X	X	X
Honesty.....	X	X	X	X	X
Perseverance.....	X	X	X	X	X
Cognitive Aptitude.....	X	X	X	X	X
Conscientiousness.....	X	X	X	X	X
Concern for Others.....	X	X	X	X	X
Leadership.....	X	X	X	X	X

I attest that the aforementioned reference of _____
is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I am not a blood
relative of this applicant.

Signature

Date

Return this form to the applicant for submission prior to May 15, or mail directly
to Dr. Bruce W. Johnson, Interstate Realty Management Company, 3 East
Stow Road, Suite 100, Marlton, New Jersey 08053.

CONTINUED ON REVERSE SIDE

Please provide a brief narrative of your thoughts regarding the applicant's personal character. Be sure to mention how you came to know the applicant and how long you have been acquainted with the individual. Other information helpful to the Selection Committee would include your perception of the applicant as a student; your belief in the applicant's ability to successfully pursue a college degree; and any unique characteristics the individual may possess.