

# Winning EDGE

## 2018 Scholarship Program

Message from Gilbert Winn:

In honor of Winn's four decades in business and in furtherance of our objective to enhance the lives of all that we serve, distinguished high school seniors, high school graduates, and GED holders living in communities managed by WinnCompanies are invited by our Board to apply for a WinningEdge Scholarship award for the 2018–2019 academic year. This program was designed to celebrate and support residents pursuing post-secondary education at a college, university or professional trade school.

Please contact us at [scholarships@wincco.com](mailto:scholarships@wincco.com) if you have any questions about the program.

On behalf of our Board, we extend our sincerest gratitude and best wishes to all applicants.



Gilbert Winn,  
Chief Executive Officer

*The mission of WinnCompanies' WinningEdge Scholarship Program, a subsidiary of the WinnCares initiative, is to provide financial assistance to high school seniors, high school graduates and GED holders who are residents of communities managed by WinnCompanies or its affiliates and matriculating at a post-secondary educational institution.*



## **2018 SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS AND PARENTS**

### **ELIGIBILITY**

- Resident in good standing at a community managed by WinnResidential Military Housing Services
- High school diploma or GED
- Accepted to an accredited college, university or professional trade school for 2018–2019 enrollment
- High school seniors and college student applicants must have a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent
- College juniors applying must provide documentation of a declared major
- Demonstrable financial need to cover tuition, fees or student housing costs

\*Note that WinnCompanies employees and their relatives are ineligible for these awards. Further, the employees and relatives of employees at WinnCompanies affiliates, HUD, or any other government agency that regulates WinnCompanies apartment communities or military bases are ineligible for these awards.

### **SELECTION CRITERIA**

Applicants will be evaluated based on their academic performance, character, and their proficiency or potential proficiency in their chosen fields of study. Applicants pursuing careers in real estate, especially property management, will be given special consideration. Applicants that have worked to better their communities, or to support a charitable cause through volunteer service, will also be given special consideration.

### **NOTIFICATION PROCESS**

All applicants can expect to be notified about the status of their application in late May. Applicants selected for an award will need to return a letter of acceptance by June 18, 2018 to remain eligible.

### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

The exact number of scholarships and the total amount of money to be awarded in 2018 will be determined during the selection process, at the discretion of WinnCompanies. Financial need will be a key consideration when determining individual amounts. It is therefore critically important that applicants complete a 2018 FAFSA, and indicate their FAFSA Expected Family Contribution (EFC) score.

## PAYMENT OF AWARDS

All awards will be made payable to the colleges or other post-secondary institutions that recipients attend during the 2018–2019 school year. The student must provide WinnCompanies with a copy of an admissions acceptance letter or other suitable documentation to an accredited school. It is the intent of WinnCompanies that the full amount of these awards will be applied toward the recipient’s school-related expenses including on campus housing costs. We suggest that recipients contact WinnCompanies before accepting a WinningEdge Scholarship if there is any doubt about the continuance of other financial aid, especially need-based scholarships.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

This application has six parts. Once you have completed or gathered all parts of the application, please submit your application packet to your Community/Property Manager or their designee. **The deadline for completed applications is March 30, 2018.**

A complete application will include the following:

- I. Application Form.** Please be sure to answer all questions that apply to you and to write “N/A” (not applicable) in response to any question/section that does not pertain to you. Note that the Application Form requires that ALL applicants include their FAFSA Expected Family Contribution score.
- II. Official Grade Transcript/GED.** If you are currently enrolled at a high school or college, you must provide us with an official transcript which shows the courses that you have taken and any grades that you received through fall 2017. Transcripts should be mailed to your Community/Property Management office or enclosed in your application packet. GED holders who are not enrolled at a college, must submit a copy of their GED.
- III. Personal Statement** The selection committee wants to get to know you on a personal level. In a typed essay of approximately 400 words, please tell us about your long term personal/professional goals, and what you are doing to achieve them. Alternatively, please tell us about a social, environmental, or charitable cause that you care about and what you have done or are doing to support that cause.
- IV. Resume.** Please provide us with a resume which highlights any relevant work experience, academic accomplishments and/or extra-curricular activities.

- V. Two Letters of Reference.** The selection committee would like to hear what others have to say about your academic performance, character and potential. Please provide us with two letters of professional reference from non-relatives that have firsthand knowledge of your academic performance or extracurricular activities including community service. Letters should be typewritten and include each author's name, signature and contact information. Ideally, these references should come from school personnel, employers, community leaders, or clergy.
- VI. Certification of Residency in Good Standing.** Your household must be in good financial standing and not in violation of any lease agreements during the selection process. Please have your Community/Property Manager or their designee sign the Resident in Good Standing Form to confirm that you are eligible. Note that WinnCompanies will make follow-up contacts with the property managers prior to the actual payment of any grant money to ensure that your household remains in good-standing. Recipients/residents falling out of good standing will have their scholarship funds withheld until such households have re-established their good-standing status, as determined by WinnCompanies.

## 2018 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

**Application Deadline is March 31, 2018**

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Apartment Community Where You Reside \_\_\_\_\_

D.O.B. / /  Female  Male

**Please complete the following optional section:**

**Ethnic Categories**

**Racial Categories**

Hispanic or Latino

American Indian or Alaska Native

Not-Hispanic or Latino

Asian

Black or African American

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

White

Other

2. Post-secondary institution you are attending \_\_\_\_\_

School Student Identification (ID) Number \_\_\_\_\_

2018 FAFSA EFC Score \_\_\_\_\_

**Fall of 2018/2019 class status**

College Freshman  College Sophomore  College Junior  College Senior

Other (Please provide explanation) \_\_\_\_\_

**If you are a college junior or college senior, please indicate your declared major.**

Entering College Freshman Only:

College Board Scores SAT Reading \_\_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_\_ Writing \_\_\_\_\_  
or ACT Score \_\_\_\_\_

(All entering Freshman must provide this information, unless it was not required by your school of attendance)

Degrees currently held (not including high school) \_\_\_\_\_

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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 2018-2019 school year.

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

PLEASE PROVIDE COPY OF DOCUMENT CERTIFYING THE AWARD

## **APPLICANT AND PARENT/GUARDIAN STATEMENT**

### **PERMISSION TO RELEASE FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

As parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ I hereby release all necessary financial information on file to WinnCompanies for the purpose of determining financial need.

### **PERMISSION TO PUBLICIZE NAME AND PHOTOGRAPH**

If awarded a scholarship, permission is given to share applicant's name and /or photograph in WinningEdge Scholarship promotional materials and press releases.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(only required if applicant is under 18 years of age)

## RESIDENCY IN GOOD STANDING STATEMENT

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Head of Household \_\_\_\_\_

### RESIDENCY

Property/Community Manager certifies that the address listed above is the applicant's primary place of residence and his/her name is on the household's current Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) or government agency's annual income certification or respective specific WC lease as finalized by WC or its affiliates. The applicant can be an enrolled boarding student of the school if the aforementioned criteria is satisfied.

### GOOD STANDING

Property/Community Manager certifies that as of the signature date, the applicant/household is in good standing with the rules and regulations of HUD or applicable government agency that regulates the WC apartment or military base and the lease requirements of the WC apartment community or military base where they reside and relevant guidelines of WC or its affiliates.

Property/Community Manager or Designee:

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature

Date