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City of Pompano Beach College Scholarship Program Extended

In order to give more students an opportunity to apply for the Blanche Ely College Scholarship Program, the City of Pompano Beach has extended the application deadline to April 16th.

Pompano Beach residents with low to moderate income who are high school seniors and wish to continue their education at a Florida college, university or vocational school are urged to apply for the college scholarship program. The income chart is available in the application. i.e. A family of four that makes a combined income of \$61,200 is considered moderate income.

The Blanche Ely Scholarship was named after renowned educator and Pompano Beach resident, Blanche Ely. The Blanche Ely Scholarship is a Florida pre-paid tuition voucher and, as such, allows for the payment of basic tuition fees only. Fifty percent of the funds for this scholarship program are allocated through the City's CDBG public service grant allocation. This program qualifies under HUD regulations as a Public Service Activity @ 570.201 (a) (Youth program). It is a direct benefit activity to low and moderate income people, one of the National Objectives of the CDBG Program eligible under 570.208 (a) (2) (Low/Mod Limited Clientele). Funding is matched by the State of Florida.

The Blanche Ely Scholarships can be utilized for Florida public and private colleges and universities as well as certain eligible vocational schools accepted by the Florida Prepaid College Program. Applicants should note that tuition rates vary significantly among colleges/universities and the student will be responsible for securing the funds to cover tuition fees over and above the Florida Prepaid scholarship rate. In addition, room and board, books and other costs associated with attending college are the responsibility of the student. Any remaining funds after such time will be returned to the City of Pompano Beach for use in scholarship funds. The program is administered through the Office of Housing and Urban Improvement. OHUI reviews all applications to ensure that they are complete and meet all program requirements. OHUI forwards the qualified applications to the scholarship subcommittee which interviews the applicants and makes an award recommendation to OHUI based on the applicant's financial need, grade point average, moral character, community service and a personal interview. Final approval for the scholarship award resides with the City Commission.

Applications are available on the City's web site at www.mypompanobeach.org Applications are also available with high school BRACE Advisors and City of Pompano Beach Community Centers as well as public libraries in Pompano Beach.

Applications must be received by the City of Pompano Beach Office of Housing and Urban Improvement by **April 16th 5:00 p.m.** For more information call 954-786-4659.

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