Dr. ALMA S. ADAMS 2010 SCHOLARSHIP FOR OUTREACH AND HEALTH COMMUNICATIONS TO REDUCE TOBACCO USE AMONG PRIORITY POPULATIONS

Application (A complete application must include the following materials)

THE SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship applications from high school, undergraduate, or graduate students – will be accepted starting January 1 through April 30, 2010. Scholarship awardees will be notified by June 30, 2010. Scholarship funds may be used for college tuition, books and related living expenses.

Awards will be granted on a competitive basis for the following: a) a record of commitment to community service on behalf of a disadvantaged community; and b) the best use of visual arts, media, creative writing or other creative endeavor to convey culturally appropriate health messages aimed at raising community awareness of tobacco's harmful impact or countering tobacco use by a disadvantaged population*. Entries may include creative writing, a musical composition or a sample from a visual arts medium.

Scholarship Criteria

1. Scholarship Application form may be obtained by visiting the Legacy website www.legacyforhealth.org/adamsscholarship
2. Applicants must submit documentation of financial need for scholarship funds.
3. Full-time students pursuing a course of study in public health, communications, social work, education, liberal arts or a related field will be considered eligible.
4. Applicants must have a Grade Point Average of at least a 3.0 (B average) for the most recent academic year.
5. Applicants must provide evidence of service to a community in an economically or socially disadvantaged setting. Involvement in volunteer activities such as outreach, peer counseling to prevent the use of tobacco, drugs or alcohol, or other efforts of benefit to a local community should be described in a personal statement (see application instruction on page 5).
6. Scholarship payment will be coordinated with your educational institution's financial aid office.

Review Process

The first phase of the review will ensure that the basic eligibility criteria have been met and the guidelines observed.

A second review phase will include an external panel that will be responsible for making the final selections.

*Disadvantaged populations include residents of low-income communities, U.S. racial/ethnic minorities (African American, Hispanic/Latino, American Indian, Asian/Pacific Islander; members of gay/lesbian/bi-sexual/transgender communities); and other populations that have significantly higher than average smoking prevalence rates.
Application Information sheet

Application (A complete application must include the following materials):

Applicant's Information

Name:

Social Security Number (only last four digits)  Date

Male:  Female  High School Graduation date:

Permanent home address:

Current address (or school residence and telephone number)

E-mail address:

Cumulative GPA for the most recent school year:

Institution to be attended in fall 2010:

Class standing (freshman, senior, etc.) in fall 2010:

What is your intended major?
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What colleges, universities, junior colleges or other institutions have you applied to?

Provide name and address of each school previously attended, starting with high school.

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Enter a brief description of past activities and accomplishments including, both school and extra-curricular that which you would like to emphasize.

Employment History:
Career goals and interests:

Activities: highlight activities related to preventing tobacco or substance use. (attach a separate list if necessary.)

Awards, Activities and Employment: List and briefly describe.

Additional Comments: You may comment briefly on any specific financial circumstance which you would like to bring to the attention of the scholarship committee in the space provided below.
Application Process

A complete application must include the following materials:

- Scholarship Application form may be obtained by visiting the Legacy website
  - www.legacyforhealth.org/adamsscholarship
- Applicants must submit the Student Aid Report (SAR) received as the result of filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). You may fill out the FAFSA electronically at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The relative level of an applicant’s expected family contribution will be one of the criteria considered by the selection panel. The SAR will be reviewed only for the purpose of assessing the scholarship application and will be treated as confidential information.
- Current copies of all college transcripts or high school transcripts for High School seniors Unofficial copies will be acceptable.
- Personal statement 500 words double spaced reflecting the applicant’s career aspirations in public health, health communications, social work, education, or other related fields. The statement should discuss the applicant’s experience working in an underserved community to raise awareness of the harmful effects of commercial tobacco and other drug use. In addition, it should cover the applicant’s tobacco-related or substance abuse-related interest and his/her record of community service in a disadvantaged community setting.
- One sample of the applicant’s originally developed health communication material aimed at conveying a health message or raising community awareness of the harmful effects of tobacco or other drugs. Entries may include, for example, poetry, essays, lyrics, scripts, or sketches for murals or paintings, recordings for musical scores or dance performances. The format for submitting the sample may include PowerPoint slides, digitally scanned visuals, Web site images, audiotapes, DVR, DVD, or hard copy materials. Legacy will not be able to return submitted materials.
- Two letters of recommendation from faculty members, guidance counselors, mentors or supervisors who are knowledgeable about the applicant’s academic and/or community service record.

Deadline: Completed application must be postmarked by April 30, 2010 or submitted electronically by April 30, 2010 at 5:00pm EST. No exceptions will be made for late applications.

Submit by e-mail or hard copy mail your completed application package to the following address:

Adams Scholarship Fund
Legacy
Attention: Linda R. Williams
1724 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20036
www.legacyforhealth.org/adamsscholarship
e-mail: adamsscholarship@legacyforhealth.org
Telephone (202) 454-5920/Fax (202) 454-5775

Authorization**
I certify that all information in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant’s Name: ____________________________

Signature of Applicant: ____________________________ Date: ____________

Signature of Parents or Guardian:* ____________________________ Date: ____________

*If applicant is under 18 years old
**The Authorization page may be sent by mail or fax.