

## PHA's Philly SEEDS Scholarship Program Sets Record

PhillySEEDS, Inc., a Philadelphia Housing Authority (PHA) subsidiary, has honored 71 PHA residents seeking higher education with **\$270,000** in scholarships. That's a record for both the number of recipients and the dollar amount. Philly SEEDS, Inc., also received a record number of applicants: 108.

The awards were handed out during the PHA Board Meeting at the John F. Street Center today.

Of the 71 college students receiving scholarships:

- **41** with GPAs between 3.30 and 4.00 received \$5,000
- **19** with GPAs between 3.00 and 3.29 received \$3,000
- **11** with GPAs between 2.50 and 2.99 received \$1,000

“Through this award-winning scholarship program, PHA empowers residents and helps families reach self-sufficiency as they access the education and training resources necessary for them to succeed in a competitive economy and in life,” said PHA President & CEO Kelvin A. Jeremiah. “Congratulations to our scholars on their academic achievement and continued success in the new school year!”

A total of almost **\$1.3 million** has now been awarded to **343** residents since this award-winning program began in 2013. Money for the scholarships comes from PHA's operating budget and funds donated by program supporters and vendors as part of their Section 3 commitments.

A scholarship committee composed of PHA employees, student residents, and a resident leader reviewed the applications. The applicants' essays, community service, extracurricular activities, internships, recommendation letters, and academic transcripts were considered by the committee.

The scholarship recipients represent PHA developments around the City, as well as the Housing Choice Voucher Program. Scholarship applications for next year will be made available in Spring 2019.

PhillySEEDS, Inc. is an award-winning, 501(c) (3), charitable, non-profit corporation founded by PHA to promote the social and economic advancement of PHA-assisted residents through philanthropic activities, community-based partnerships, and special initiatives.

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