

ARAMARK SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR PENDER COUNTY SCHOOLS HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

ANNOUNCEMENT

To support academic achievement and contribute to the success of students in Pender County who will seek higher education, Aramark is sponsoring the **Aramark Scholarship Program**. Eight \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors who plan to attend an accredited university, college, community college, or 2 year vocational/technical school. The money is to be used to pay for personal college-related expenses, or other items that students consider essential for achieving their career goals.

The following information applies only to the **Aramark Scholars Program for Pender County School District**:

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

Twelfth grade students who plan to graduate from the following Pender County High Schools in June 2016 are eligible to apply to the Aramark Scholars Program.

- Heide Trask High
- Topsail High
- Pender High
- Pender Early College

CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES FOR APPLYING:

- Students must be enrolled in a Pender County High School and plan to graduate in June 2016.
- Students must have a GPA of 3.0 or better in all academic subjects.
- Interested students can receive scholarship applications from their respective high school counselor.
- A one page typed essay must be attached to the application explaining what goals the student plans to achieve and how the student will spend the scholarship funds if he/she is selected.
- The application must also describe the student's work experiences and extracurricular activities.
- The application must include two (2) letters of recommendation.
 - One letter of recommendation must be from a school guidance counselor, homeroom or classroom teacher, assistant principal, principal, or other school administrator.
 - The second recommendation may be from a social worker, church or community leader, or an adult who has worked with the student in some capacity.
 - Recommendations should explain why the student is worthy of the scholarship.
- Completed application packets must be returned to the school counselor by Friday May 20, 2016.

All required documentation should be received on time. Any incomplete packets will not be considered.

SELECTION PROCESS:

- A screening committee, consisting of community representatives and a representative from Aramark, will review all applications and select the Aramark Scholars.
- Students will be judged on their application completion, essay, promise for academic success, community involvement, and quality of recommendations.

AWARD PRESENTATION:

- Students selected as scholarship recipients will be notified on or before May 27, 2015. Recipients will receive a congratulatory letter.
- Scholarship recipients will be recognized during a ceremony sponsored by Aramark K-12. Each scholarship recipient will be entitled to invite up to four (4) to the Awards Presentation Event on June 3, 2015.

AWARD REDEMPTION:

- Students selected as Aramark Scholars must submit verification of enrollment from the college or university to receive their checks.

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