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**TO: Metro Nashville Public Schools and Surrounding Counties Guidance Departments**

**FROM: Tennessee Relocation Council (TRC)**

**RE: 2021 TRC SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

On behalf of the Tennessee Relocation Council (TRC), we would like to make you aware of, and ask your support in promoting, a scholarship opportunity for Metro Nashville Public School area and surrounding counties [current high school seniors](#). To be eligible for this scholarship, a student must be a senior currently attending a Metro Nashville Public Schools high school and surrounding counties.

The Tennessee Relocation Council is a non-profit organization that brings together business corporations and relocation service providers in and around Nashville for the primary purpose of providing educational information and current relocation industry updates to its members. As a part of our community outreach efforts, TRC sponsors a scholarship to assist a worthy high school senior in helping provide a scholarship to assist with college costs.

The TRC scholarship program focuses on current high school seniors who have relocated into the Middle Tennessee area sometime between grades 9 (after completion of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade) and 12. We would like to encourage your students to apply. The [one-time award of \\$1,000](#) will be presented to an area high school senior this year. The award will be sent directly to the college of choice that the student will be attending to assist with tuition, etc.

TRC will select the scholarship winner based on the strength of their total application package. The student will be evaluated on:

- academic performance (as illustrated in their transcripts)
- extra-curricular activities (to be listed with their application), and
- their essay addressing the way they handled the challenges associated with relocating to a new area and a new high school.

**We ask for your assistance with the following items:**

- 1) Please make eligible students aware of this scholarship opportunity and encouraging their participation. [Please post the scholarship application on your school website and in any newsletter to seniors as soon as you receive this information, as the deadline for submissions is \*\*Monday, March 1, 2021\*\* \(no exceptions, please\).](#)
- 2) Please confirm the applicant's eligibility based on the criteria that they have:
  - a. Relocated more than 50 miles and changed schools due to their family's relocation between the 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades, and
  - b. Have a current minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a scale of 4.0 (or equivalent achievement on a different scale)

- 3) Assist with submissions by signing the application and providing academic performance information including grades and major test scores (SAT) to accompany the student's application.

There are two documents that we are providing you and we ask you to provide these to interested and qualified seniors:

- The TRC Scholarship Instructions for Students
- The TRC Scholarship Application

Making these two documents available on your website is recommended. Please make hard copies to distribute as needed. **We must receive the completed application (to include the signed application, academic scores from your office, and the student's essay along with extracurricular activities) no later than 5:00 pm on Monday, March 1, 2021 (no exceptions, please).** The scholarship will be awarded at our 2021 Spring TRC meeting to be held in April in Nashville, and at which the winning student and their parent(s) are cordially invited to attend. We will be contacting the selected scholarship recipient prior to our meeting to invite them to attend.

Please contact either of the following for more information:

- Natalie Smith at [nasmith@mainsailhousing.com](mailto:nasmith@mainsailhousing.com) and 615-484-9422.

To find out more about TRC, we invite you to visit our website at [www.tennessee relocation council.org](http://www.tennessee relocation council.org)

Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to working with you and your staff to encourage student participation in this scholarship opportunity.

Sincerely,

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