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**COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR COLLEGE BOUND, SUBSIDIZED  
HOUSING RESIDENTS**

**Bernie Scholarship Award Applications Available at: [www.hocmc.org](http://www.hocmc.org)**

The Housing Opportunities Commission, through the annual Bernie Scholarship Awards, is offering its residents of subsidized housing the opportunity to receive financial assistance to help offset educational and training expenses. Low income residents of Rockville Housing Enterprises, Edgewood Management Corporation and Scotland Community are also eligible to apply.

The scholarship awards program was established in 1995 in honor of Bernie Tetreault, who was executive director of the Housing Opportunities Commission for 24 years.

Eligible recipients include graduating high school seniors headed for college and adults enrolling in college or career training. The scholarships may be applied to tuition, books, supplies and other educational expenses, transportation and child care costs.

More than \$80,000 in scholarships has been awarded to 85 recipients since 1996. A 14-member volunteer board comprising representatives of county businesses, nonprofits and current and retired HOC employees, including Tetreault, awards the scholarships.

The application deadline for this award is earlier than in previous years. This year, award applications are due March 20, 2009. Interviews for the award finalists will take place May 2, 2009.

The award application is posted on the HOC website: [www.hocmc.org](http://www.hocmc.org)

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