

## Camille A. Thomas Scholarship

2011 Scholarship: Up to \$3,000

Minneapolis Public School 2011 Graduates

(Deadline: June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011)

### **About the Camille A. Thomas Scholarship (CATS)**

The purpose of the Camille A. Thomas Scholarship (CATS) is to promote academic excellence by providing funding assistance to committed and highly motivated African American and Latino college students. The CATS provides funding to: **1. First year college students who are graduates of Minneapolis Public Schools 2. Students pursuing post-secondary educational opportunities abroad 3. Students pursuing a form of health education at a college or university.**

### **About Camille A. Thomas**

Camille A. Thomas has an intense passion for the quality of life and holistic health of her community. Camille is also dedicated to raising awareness and educating others about the importance of higher education. Camille A. Thomas is passionate about engaging in and being exposed to different forms of education and personal development. After traveling to and living in 11 different countries around the world, it became clear to Camille that there are positive changes that are needed in her own country of the United States of America. Camille has made an unchanging commitment to educate, promote and advocate for underserved populations.

Camille A. Thomas holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Community Health Education with a Spanish minor from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, a Masters of Arts degree in Holistic Health Studies from St. Catherine University and a graduate-level certification as a Personal & Professional Life Coach from Alfred Alder Graduate School. Camille A. Thomas is a native of Minneapolis, MN and is a 2002 graduate of the Minneapolis Public Schools.

Camille A. Thomas Scholarship 2011 Award: Minneapolis Public High School Seniors  
[scholarship@camilleathomas.com](mailto:scholarship@camilleathomas.com)

## **Eligibility**

Students are eligible to be considered for the Camille A. Thomas Scholarship if they:

- Are an African American or Latino/a senior currently attending a Minneapolis Public High School.
- Have attained a cumulative high school GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
- Will be enrolling for the first time at a U.S. accredited college or university as a full time, degree-seeking student in the fall of 2011.
- Have demonstrated leadership abilities through participation in community service, extra-curricular or other activities.
- Have completed and submitted all required materials by the deadline.

## **Application Process**

Students must submit:

- ☐ Completed CATS application.
- ☐ Resume.
- ☐ Official Minneapolis Public High School transcript in a sealed envelope.
- ☐ Two (2) letters of recommendation:
  - High School faculty or staff member AND an individual who can attest to your community involvement, leadership abilities and/or aspirations of higher education.
- ☐ Please include proof of college/ university acceptance (ex. photocopy of acceptance letter).

☐ Essay

- Typed 12 pt font and double spaced (Hand-written essays will not be accepted)
- Minimum of 500 words
- This part of the application is heavily weighted
- Please thoroughly answer the following question:

**The economic downturn has had a major impact on people and their families over the last several years. As we begin to see some positive changes within the economy, what impact will higher education have in preparing you to handle potential challenges in your future?**

☐ Scholarship Applications are due June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011

**Send application via U.S. Postal Mail** (post marked on or before June 24<sup>th</sup>):

Camille A. Thomas

Attention: Scholarship

P.O. Box 19677

Minneapolis, MN 55419

(We are unable to accept mail that requires a signature for receipt of delivery.)

**Please keep this page for your records**

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

**If I live in Minneapolis, but do not attend a Minneapolis Public School, am I still eligible to apply?**

No. If you do not currently attend a Minneapolis Public School, you are not eligible to apply.

**What does the scholarship selection process look like and what is expected of my application?**

The Camille A. Thomas Scholarship recipient(s) are chosen by a scholarship selection committee, not by Camille A. Thomas. The scholarship selection committee expects a completed application with much attention paid to the essay.

**If I am already enrolled in post secondary courses, am I still eligible to apply (ex. PSEO, CIS, etc)?**

Yes. High school students currently enrolled in post secondary courses are eligible to apply.

**If I do not plan to study a form of health education, am I still eligible to apply?**

Yes. All graduates of Minneapolis Public High Schools are eligible to apply for the 2011 CATS.

**When is the application due? Will you accept late application materials?**

All application materials must be postmarked by June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Late Applications will not be accepted.

**Will you accept a photocopy of my transcript?**

No. Transcripts must be official and submitted in a sealed envelope from your school's registrar.

**How many candidates are expected to apply?**

We expect 30-50 applicants to apply for this year's scholarship.

**If I am chosen to receive this scholarship, when will I be notified?**

Scholarship recipient/s will be notified on or before July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

**When will I actually receive the scholarship funds?**

Half of the scholarship award will be sent directly to your college/university immediately upon receiving a copy of your Fall 2011 course schedule and other information. The second half of the scholarship award will be sent to your college/university upon receiving proof of academic eligibility (2.0 GPA or higher during your first semester).

**What should I do if I have questions not answered by this FAQ?**

Call (612) 866-3223 Monday-Thursday 10:00am-6:00pm or email [scholarship@camilleathomas.com](mailto:scholarship@camilleathomas.com)

## Camille A. Thomas Scholarship Application

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Best phone number where you can be reached: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Circle one:    Male    ☐ Female

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Minneapolis Public High School \_\_\_\_\_ What is your GPA? \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnicity \_\_\_\_\_

To which colleges/universities have you applied? \_\_\_\_\_

Which college/ university do you plan to attend? \_\_\_\_\_

What are your study subjects of interest? (Kinesiology, Economics, Sociology, Communications, etc.)

How did you hear about the Camille A. Thomas Scholarship? Circle one: Friend ☐ Parent ☐ School  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

**If there is additional information that you would like us to know about you, please attach a typed paragraph to your completed application.**

I consent to have information regarding my academic eligibility and information related to scholarship requirements be released to officials of the Camille A. Thomas Scholarship. I hereby authorize my institution to disclose the above specified information with my scholarship donor. I consent that this release will remain in effect until revoked by me in writing.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature