TO: Principals – Senior High Schools, Options Schools, and Community Adult Schools

FROM: Dr. Judith Perez, President

SUBJECT: AALA STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

January 17, 2012

Annually, the Associated Administrators of Los Angeles (AALA) recognizes and celebrates graduating students from the Los Angeles Unified School District for their outstanding academic achievement, school/community service, and need. Each student selected receives a $1,000 financial stipend to assist with his/her educational pursuits. This year, a minimum of sixteen (16) scholarships will be awarded: twelve (12) to comprehensive high school seniors (one from each Local District and four at large), two (2) options school seniors (pending number in applicant pool), and two (2) community adult school graduating students (pending number in applicant pool).

Through the generous donations received last year by Friends of AALA, our nonprofit corporation, we were able to award twenty-one (21) scholarships. We hope to duplicate, if not exceed, that number this year. The campaign to raise funds has begun, and we look forward to continued generous support for this program. The students need our help, especially in these difficult economic times.

Attached is a copy of the application for the Thirtieth Annual Student Scholarship Award. The criteria for an award nominee must include Academic Achievement, School and Community Service, and Need. Along with the application, a student must submit a personal statement essay, an official copy of his/her transcript that includes senior year fall semester marks, a list of his/her extracurricular activities, and a letter of recommendation from a counselor or school administrator. The due date for completed applications is Wednesday, March 7, 2012. The AALA Scholarship Selection Committee will carefully review all applications received, and the selected recipients will be notified in April.

We encourage you to nominate as many students as you feel qualify for the award. The application may be duplicated as needed. All completed applications, including required supporting documents, are to be sent to the AALA office, 1910 W. Sunset Boulevard, Suite 850, Los Angeles, CA 90026. If you have any questions regarding these scholarship awards, please call or e-mail Gema Pivaral at 213.484.2226 or gpivaral@aalauisd.com.

The AALA Scholarship and Community Awards Banquet will be held on Wednesday evening, May 23, 2012, at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel, 506 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles. At the banquet, each recipient will receive his/her scholarship award letter, which will contain instructions as to how to receive the $1,000 check. Should your nominee be selected for an award, you and another school representative will be invited to the banquet as AALA’s guests. The student’s parents/guardians will also be invited to the dinner as our guests. The evening is always a wonderful celebration of academic achievement.

c: Local District Superintendents; Assistant Principals, SCS; Assistant Principals, ACS; College Counselors

Attachment

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