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# Three Rivers Community Action, Inc.

## Head Start



### NHSA and MHSA Awards and Scholarships 2009-2010

The National Head Start Association is pleased to announce the 2009-10 Scholarships and Awards, which recognize deserving individuals for exceptional service to Head Start. Three Rivers Community Action, Inc. is a member of the Minnesota Head Start Association (MHSA) and the National Head Start Association (NHSA). Therefore, we have the opportunity to select local winners to be sent to the state level of consideration. Winners at the state level are forwarded to the regional level and possibly the national level. Three Rivers Head Start and other Minnesota applicants have done very well at State, Regional and National levels with multiple winners over the past several years.

*Three Rivers Head Start will use the following procedures for selecting local winners:*

- Awards and scholarship applications and information will be distributed to Three Rivers Head Start staff and parents and other interested community members upon release.
- Any AWARD applicants must be nominated by either a co-worker, supervisor or parent for the following:
  - Beating the Odds
  - Rutha Weatherl Memorial Parent of the Year
  - Administrator of the Year – Head Start Assistant or Deputy Director
  - Father of the Year
  - Support Staff of the Year – Bus Driver / Transportation Services
  - Staff of the Year – Early Childhood Development and Health Services with Emphasis on Nutrition
  - Teacher of the Year
  - Humanitarian of the Year
  - Margaret Coughlin Memorial - Coordinator of Disability Services
  - NHSA Corporate Award
  - NHSA Leadership Award
- Any SCHOLARSHIP applicants may complete the application process independently for the following:
  - Ann Phipps Memorial Scholarship for Head Start Parents
  - Curtis Pride Scholarship for the Hearing Impaired – Head Start Graduate
  - Helen Hollingshed Taylor Memorial Scholarship – Head Start Director
  - Phyllis J. Jones Memorial Scholarship for Head Start Graduates
  - Edward Zigler Research Scholarship – for pursuit of a Ph.D.
  - Dr. Scott Harkley Memorial Scholarship – Head Start Graduates
  - Reverend Willard Clayton Memorial Scholarship – Head Start Parents

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- Submission of all applications must be made to Three Rivers Head Start to be considered for review. Send completed applications to:  
Three Rivers Head Start  
Attn: Awards and Scholarships  
1414 North Star Drive  
Zumbrota, MN 55992
- *A local panel will review applicants and select local winners.* Local winners will receive an award certificate.
- Local winners will be sent on to the state level for consideration.

Cash Prizes Awarded for Winners at the State Level in 2008-09

Father of the Year	\$200
Phyllis J. Jones Scholarship	\$500
Ann Phipps Scholarship	\$500
Parent of the Year	\$200
Beating the Odds	\$200
Reverend Willard Clayton Memorial Scholarship	\$500

- Deadlines for applications submitted to Three Rivers Head Start:

Ruth Weatherl Memorial Parent of the Year Award .....Received by August 7, 2009  
Beating the Odds Award .....Received by August 7, 2009  
Edward Zigler Research Scholarship .....Received by TO BE ANNOUNCED  
Reverend Willard Clayton Memorial Scholarship .....Received by TO BE ANNOUNCED  
All Other Awards & Scholarships .....Received by TO BE ANNOUNCED

*A few general rules to keep in mind:*

- All awards and scholarship applications must reflect services contributed during the 08-09 school year
- An applicant may apply for no more than one scholarship or award each year
- *All criteria for an individual award or scholarship must be met. **Please note that late, incomplete or faxed applications will not be considered***
- A Social Security number must be included on the application to be eligible for cash prizes
- NHSA reserves the right to publish information provided on the applications
- Only copies from the NHSA 09-10 Scholarships & Awards book will be accepted

Detailed information, criteria, and application forms are available online at [www.nhsa.org](http://www.nhsa.org).

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