

MetroPCS® Announces The Community Scholars Program

Wireless service provider recognizes Atlanta high school seniors' community service and volunteer accomplishments; supports continued education

ATLANTA - October 28, 2002 - MetroPCS®, a wireless service provider offering unlimited, anytime local calls for \$35 per month with no contract, today launched the MetroPCS Community Scholars Program. The program provides college scholarships to high school seniors in Atlanta who have made a difference in their hometowns through community service. MetroPCS founded the Community Scholars Program to recognize teenagers' community involvement and to encourage their continued dedication to volunteer activities.

MetroPCS will award 12 \$1,000 scholarships, totaling \$12,000, to high school seniors who reside in the Atlanta metro area and who plan to enroll in a full-time undergraduate course of study at an accredited two- or four-year college or university.

In evaluating applications, MetroPCS' overarching criteria will be students who have demonstrated exceptional involvement in volunteerism and community service. The company will not consider financial need, but it will take into account the following criteria when selecting winners:

- participation in school activities
- academic record (Applicants must have a minimum cumulative grade pointaverage of 3.0 on a standard 4.0 grading scale to be considered.)
- honors
- work experience
- statement of goals and aspirations
- unusual personal or family circumstances
- an outside appraisal

"We developed the Community Scholars Program because in addition to helping young people go to college, we also want to let them know how important volunteerism and community involvement are to the well-being of their hometown," said Al Loverde, general manager. "As a local service provider with a wireless service plan that is ideal for consumers to use around town, MetroPCS relies on the support of our local communities for success. The Community Scholars Program is one way that we are giving back to the communities that support us."

How to Apply

Students may pick up application packets from **November 4, 2002 through December 31, 2002** from their high school counselors or at any MetroPCS store in the Atlanta metro area. Applicants must complete the application and mail it along with a current, complete official transcript of grades to MetroPCS postmarked no later than **February 3, 2003**. MetroPCS will notify finalists by **March 14, 2003**, and scholarship recipients will be notified by **May 1, 2003**.

Complete applications should be sent to:

MetroPCS Community Scholars Program

P.O. Box 191629

Dallas, Texas 75219

Students, parents or high school counselors with additional questions about the scholarship program can call MetroPCS toll-free at 800-245-9147.

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