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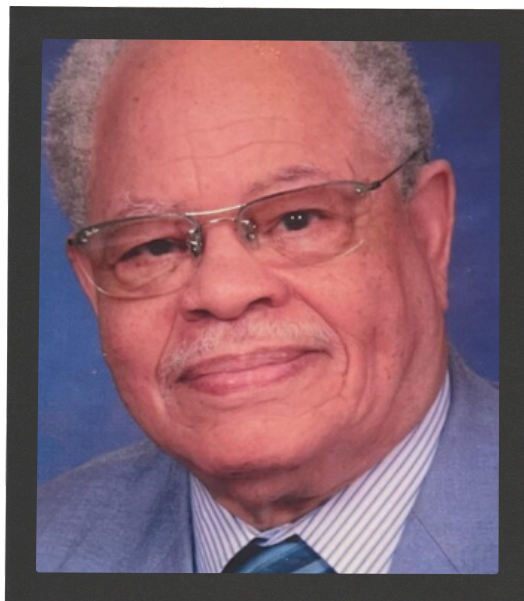
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### MR. HAROLD BARNES (1936-2022)

In 1967, Officer Harold Barnes transferred to the Police Athletic League (PAL) where he worked with inner city youth organizing and coaching various sports. Determined to serve the marginalized community where he also lived, Harold Barnes became an icon in the Strawberry Mansion section of North Philadelphia for 28 years.

As a police officer Harold Barnes served the community with fairness, honesty, honor, and conscientiousness. Harold was a light in the community. In or out of uniform he was a father, mentor, coach, referee, big brother, and chauffeur. Without resources afforded to more affluent, mostly white communities, Harold made his P.A.L. centers work for families and their children. Harold knew how to make people feel important. He always found time for everyone with the doors to his center opened five days a week from 3 to 8 pm.

Countless men and women owe Harold Barnes so much for helping them build foundations that have sustained their lives through the traumas associated with life in North Philly. As a response to Harold's investment into their lives, his former players conceptualized and launched North Philly Project (NPP). It was because of Harold that this group answered the call of a community in distress, helping to bring change to the greatest community on earth.

It was the example impressionable young people saw in Harold Barnes that is the blueprint of how to humbly serve the community. If there was no Harold Barnes, there would be no North Philly Project. On May 21, 2022, a thankful community dedicated a mural to honor and say thank you to Harold Barnes. Hopefully the Harold Barnes Scholarship Fund will be a resource and support for a young person to begin his "Harold Barnes" work in community!

## **Scholarship Overview and Purpose**

The purpose of the Harold Barnes Scholarship is to financially support youth of North Philadelphia with their educational, vocational, or entrepreneurial aspirations. Applicants who are awarded the scholarship will receive a renewable scholarship for \$2,500, provided they demonstrate continued satisfactory progress toward the completion of their degree, certificate, or preapproved goals of their vocational business plan.

## **Award Eligibility**

Applicant criteria are as follows:

- Applicants must have earned (or be on track to earn) a high school diploma or GED by June 15th. The diploma or GED must have been completed within two years of the time of application for the scholarship.
- High school graduates must have at least 2.3 unweighted grade point average.

- **Applicants will submit a 500 word essay responding to the following question:**

***How has a specific challenge or experience in your life shaped your academic or career aspirations, and how will receiving this scholarship help you achieve those goals?***

- The applicant will submit three letters of recommendation from a school official, an employer, and a community leader with which they have worked closely. These recommendations should demonstrate strong academic promise and a record of positive community service and/or involvement in organizations that ensure the embetterment of North Philadelphia communities.
- Applicants must reside in a North Philadelphia zip code area including: 19120, 19121, 19122, 19123, 19125, 19126, 19130, 19132, 19133, 19134, 19137, 19138, 19140, 19141, 19150. Residency must be proven once an applicant is selected for the final scholarship review.
- Eligible applicants must enroll in a degree, diploma, or certification program at an accredited college, university, or vocational school. Other approved training programs, business start ups, and content creation plans will also be considered.
- Applicants choosing to apply for the entrepreneurial or content creation option must submit an approved business plan or content creation plan at the time of application. See example for more information.

**Application Deadline :** Applicants applying for this scholarship must submit a completed application by May 31st. Awards will be announced June 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Award Process:**

The selection committee will award ten \$2,500 scholarships annually. Award renewal is a possibility upon reapplication to the Harold Barnes Scholarship Program. Upon receipt of the completed application for renewal, the selection team will determine whether or not satisfactory academic, training, business, or employment outcomes have been achieved in reference to the degree, certification, or business plan. Awards will be announced in June 20th.

### **Scholarship Administration**

The North Philly Project will administer the scholarship and will oversee its administration.



# THE HAROLD BARNES SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

**\*\*Application due by: May 31\*\***

**Applicant's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_B

**Street Address:** \_\_\_\_\_B

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_B

**Zip code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mobile/Alternate Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**High School Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**High School City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **High School State:** \_\_\_\_\_B

**Current GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of graduation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Graduate Equivalency Degree (GED) Information:**

**Date obtained:** \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

**Which community college, university, or trade program do you want to attend? (Write "NA" if you are planning to pursue a scholarship for a business or a start up):**

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**Please list any extracurricular activities, or academic honors:**

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**Discuss your involvement in community services and activities:**

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**Essay Description:**





- Please attach essay to this packet
- Essay must be 500 words
- Ensure that your essay is Times New Roman font, 12-point font size, and double spaced
- Your essay must answer the following question to be considered for the scholarship:

*How has a specific challenge or experience in your life shaped your academic or career aspirations, and how will receiving this scholarship help you achieve those goals?*



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**Dear Scholar,**

Education was important to Harold Barnes. He viewed education as the foundational building block to a sustainable life of success. He believed that all his players had the ability to obtain a quality education. On a greater level, Harold believed given information, access and opportunity all young people could realize their dreams and aspirations.

North Philly Project is honored to launch the Harold Barnes Memorial Scholarship Fund. The lives touched by Harold Barnes are innumerable. The scholarship fund is a continuation of the legacy of community service that was his life. In 2017, I promised Harold that North Philly Project would create a scholarship fund to help young people live into their greatness. The Harold Barnes Memorial Scholarship Fund is Promise Fulfilled.

To the future scholarship recipients: may you embrace the opportunities ahead with the same dedication, perseverance, and passion that Harold exemplified. Let this scholarship be a stepping stone on your journey to greatness. Remember, with hard work, vision, and belief in yourself, you can achieve all that you aspire to. Carry Harold's legacy with pride, and let it fuel your success, not just for you, but for the community and world you will impact. Your future is bright, and it starts now.

His Legacy Continues!

**Regards,**

**Aaron R. Wells**  
Executive Director  
North Philly Project