MHSA AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS DEADLINES*

The MHSA Awards and Scholarships Committee is now accepting applications for the 2009 – 2010 awards and scholarships. In order to remain within the restricted timeframe, it is necessary to adhere to the dates listed below. The applications reflect services contributed during the school year August 2008 – June 2009.

SEND COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO:
Linda Dahlsad
Lakes & Prairies Community Action Partnership, Inc.
Clay-Wilkin Head Start
715 11th Street North, Suite 402
Moorhead, MN 56560

The MHSA Scholarships and Awards Committee will review all applications for the awards and scholarships. Completed and original applications will be considered for the finalists submitted to the regional level. Please be sure that all applications are thoroughly completed. No incomplete, faxed or late applications will be considered. Please make sure all applications are neatly printed in ink or typed.

The 2008-2009 NHSA Scholarship & Awards Booklet is available at www.nhsa.org. QUESTIONS: CONTACT Linda Dahlsad, Clay-Wilkin Head Start – 218-299-7015 or linda@lakesandprairies.net

IMPORTANT: All agencies that are nominating applicants for any award or scholarship must be dues paying members of the Minnesota Head Start Association and the National Head Start Association or the applicant must be an individual member of NHSA. Please do not submit an application without ensuring that your agency is a member of both! Also, remember that local winners need their local Director to initial on each application form. See NHSA’s application information for details. Early Head Start parents, staff and programs are eligible as well.

BEATING THE ODDS AWARD DEADLINE RECEIVED by 08/14/2009
RUTHA WEATHERL MEMORIAL PARENT OF THE YEAR AWARD DEADLINE RECEIVED by 08/14/2009
ALL OTHER AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS DEADLINE – POSTMARKED BY 10/02/2009

AWARDS (Each agency may submit ONE application per Award):
▪ Beating the Odds – Head Start Parents
▪ Rutha Weatherl Memorial Parent of the Year – Head Start Parents
▪ Administrator of the Year – Head Start Assistant or Deputy Director
▪ Father of the Year Award
▪ Humanitarian of the Year Award
▪ Margaret M. Coughlin Memorial Award – Head Start or Early Head Start Coordinator of Disability Services
▪ NHSA Corporate Award
▪ NHSA Leadership Award
▪ Support Staff of the Year – Bus Driver/Transportation Services
▪ Staff of the Year – Early Childhood Development and Health Services Professional with an Emphasis on Nutrition
▪ Teacher of the Year – Head Start or Early Head Start Center-based or Home-based

SCHOLARSHIPS (Each agency may submit ONE application for these Scholarships):
▪ Ann Phipps Memorial Scholarship – Head Start Parents
▪ Curtis Pride Scholarship – Hearing Impaired Head Start Graduates
▪ Helen Hollingshed Taylor Memorial Scholarship – Head Start or Early Head Start Directors
▪ Phyllis J. Jones Memorial Scholarship – Head Start Graduates
▪ Dr. Scott Harkley Memorial Scholarship – Head Start Graduates
▪ Edward Zigler Research Scholarship

* The deadline means that the applications must be postmarked by the date listed above OR received by the date listed above depending on the award or scholarship applying for. Please follow ALL directions in the NHSA Booklet and submit all required forms and supporting information.