**Anderson County Agency for Substance Abuse Policy**

**“Overcomer” Scholarship Announcement**

In order to promote participation in the prevention of drugs and alcohol and encourage civic involvement, the Anderson County Agency for Substance Abuse Policy is excited to offer **two $500 scholarships to qualified candidates** from high schools within Anderson County, including Anderson County High School, Phoenix Academy, Christian Academy of Lawrenceburg, and Anderson Homeschool Seniors. **One scholarship will be awarded to a male student and one to a female student.** This scholarship will be awarded to students who have faced and overcame obstacles related to drug abuse and addiction in his/her family or personal life.

Candidates will be selected using the following criteria:

1. Applicants may apply who have met the requirements for graduating in the current school year from a high school in Anderson County.
2. The scholarship award will be in the amount of $500 and will be paid the institution of higher learning. (Scholarships will depend upon ASAP funds being made available through the Office of Drug Control Policy.)
3. All applicants will complete the application form and provide a high school transcript (or equivalent). The application form can be obtained from the Anderson County High School guidance counselors.
4. All applicants will provide the required essay.
5. All applicants will provide one letter of recommendation from a non-relative adult whom can verify the skills and activities set forth in the application. Examples include: adult mentor, teacher, coach, pastor, or employer/supervisor.
6. The two “overcomer” scholarships will be based on a combination of factors including: academic achievement, potential for success in higher education, community activities and the essay.
7. In all matters, the Scholarship Committee shall have final discretion in the interpretation of guidelines and in the awarding of scholarships.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS AND ALL MATERIALS IS APRIL 20, 2015!!!!!**

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**“OVERCOMER” SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

NAME: \_\_\_AGE:

ADDRESS:

CITY: ZIP CODE:

PARENT OR GUARDIAN:

HOME PHONE: CELL PHONE:

E-MAIL:

SCHOOL: GRADE: G.P.A.

Please list all school, extra-curricular activities or employment with which you are involved.

What are your educational and professional goals and objectives?

**Essay Topic**

Please write a one page essay on the following topic:

How to you plan to use your life experiences and/or the challenges that you have overcome related to drug abuse & addiction to positively impact those who are suffering from drug or alcohol abuse & addiction?

\*\*Your essay should address each of the following components:

1. What challenges have you faced related to drug and alcohol abuse or addiction? Remember this can be a personal struggle or someone in your family.

2. Explain how you were able to overcome this obstacle or challenge.

3. How will you use these life experiences to positively impact the lives of those suffering from drug and alcohol abuse & addiction?

**Technical Requirements of Essay:**

* Essay must be typed
* 1 page, approximately 200 words
* 12 point font
* 1.5 inch space between lines
* Standard 1 inch margins on all sides

Signature of Applicant: Date:

**All Required Materials are due to Guidance Office or Board of Education by APRIL 20, 2015!!!**

**Please return the completed application to your high school guidance counselor or you can return the information to the Anderson County Board of Education Office.**