



Dear Sir or Madam:

Since 1991 SCTPN and hospitals providing comprehensive care for Sickle Cell and Thalassemia patients have co-sponsored a Scholastic Achievement Awards program to deserving children and young adults. The purpose of the program is to encourage the young people to strive for *Excellence in Education* to ensure them a brighter future. On Sunday, June 28, 2009 Interfaith Medical Center located at 1545 Atlantic Avenue in Brooklyn will host the **Eighteenth Annual Scholastic Achievement and Scholarship Awards Ceremony**.

The achievement program consists of four segments:

- Recognition and Excellence Awards
- Essay Competition for Elementary, Middle School and High School students
- College Scholarship Awards
- Achievement Awards (for College graduates)

Recognition Awards :

Recognition Awards will be given to all students in elementary, middle and high school, who continue to demonstrate a determination to succeed scholastically.

Excellence Awards

Excellence Awards will be given to all students graduating high school.

College Scholarship Awards

Enclosed is an application for the SCTPN scholarship. Also enclosed is a cover letter to the scholarship applicant with the necessary criteria that must be met to qualify for the scholarship. Please make additional copies as needed.

Achievement Awards

Achievement Awards will be given to all students graduating from College.

Essay Competition

Enclosed are flyers with this year's essay questions for distribution to your clients. There are first, second, and third place cash prizes for each group: elementary, middle school and high school. All essays are due on/or before May 30, 2009 and should include the participants name, age and contact information. All winners will be notified prior to the ceremony so that they can be present to accept their prize.

Please submit by May 30, 2009 the names of qualified students to receive the Recognition Award along with the names of those graduating high school who will receive the Excellence Award. Names of students graduating college should also be submitted for the Achievement Award. All scholarship applications and essay must also be received by May 30th. Submit to: SCTPN-Scholarship, 84 East 52nd Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11203. Applications and or essays can also be emailed to scholarship@sctpn.org and faxed to 877-816-4216.

Thanks for your support of this program.