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Bradley University’s “Intern of the Year” Has Been Helped Along by CHA/S2S Scholarship

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De’Jah Donahue has taken advantage of the Chicago Housing Authority’s full range of resources during her time as a high school and college student. She interned in the Resident Services department and worked in the Youth Opportunities division. She also used the CHA/Springboard to Success (S2S) Scholarship to help pay tuition at Bradley University, where last year she was named the College of Liberal Arts “Intern of the Year.”

“Being awarded CHA/S2S Scholarship allowed me to cover college financial issues that had the potential to hold me back from reaching my goals,” Donahue said.

The application period for the 2023-2024 CHA/S2S Scholarship is now open. There are 125 scholarships of \$2,000 apiece.

The CHA/S2S Scholarship is available to current CHA public housing residents or Housing Choice Voucher participants who have at least a 2.0 GPA and are high school seniors or college undergraduates. Awards are based on applicants' academic merit, community involvement and essay content. Applicants must plan to attend an accredited two-or-four-year college or university in the U.S. in the Fall of 2023. CHA’s nonprofit partner, S2S, supports the scholarship.

Donahue, who is a senior, was honored at Bradley last year after winning the prestigious award that recognizes student growth.

She said the CHA/S2S Scholarship helped her get there.

Being less stressed and not having to worry about college fees allowed me the privilege of focusing more on my studies, and not have to worry about how I’m going to pay for the class,” she said. “The CHA Scholarship also afforded me access to a network of professionals who provided me with the necessary resources to succeed.”

The deadline for the CHA/S2S Scholarship application period is midnight, Tuesday,

May 16, 2023. Go to thecha.org/scholarship for more information.

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