

# John A. Wilson Scholarship

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*2013 John A. Wilson Scholarship Recipients pose with the Honorable John A. Wilson portrait at the Wilson Building.*

## *The Honorable John A. Wilson “A Soldier in the Army of Social Justice”*

The Honorable John A. Wilson devoted his career to serving the public and championing education and opportunities for youth. Raised in poverty on Maryland’s Eastern Shore, Mr. Wilson became a courageous leader of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) in the 1960s Civil Rights movement. He later moved to Washington and began a distinguished political career. He led the successful 1974 campaign for adoption of the District’s Home Rule Charter, then served 18 years on the D.C. City Council. He served as City Council Chairman from 1991 to 1993. The H Street Community Development Corporation (HSCDC) established the John A. Wilson Scholarship Fund as a lasting memorial to the late civil rights leader, 18-year member of the D.C. City Council and Council Chairman from 1991 to 1993. Mr. Wilson was a founding member of the HSCDC. His leadership facilitated the 1984 birth of the organization, which has produced affordable housing and commercial retail and office space throughout the area. More than 30 Wilson scholarships have been awarded to worthy students since 2008. Students who are D.C. residents and 2014 graduates from a D.C. public or public charter school are eligible to apply for the 2014 John A. Wilson Scholarship.

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*2013 John A. Wilson  
Scholarship Recipients*



The H Street Community Development Corporation (HSCDC) is a private, non-governmental non-profit organization devoted to expanding affordable housing opportunities, developing commercial centers, strengthening small-business enterprises, and providing training to empower people to achieve prosperity for themselves and their families.

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## The Wilson Scholarship

The John A. Wilson Scholarship creates an opportunity for worthy students to achieve a college education and compete in the high-tech global economy while improving the quality of life in the community by fostering the development of well-educated young leaders. Most importantly the John A. Wilson Scholarship inspires community service and neighborhood involvement.

**To qualify for a Wilson Scholarship, students must**

- **Reside in the District of Columbia, preference for residents of Wards 5, 6, and 7;**
- **Have a grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale;**
- **Demonstrate financial need and Pell Grant eligibility;**
- **Show involvement in school and community activities;**
- **Be accepted by and enrolled as a fulltime student in an accredited institution.**

**Applications are sent to every DC public and public charter school and are available at [www.hstreetcdc.org](http://www.hstreetcdc.org).**

## Awards Planned for 2014

- ❖ **\$10,000 over a four-year period**
- ❖ **\$2,500 paid each year, with proof of acceptable academic performance and continuing enrollment necessary to qualify for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> year payments**

Since 2008, HSCDC has awarded 32 John A. Wilson Scholarships, totaling more than \$320,000, to deserving DC Public and Public Charter students.

**\*\*\*APPLICATION INFORMATION\*\*\***

**Application Deadline April 11, 2014**

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