February 21, 2012

Dear Central and NW-Spring Branch VAST Students,

The application process is now open to apply for VAST Academy Scholarships from “The Assistance League of Houston,” for the 2012-2013 academic school year. Last year 12 students applied and we were able to award 6 students full and half scholarship awards of $1000/term or $500/term. These funds are to cover tuition and books only. Students applying must be enrolled in VAST classes and attend as a full-time student with a min. of 3-4 classes/term of Fall and Spring 2012-2013 school year.

The application process is simple, and will require an online application at our Foundation website at www.hccsfoundation.org. It also will require a 2 pg. Essay, which must be done in MS Word, Double spaced, with 12 pt. font size, and will need to be uploaded to the official HCC Foundation Scholarship website. Copies of grades/progress reports from previous VAST terms, and/or high school transcripts for new students, plus proof of citizenship, and 2 recommendation letters from a current or former instructor or counselor must be mailed directly to the Foundation Office. Applications for the scholarship must be postmarked and mailed to the foundation office by March 13, 2012.

Please read the following directions for applying and qualifications:

1. Complete the application online at www.hccsfoundation.org, click on Scholarships link and go from there. You will need to create a User name and password. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 713-718-6833 or the Foundation Office at 713-718-8595.

2. Write your Essay, see the tips for writing essay online at the HCC Foundation website, must be no more than 2 pgs. Double spaced, and must be uploaded online at the Foundation site by the deadline.

3. Mail your 2 Recommendation letters, copies of grades/progress reports, or transcripts and proof of U.S. citizenship (copy of birth certificate) directly to our Foundation Office at the address below. Students must be a U.S. citizen and maintain a min. “C” average in all courses.

Attention: Sophia Corey Director of Advancement Services, Houston Community College Foundation, 3100 Main, Ste.12B17, Houston, TX 77002.

4. Students must demonstrate financial need, which will be addressed on the application, and you are encouraged to write about this in your essay.

We encourage you to apply for one of these scholarships! This is an excellent opportunity for you to get financial assistance with your tuition and books for upcoming Fall/Spring school year.

Sincerely,

Sue Moraska, Director
HCC-VAST Academy