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**PER SCHOLAS NAMED AS FINALIST IN 2016 NEW YORK
COMMUNITY TRUST NONPROFIT EXCELLENCE AWARDS**

Tech Training Nonprofit One of Six Finalists Eligible of \$60,000 in Prizes and Scholarships

New York, N.Y. (October 11, 2016) – The Nonprofit Coordinating Committee of New York (NPCC) announced Per Scholas as one of six finalists of the New York Community Trust Nonprofit Excellence Awards Program. In its 10th year, the New York Community Trust Nonprofit Excellence Awards, a program created and managed by the Nonprofit Coordinating Committee of New York, is the only award of its kind recognizing excellence in nonprofit management among nonprofits in the five boroughs, Long Island, and Westchester.

An expert 32-member selection committee chose Per Scholas as one of the six finalists from a pool of 11 qualified semifinalists, following an intensive second round application that looked deeply into [eight key areas of nonprofit excellence](#). As a finalist, Per Scholas is eligible for \$60,000 in prizes and scholarships for the Columbia Business School Executive Education Programs in Social Enterprise. The \$60,000 will be split among the three winning organizations.

"We're honored to have been selected as a finalist for The New York Community Trust's Nonprofit Excellence Awards," said Per Scholas President and CEO Plinio Ayala. "Since our inception, we've remained committed to improving the lives and communities in which we operate and we believe lasting impact on communities is best achieved through an intentional and reflective approach to organizational management."

Through rigorous and tuition-free technology training and professional development, Per Scholas has helped thousands of individuals who are unemployed or underemployed launch successful careers in technology, while creating real onramps to businesses in need of their talents.

"We are very excited to announce the six finalists for the 2016 New York Community Trust Nonprofit Excellence Awards," said Sharon Stapel, President of the Nonprofit Coordinating Committee of New York. "These organizations have demonstrated that making excellence a continuous practice is critical to mission achievement."

All finalists represent a range of nonprofit sub-sectors including human services, social justice, and education throughout New York City and Westchester. The other finalists include, Jewish Board for Family and Children Services, Neighbors Link, New York Peace Institute, NYC Outward Bound Schools, and the Children's Aid Society. The winning organizations will be announced and honored at a special Best Practices Workshop and Awards Presentation on December 2 at the New York Hall of Medicine.

NPCC created the Nonprofit Excellence Awards in 2007 and the program has attracted 750 applications from across New York City, Long Island and Westchester over its first ten years. The program is produced in collaboration with The New York Community Trust and Philanthropy New York. WNYC and JPMorgan Chase sponsor the program. Additional financial and in-kind support is provided by The Clark Foundation, Ford Foundation, RSM US LLP, and Columbia Business School Executive Education Programs in Social Enterprise. Learn more about the [Nonprofit Excellence Awards](#), [NPCC's guiding Eight Key Areas of Nonprofit Excellence](#), [past winners](#), and [selection process](#).

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Per Scholas is a national nonprofit that drives positive and proven social change in communities across the country. Through rigorous and tuition-free technology training and professional development, Per Scholas prepares motivated and curious adults who are un- or underemployed for transformative careers in the tech sector, while creating onramps to businesses in need of their talents. Per Scholas provides its solution in six cities across the country: Atlanta, GA; Greater Cincinnati, OH; Columbus, OH; Dallas, TX; the National Capital Region; and New York, NY. To date, Per Scholas has trained

over 6,000 individuals, helping them build lasting, life-changing careers in technology. For more information, visit perscholas.org, Twitter [@PerScholas](https://twitter.com/PerScholas) and [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/perscholas).

The Nonprofit Coordinating Committee of New York (NPCC) serves as the voice and information source for the New York City area nonprofit community. NPCC's mission is to create a sector that is better informed, managed, governed, and represented at all levels of government. With a membership representing 1,400+ organizations, NPCC helps member nonprofits to improve their organizational management so they become more effective in meeting their missions and saves nonprofits money through cost-savings programs. NPCC also serves as a watchdog for nonprofit regulation on the city, state and federal levels, assuring that the nonprofit regulatory environment is fair and efficient. Established in 1984, NPCC is the largest such organization in the New York City area.

Since 1924, **The New York Community Trust** has been the home of charitable New Yorkers who share a passion for the City and the suburbs—and who are committed to improving them. The Trust supports an array of effective nonprofits that help make the City a vital and secure place to live, learn, work and play, while building permanent resources for the future. The New York Community Trust ended 2015 with assets of \$2.5 billion in more than 2,000 charitable funds, and made grants totaling \$165 million. The Trust welcomes new donors. See nycommunitytrust.org.