



NAHRO Merit College Scholarship Program

In 2017, The National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) established the NAHRO Merit College Scholarship Program. Eight scholarships will be awarded, one from each region, with six receiving \$1,000 and two exemplary applications receiving an additional \$2,000 and \$5,000 respectively. The scholarship will be awarded to candidates pursuing their first degree. Each region should submit one application of their choice from their own scholarship program, or if no regional scholarship program is in place, select one eligible recipient from the region and complete the entire application for submission. Please also submit a photo of the candidate when sending the application.

The NAHRO Scholarship Committee, comprised of members from the Housing America Task Force, will accept and review the scholarship applications and determine the scholarship amount awarded. All regional applications must be submitted by June 29, 2018 and the winners will be notified in July. The Scholarship Committee awards scholarship money directly to the accredited institution of higher education once proof of registration at the college or university is received.

The rules and procedures and application is below. Please read the rules and application very carefully. If you have any questions, please call the NAHRO office at (202) 580-7223.

Rules and Procedures

Eligibility

1. Scholarship applications are made available to eligible agencies. An eligible agency is a member agency in good standing with National NAHRO.
2. Eligible individuals are public housing residents, Section 8 voucher residents, and state funded rental assistance residents living in a household or being provided a service managed by an eligible agency.
3. Eligible individuals must be a graduating high school senior, or possess a high school diploma or GED, applying to or attending an accredited institution of higher education. If currently attending college, applicant must be registered for at least two (2) classes.

Application Process

1. The application must be reviewed and evaluated by a representative selected by the region. This could be the Regional or Vice President, RSO or other entity. To be considered complete, all sections of the application must be filled out. If a section is not applicable, put N/A (not applicable) in the area; do not leave any areas blank. An

application that is blank or missing appropriate submittals or signatures will be disqualified.

2. The application must include letters of recommendation on character such as a representative from the local housing authority, community organization, employer and an academic reference (only non-relative recommendations will be considered).
3. The application must include an unofficial transcript of grades from high school or academic institution presently attending (transcript may be forwarded separate from application, but must postmarked by deadline).
4. The application must include verification of acceptance/attendance at a specific school.
5. The application must include an essay (up to two pages) written by the student that details their educational plans and goals, and focuses on outstanding community service or engagement activities. Essays showcasing outstanding community engagement may be selected for additional financial awards.
6. Include a high resolution photo of the applicant.
7. Screening, evaluation, and selection conducted by the Scholarship Committee Task Force. **Applicants must submit their application to a regional representative, who will then conduct a regional judging. One candidate, per region, will be submitted to National NAHRO for consideration of the scholarship. To view a list of regional contacts, click here: <http://www.nahro.org/housing-america>**

Scholarship

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Regional representatives, please include all documentation in one PDF. All regional applications and documentation must be sent no later than July 6, 2018 to:

Carmen Smith via csmith@nahro.org with the subject: 2018 (Region Name) Scholarship Candidates

Requirements Checklist

- Information Form
- Unofficial Transcript
- Educational History
- Educational Plan
- Honors and Awards (Please list award and date e.g. MM/YYYY)
- Financial Requirement
- Two (2) Letters of Recommendation
- Essay - why is this scholarship essential to your future? Elaborate in up to two pages on your community involvement, engagement and service. Essays showcasing outstanding community service will be considered for the additional financial awards.
- Certification Signature
- Photo of Applicant

INFORMATION FORM

APPLICANT'S NAME: Enter Full Name

LOCAL ADDRESS: [Click here to enter address.](#)

(NUMBER & STREET)

(CITY)

(STATE/ZIP)

DATE OF BIRTH: MM/DD/YYYY

PHONE NUMBER: () - EMAIL: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Which housing and or community development agency are you affiliated with? [Click here to enter agency.](#)

EDUCATION HISTORY

(Check one) High School Graduate High School Senior GED Recipient

COLLEGES ATTENDED / DATES ATTENDED/ HOURS COMPLETED / DEGREES RECEIVED:

[Click here to enter text.](#)

2018-2019 EDUCATION PLANS

What college, university, vocational, or post-secondary school do you plan to attend in 2017-2018 (include city & state): [Click here to enter text.](#)

2018-2019 ENROLLMENT STATUS:

Plan to apply

Applied but not yet accepted

Applied and accepted

Anticipated major or vocational goal:

Average length of program (2 years/4 years, etc.): _____

Estimated cost for entire 2018-2019 school year (include tuition, student fees, books, and school supplies only) _____

HONORS, AWARDS, & COMMUNITY/SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Please list all honors or awards received and any community/school activities in which you have actively participated within the past 5 years (attach extra sheet if needed).

[Click here to enter text.](#)

FINANCIAL REQUIREMENT

Please provide a statement of estimated cost of education for 2018-2019.

[Click here to enter text.](#)

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Please attach two letters of recommendation from non-family members. The application must include letters of recommendation on character such as a representative from the local housing authority, community organization, employer and an academic reference (only non-relative recommendations will be considered). List the contact information for these people below. Please include their name, address, phone number, and relationship to you, and length of time you have known them.

Reference One

Reference Two

ESSAY

Elaborate in up to two pages on your community involvement, engagement and service. Essays showcasing outstanding community service will be considered for the additional financial awards. (8.5 X 11 INCHES) If you have any unusual circumstances that you would like the scholarship committee to consider, please include them in your essay.

CERTIFICATION

Sign Here:

Date: MM/DD/YYYY

BY MY SIGNATURE, I AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING:

- That the information I have given is true to the best of my knowledge.
- To maintain satisfactory educational progress.
- To keep NAHRO informed of any changes in schools or enrollment status.
- To provide, or respond to NAHRO requests for, periodic updates on academic progress for the duration of the candidate's receipt of 2018-2019 scholarship funds.
- To consent to the use of my profile, progress, and testimonial, by NAHRO and its subsidiaries, for marketing and fundraising purposes.
- To authorize the office of financial aid to release my grades and pertinent information to NAHRO.
- To authorize the release of my contact information to contractor for the college program (if funded).

Signature

INFORMATION FORM

For Regional Officers Only

Select your region:

- NERC MARC SERC NCRC
 SWRC MPRC PNRC PSWRC

Application submitted by: Name, Title, Region.

Applicant Information

Name: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email: _____
Current GPA: _____
College at Which Accepted: _____
College Address: _____
Course of Study: _____

Affiliation with NAHRO Agency

Housing or Community Development Agency or NAHRO Member Agency:

Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____

I have enclosed with this application:

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Regional Certification

NAHRO Merit College Scholarship Program Application

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the individual listed on this scholarship application is associated with this agency and that this agency is a National NAHRO member. I also certify that the information contained in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Regional Representative's Signature

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