



Housing Authority of the City of Austin

Scholarship 2010-2011

HACA Resident Scholarship

DEADLINE MARCH 12, 2010

OVERVIEW

The Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA) Board of Commissioners established the HACA Resident Scholarship in 2001 for the benefit of all HACA Public Housing Residents and Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) participants who are planning to attend an institution of higher education. The Scholarship serves as a vehicle of hope to those individuals who have a desire to further their education but lack the adequate financial means to accomplish this goal. The Scholarship is designed to inspire these individuals to work toward becoming independent and economically self-sufficient members of the community. The Scholarship is funded by the Southwest Housing Compliance Corporation (SHCC), a HACA subsidiary. The scholarships are available on a competitive basis, and the award amount varies from year to year, depending on the availability of funds.

ELIGIBILITY AND INSTRUCTIONS

Eligibility Requirements

1. Be a HACA Public Housing Resident **or** Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) participant or a recipient of the 2009-2010 HACA resident scholarship who has left HACA housing programs in good standing.
2. Be a graduating high school senior **or** already have a high school diploma/GED.
3. Be currently attending **or** plan to attend a college, university, technical school, or other post-secondary school. If you are currently attending or have previously attended any post-secondary school, you must have a cumulative GPA of **2.5** or greater in order to be eligible for the HACA Resident Scholarship.

Note: For students currently attending or previously attended a post-secondary school, only the cumulative GPA of the last school attended will be considered. Transfer credits are not considered in this GPA.

Note: Individuals who qualify can apply for both the HACA Resident and HACA Family Scholarships (available for children of HACA employees only) but will only be awarded one scholarship if selected.

Note: Scholarship awards are competitive; funding will be based on academic performance, extracurricular activities and community involvement.

Application Instructions

1. Complete a HACA scholarship application form.
2. Submit your **most recent official** high school transcript, college transcript, and/or copy of GED.
3. Submit **two** letters of recommendation (from non-family members only).
4. Submit a **typed** essay completed by the applicant.

Note: Transcripts and recommendation letters must be attached to the application (and not sent separately) to be considered. Note: If you have previously attended college, you must submit those transcripts.

Application Instructions for Current HACA Resident Scholarship Recipients (received 2009-2010) ONLY

1. Complete the HACA scholarship application form only (essay and letters of recommendation not required).
2. Submit your **most recent, official**, college transcript with your most current GPA

Submission Instructions

1. Original, completed application must be **received or postmarked** by the deadline of **March 12th, 2010**.
2. Hand deliver application to the HACA front desk attendant **or** mail it to the address listed on the application.

Note: No late or incomplete applications will be considered and no faxed applications will be accepted.

Scholarship Requirements

1. Scholarship funds may only be used to cover unmet student needs directly related to tuition, student fees, books and school supplies.
2. Student must keep the HACA Youth Educational Success Coordinator informed of any changes in schools, enrollment status and any special billing requirements.



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PERSONAL DATA

APPLICANT'S NAME _____
(LAST) (FIRST) (MI)

LOCAL ADDRESS _____
(NUMBER AND STREET) (CITY) (STATE/ZIP)

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____ - _____ - _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____
(MO) (DAY) (YEAR)

PHONE NUMBER () - _____
SEX: MALE FEMALE

IN WHICH HOUSING PROGRAM DO YOU PARTICIPATE? (CHECK ONE) PUBLIC HOUSING VOUCHER (SEC. 8)

NOTE: THE FOLLOWING QUESTION IS OPTIONAL AND IS USED FOR STATISTICAL PURPOSES ONLY.

RACE / ETHNIC GROUP (CHECK ONE):
 AMERICAN INDIAN CAUCASIAN BLACK HISPANIC, SPANISH SURNAMED OTHER

EDUCATIONAL HISTORY – HIGH SCHOOL/GED

CHECK ONE: HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR GED RECIPIENT

FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES: WHAT HIGH SCHOOL DID YOU ATTEND (NAME & LOCATION)? _____

DATE OF GRADUATION _____ CUMULATIVE HS GPA _____
(MO) (YR)

FOR CURRENT HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS: WHAT HIGH SCHOOL DO YOU ATTEND AND WHAT IS YOUR EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE? _____

FOR GED RECIPIENTS: WHEN DID YOU RECEIVE YOUR GED? _____



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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

PLEASE LIST **ALL** GRANTS OR OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS (INCLUDING AMOUNTS) THAT YOU HAVE **APPLIED FOR OR WILL BE RECEIVING** FOR THE **2010-2011** ACADEMIC YEAR (ATTACH EXTRA SHEET IF NECESSARY). IF YOU HAVE APPLIED BUT ARE UNSURE OF THE AWARD, PLEASE STATE THIS:

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

PLEASE ATTACH TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION FROM NON-FAMILY MEMBERS. LIST THE CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THESE PEOPLE BELOW. PLEASE INCLUDE THEIR NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, RELATIONSHIP TO YOU, AND LENGTH OF TIME YOU HAVE KNOWN THEM.

ESSAY

SUBMIT A BRIEF **TYPED** ESSAY EXPLAINING YOUR REASONS FOR APPLYING FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP AND YOUR EDUCATIONAL AND CAREER GOALS. IF YOU HAVE ANY UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES THAT YOU WOULD LIKE THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER, PLEASE INCLUDE THEM.

CERTIFICATION

By my signature, I agree to the following:

- λ That the information I have given is true to the best of my knowledge.
- λ To maintain satisfactory educational progress.
- λ To keep HACA informed of any changes in schools or enrollment status.
- λ To authorize the Office of Financial Aid to release my grades to HACA.
- λ To authorize the Office of Financial Aid to release pertinent information to HACA.

(SIGNATURE)

(DATE)



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PLEASE REMEMBER TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING WITH YOUR APPLICATION:

- TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION FROM NON-FAMILY MEMBERS *
 - BRIEF TYPED ESSAY EXPLAINING YOUR REASONS FOR APPLYING FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP *
 - MOST RECENT OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT, COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT, AND/OR COPY OF GED.
- *not required for 2009 – 2010 HACA Resident Scholarship recipients ONLY*

**Hand Deliver Completed Application to the HACA
Front Desk Attendant by March 12, 2010 at**

1124 South IH-35 or

mail to:

**HACA Resident Scholarship
Housing Authority of the City of Austin
P.O. Box 6159
Austin, TX 78762**