



Housing Authority of the City of Austin Scholarship 2012-2013 HACA Resident Scholarship

DEADLINE MARCH 9, 2012

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 in good standing or a recipient of the 2011-2012 HACA resident scholarship who has left HACA housing programs in good standing.
2. Be a graduating high school senior with a GPA of 2.0 or higher **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 **2.0** 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: HACA will fund vocational, 2-year and 4-year bachelor degrees. The HACA Resident Scholarship will not be awarded for advanced degrees (graduate, doctorate etc.) or additional undergraduate degrees. HACA Residents in good standing may be awarded the HACA Resident Scholarship for no more than 4 years.

Note: Individuals who are eligible for both the HACA Resident and HACA Family Scholarships (available for children HACA employees) may apply for the HACA Resident Scholarship only.

Note: Scholarship awards are competitive; funding will be based on academic performance, extracurricular activities and community involvement. Priority will be given to graduating high school seniors and current HACA Resident Scholarship recipients in good standing with the Housing Authority, providing that they fulfill all applicable requirements when applying. HACA reserves the right to waive any requirements as situations warrant.

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. If you have previously attended college, you must submit transcripts.

Application Instructions for CURRENT HACA Resident Scholarship Recipients (received 2011-2012) 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 9th, 2012**.
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 Manager 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)

HACA CLIENT ID NUMBER _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____
(check with your HACA property manager or case manager for your HACA Client ID number) (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 **2012-2013** 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 IN YOUR ESSAY.

CERTIFICATION

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 HACA informed of any changes in schools or enrollment status.
- * To provide, or respond to HACA requests for, periodic updates on academic progress for the duration of the candidate's receipt of HACA Resident Scholarship funds.
- * To authorize the Office of Financial Aid to release my grades and pertinent information to HACA.
- * To authorize the release of my contact information to designated contractor for the *Y.E.S. to College* Program

(SIGNATURE)

(DATE)



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PLEASE REMEMBER TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING WITH YOUR APPLICATION:

- MOST RECENT OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT, COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT, AND/OR COPY OF GED.
- TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION FROM NON-FAMILY MEMBERS *
- BRIEF TYPED ESSAY EXPLAINING YOUR REASONS FOR APPLYING FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP *

** not required for 2011 – 2012 HACA Resident Scholarship recipients ONLY*

**Hand Deliver Completed Application to the HACA
Front Desk Attendant before 5pm, March 9, 2012**

1124 South IH-35 or

mail to:

**HACA Resident Scholarship
Housing Authority of the City of Austin
P.O. Box 6159
Austin, TX 78762-6169**