



Texas NAHRO

2008 Scholarship Application

Deadline: Must be postmarked by Friday, February 22, 2008

Applications turned in or postmarked after that date will not be considered.

The Texas Chapter of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (TXNAHRO) is a professional membership organization consisting of agencies and individuals who administer housing and community development in the state of Texas. NAHRO is the leading housing and community development advocate for the provision of adequate and affordable housing and strong, viable communities for all Americans, particularly those with low and moderate incomes.

TXNAHRO provides annual scholarships each year to deserving students, graduating from high school, whose families are public housing residents or section 8 clients.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants for TXNAHRO Scholarships must:

1. Be a resident of public housing or a participant in the Section 8 program.
2. Be a graduating high school senior. (You can not have graduated in the previous year or be in college already for this scholarship. It is intended to help high school seniors get started in college.)
3. Demonstrate exceptional school attendance.
4. Demonstrate high academic achievement.
5. Demonstrate leadership and/or high level of motivation.
6. Be a resident or client of a Housing Authority/ CD agency that is a member in good standing with TXNAHRO.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

Applicant must submit a packet consisting of an original and six (6) copies of the following information. **INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED—THEY WILL BE REJECTED.**

Make sure your application packet has six copies of the following items:

- Scholarship application form.
- Housing Agency Certification signed by the Executive Director. (see next page)
- Transcript or certified copy of grades with grade point average.
- TWO letters of recommendation; one from a community leader and one from a high school instructor.

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:

An original copy of your Texas NAHRO Scholarship Application packet must be delivered or postmarked by **Friday, February 22, 2008**. Absolutely **NO FAXED APPLICATIONS** accepted. Please send to:

Housing Authority of the City of Austin, Scholarship Application, P.O. 6159 Austin, TX 78762-6159
or

Drop off application at the HACA main office:

**1124 S. I-H 35
Austin, TX 78704**

PLEASE NOTE: IF THE APPLICATION DOES NOT CONTAIN ALL THE ITEMS LISTED ABOVE IT WILL BE REJECTED.



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Local Public Housing Authority Certification (this must accompany the scholarship application)

Your local housing authority should provide assistance in completing your application.

Examples of assistance include:

- ✓ Making copies of the application packet
- ✓ Providing postage
- ✓ Providing one of the recommendations

The public housing authority **MUST** certify that any scholarship applicant is an eligible public housing resident or a participant in the Section 8 Program. To be eligible to receive a scholarship, the student's family income cannot exceed HUD's low-income limit for that family size. The housing agency must also be a member in good standing of the Texas Chapter of NAHRO.

The required certifications is below. **The certification form must be included with the application packet submitted by each student.**

If you have any questions, please contact the Texas NAHRO at 800/617-2900.

Texas Chapter of NAHRO Scholarship Housing Agency Certification

I hereby certify that _____ (applicant name) is a resident or participant in:

Public Housing or the Section 8 Program (check one);

administered by this Agency. The Agency is also a member in good standing of the Texas Chapter of NAHRO.

Housing Agency Name _____

Signature of the Executive Director _____

Date _____



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2008 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

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SECTION I – PERSONAL:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone#: _____ SSN: _____ Date of Birth: _____

SECTION II – TXNAHRO MEMBER AGENCY:

Agency Name and City: _____

Agency Contact Name for questions about this application: _____

SECTION III ACADEMIC: (Applicant must be a Graduating High School senior)

Name of school currently attending: _____

Anticipated graduation date: _____

SECTION IV POST SECONDARY SCHOOL/ COLLEGE INFORMATION:

College/ University/ Vocational or post Secondary School you plan to attend: _____

Anticipated College major or vocational goal: _____ Length of program: _____

SECTION V – OTHER INFORMATION:

Honors Received (Academic, sports, community service, etc.): _____

Extracurricular activities you have participated in during high school (i.e. band, clubs, drill team, athletics, thespians, etc.): _____

Community activities in which you have participated (i.e. church groups, community service organizations): _____

Employment (Full, part-time or summer jobs held during high school – give job title, length of employment, responsibilities & Name and phone number of employer): _____

List Hobbies or Special Interests: _____

SECTION VI – ESSAY QUESTIONS: (All applicants must complete each question in 125 words or less. Use additional page.)

Please describe your goals for the next four years: _____

Tell us why you are applying for this scholarship: _____

Describe why you are pursuing a college degree or vocational training program: _____

Describe an achievement or an event in your life that has been especially significant: _____

(Use additional paper if desired.)