

ONE VOICE

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HACA Wants to Invest in Your Education!

HACA and its nonprofit subsidiary Austin Pathways have awarded more than \$1 million in scholarships to public and assisted housing residents over the past 15 years.

Scholarships serve as vehicles of hope to individuals who want to earn a degree, but do not have the money to attend college. Scholarship awards also are often an inspiration to become independent and economically self-sufficient.

Eligibility

Applicants for a scholarship must be a current HACA public housing resident or Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) participant; a graduating high school senior or already have high school diploma/GED; and currently attending or planning to attend a college, university, technical school or other post-secondary school.

If you are currently attending or attended a post-secondary school previously, you must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or greater (transfer credits are not considered in this GPA).

2017 Scholarships and Deadlines

Don't miss the deadline to apply for scholarships exclusively for HACA residents and Housing Choice Voucher tenants:

- ***Public Housing Authorities Directors Association Scholarship- Jan. 27***
- ***Texas NAHRO Scholarship- Feb. 10***
- ***Southwest NAHRO Scholarship- Feb. 17***
- ***Austin Pathways HACA Scholarship- March 10 (Application available online at www.hacanet.org/residents/scholarships.php)***

For more information about scholarships, call Felisa Jones at (512) 477-4488 ext. 3405 or email felisaj@hacanet.org. You may also visit www.hacanet.org/residents/scholarships.php.



Jazmin Burton (center) was one of 57 residents who received an Austin Pathways HACA Scholarship last year during the annual scholarship ceremony.

Mama Tried — And Succeeded! Jobs Plus Member Finds New Career

Chalmers Courts resident Ideedra Sanders is the first Jobs Plus participant to complete a certification training program. She recently became a Certified Nurses Assistant (CNA). Prior to completing the CNA training with Skillpoint Alliance, Ideedra earned her GED through the Literacy Collation.

Ideedra says her motivation to achieve these goals were her children. It was important to her that she model success and prove to herself that she could.

“I felt a lot of pride when my children saw mama trying, mama doing, and mama being successful,” she said.

Jobs Plus is a program that helps residents at Booker T. Washington Terraces and Chalmers Courts work their way to careers and self-sufficiency. The Jobs Plus team assists residents by connecting them with partner organizations who specialize in various employment services, by providing financial incentives that make work pay and by building a community that will support and celebrate working residents.

For more information how you can participate in Jobs Plus, email Murphy Roland at murphyr@hacanet.org or call (512) 621-3105 (Booker T. Washington) or email Tiffany Middleton at tiffanym@hacanet.org or call (512) 766-1404 (Chalmers Courts).



Mid-Winter Back-to-School Supply Giveaway Set for Jan. 17-31

HACA will host a Mid-Winter Back-to-School Giveaway from Jan. 17 to Jan. 31 at its public housing communities to replenish school supplies for students who live in HACA communities.

School-age children in elementary/mid-high school grades may come to an event at their property to pick up free school essentials including paper, pencils, rulers, crayons and folders.

Contact your property manager for more information about how you can pick up school supplies for your child this month!

For more information about HACA's Youth Educational Success (Y.E.S.) program, contact Y.E.S. Manager/ROSS Service Coordinator Felisa Jones at (512) 477-4488 ext. 3405 or email felisaj@hacanet.org.



School-age residents who earn all A's and B's on their report cards and/or have perfect attendance receive gift cards from the Y.E.S. Program.

Comienza un Negocio!

Nosotros te enseñamos como
hacerlo con éxito



Presentan Curso Empresarial

Modulo de Mercadotecnia, Ventas y
Relacion con el Cliente

Comienza el 9 de enero.

lunes y jueves, 6:00 p.m.-8 p.m.

10 sesiones

Temas:

- Metas Personales y de tu Negocio
- Conoce a tu Cliente
- Vende el Beneficio que Ofreces
- Conoce a tu Competencia
- Precios
- Llega a tu Cliente
- Llega a tu Cliente por medio de las Redes Sociales
- Tuviste un Promocion Rentable

**¡Costo \$125 - Pregunta por nuestras
becas y descuentos!**

¡Regístrate hoy mismo o llámanos para que
aproveches el precio de descuento!

Regístrate: www.egbi.org

Llámanos: (512) 928-4594

Visítanos: 1144 Airport Blvd., Ste. 260
Austin, TX 78702

Tax Time is Around the Corner

The most wonderful time of the year is approaching – no, not the holiday season... tax season! Not looking forward to doing your taxes? Foundation Communities can help you get everything together before April 18.

Foundation Communities will provide free tax preparation services at six convenient locations throughout Austin and in Round Rock to anyone who makes less than \$55,000 a year.

In 2016, Foundation Communities' IRS-certified volunteers prepared more than 20,000 tax returns resulting in \$34 million in local tax refunds.

The IRS will hold all refunds on returns that include the Earned Income Tax Credit or Additional Child Tax Credit until Feb. 15. It is a new law that applies to everyone, regardless of who prepares the return, and no one can speed up the refund.

For more information on how you can get help with your taxes, contact Foundation Communities Outreach Coordinator Stephanie E. Chavarria at (512) 610-7376 or email stephanie.chavarria@foundcom.org. You may also visit Foundation Communities' website at: www.foundcom.org.



GIFT CARD GIVEAWAY

Are you reading One Voice? For a chance to win a \$10 gift card, call (512) 477-4488 ext. 2601, and leave a message with your name, phone number, property name and unit number. Mention the key phrase: Happy New Year! The first 15 callers will be entered into a drawing to win one of 10 gift cards. Contest open only to public housing residents.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

HACA Administration	(512) 477-4488
Resident Call Center	(888) 842-4484
Maintenance Work Orders	(512) 477-8518
Section 8/Housing Choice	(512) 477-1314
Fire/Police	911
Non-Emergency Police	311
Poison Center	(800) 222-1222
Quit Smoking	(877) 937-7848
RAD Hotline	(844) HACA-RAD

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All submissions must include a name and phone number to be considered. Copy may be edited because of space limitations.

OUR MISSION & VISION

To cultivate sustainable affordable housing communities and partnerships that inspire self-reliance, growth and optimism. We envision neighborhoods where poverty is alleviated, communities are healthy and safe, and all people can achieve their full potential.



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Editor's Note: Scheduled meetings are subject to change. Resident Council meeting dates/times are currently under review.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Rent due New Years Day	2 HACA Closed	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Citywide 10 a.m.	11	12 RAD Meeting 4 & 5:30 p.m. @ Thurmond	13	14
15	16 MLK Day HACA Closed	17	18 RAD Meeting 10:30 a.m. @ Gaston	19 HACA Board Meeting-noon @1124 S. IH-35 RAD Meeting 5:30 p.m. @ Goodrich	20	21
22	23	24	25 RAD Meeting 4 & 5:30 p.m. @ BTW	26	27	28
29	30	31 RAD Meeting 4 & 5:30 p.m. @ Georgian				

