



Southwest NAHRO Scholarship Program 2018

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For questions, information, or applications, please contact:

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ALL APPLICATIONS ARE DUE ON OR BEFORE February 19, 2018

These scholarships have been established by the membership of Southwest NAHRO to provide the opportunity for students associated with public assisted housing to take advantage of post high school educational opportunities that otherwise may not be possible. Any unused portion of a scholarship may, at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee, be awarded a student exhibiting outstanding accomplishment.

Southwest NAHRO has **four scholarship categories** that you may apply for:

Scholarship Category 1. Resident/Participant High School Graduating Senior

The Resident/Participant High School Graduating Senior Scholarships are available in **three areas** to graduating seniors who are residents and receive direct housing benefits from one of the member agencies of the Council.

- Area 1:** The first scholarship is a \$4,000 four-year scholarship awarded to a graduating senior, with \$1,000 payable each year over a four-year period.
- Area 2:** The second scholarship is a \$1,000 one-time scholarship honoring Philip W. Miller is available to graduating seniors who are residents of a public housing agency.
- Area 3:** The third scholarship awards of a minimum of \$500.00 to resident graduating seniors who successfully apply to the program, who attained a four-year 3.0 GPA and an 18 on the ACT, 1290 on the Old SAT or 860 on the New SAT.



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Scholarship Category 2- Graduating Senior, Child of Agency Staff:

One \$1,000 one-year scholarship is available to a graduating senior of an agency staff family. In addition, either another one-year \$1,000 scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior of an agency staff family or 2 one-year \$500 scholarships are awarded to agency staff family members already in college. These scholarships are given in memory of Mr. Michael Hanratty and Ms. Cissy Wood. *Actual amount will vary according to the number of students applying and funds available.*

Scholarship Category 3- Resident/Participant Head of Household:

Scholarships are available for Heads of Households who are residents of a housing agency or program participant and who plan to begin or are presently attending college.

Scholarship Category 4 – Resident/Participant High School Graduating Senior – Non-Traditional Program:

The SWRC NAHRO Annual Scholarship Program provides scholarship opportunities to resident high school seniors residing in or who otherwise receive direct housing benefits from one of the member agencies of the Council. This scholarship is for **NONTRADITIONAL** students or students in a nontraditional program. This award is a minimum of **\$500** and is to resident/participant graduating seniors who successfully apply to the program. ***The award is two (2), one-year scholarships.*** The scholarships have been established by the membership of Southwest NAHRO to provide the opportunity for students associated with public assisted housing to take advantage of post high school educational opportunities that otherwise may not be possible. The program is competitive and awards based on academic achievement, extra curricula activities, and community involvement.



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Scholarship CATEGORY #1: HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING SENIOR APPLICATION

Scholarship Application with accompanying documentation and information must be submitted directly to:

Southwest NAHRO Scholarship Program

HACA

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Austin, TX 78704

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 19, 2018

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- The first scholarship is a \$4,000 four-year scholarship awarded to a graduating senior, with \$1,000 payable each year over a four-year period.
- A second, \$1,000 one-time scholarship honoring Philip W. Miller is available to graduating seniors who are residents of a public housing agency.
- The third area includes scholarship awards of a minimum of **\$500.00** to resident graduating seniors who successfully apply to the program, who attained a four-year 3.0 GPA and an 18 on the ACT, 1290 on the Old SAT or 860 on the New SAT.

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Eligibility Requirements

1. The applicant and their family must reside or receive direct housing benefits and be in good standing through any housing program administered by any agency that is a member in good standing of Southwest NAHRO.
2. The applicant must have a 3.0 GPA, have earned at least an 18 on the ACT or combined critical reading, math, and writing score of 1290 on the Old SAT or 860 on the New SAT, and commit himself/herself to enrolling in a college or vocational training program beyond high school graduation.

Applications submitted that are not in accordance with the instructions will not be considered for judging.



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The program is competitive and awards are based on academic achievement, extracurricular activities, family need and community involvement.

Scholarship Payments:

In an attempt to expedite scholarship payments, eliminate lost payments, and to make a greater impact on the students as to who is providing the scholarship funds, SWNAHRO has established specific scholarship payment procedures. For one-year scholarship recipients, the program coordinator will obtain enrollment information from the student; after which a check in the scholarship amount will be mailed to the housing authority that sponsored the student. The agency is then asked to make the presentation of the check to the student and his or her family at a Board Meeting or some other appropriate event.

For those recipients of four-year scholarships, the procedure will be the same for the first year. That payment will be followed by an annual payment of \$1,000 for the next three years provided the student maintains a 2.5 average. The student must submit the grades from the previous year, plus some evidence that he/she is enrolled in the then current fall semester, after which a check will be forwarded to the housing agency to present to the recipient. At this time, the agency may want to recognize the student for continuing success.

Certification: The housing agency must certify that the applicant is a resident of the agency. The agency must also certify that it is a member in good standing of SWRC NAHRO.

Definitions: A graduating senior of a resident family (Category 1) is a high school graduate of the current program year who is a member and resides with a family, who resides in or has received direct housing benefits from a SWRC NAHRO member agency.

If there are not enough qualified applicants in any one category, the funds from that category will be transferred to other categories that have more qualified applicants. The judging and application forms will be the same in all categories and the students will compete against one another for the top award.

POINT SYSTEM FOR EVALUATION OF CATEGORY 1 RESIDENT/PARTICIPANT GRADUATING SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP

CATEGORY POINTS	
Grades (Completed by Committee Chairman)	150
ACT/SAT Scores (Completed by Committee Chairman)	50
Academic Achievement/Extra Curricular Activities	100
Community Activities	75
Essay	100
General Overall Performance	25
Total Available Points	500



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JUDGING

- a) The Committee Chair will review grade point averages and determine the point total for grades and ACT/SAT scores.
- b) In judging the scholarship applications the judges should consider all aspects of the application that may have an impact on each judging category. One would perhaps consider an applicant's part-time and/or after school job record (with private enterprise business) as a possible balancing value for an outstanding student who worked instead of participated in extra-curricular activities. Non-government jobs should only be considered because they are rarely political and reflect a student's self-determination as compared to say a JTPA or CETA job, which often has political attachments.
- c) The letters of recommendation submitted by each student should be considered in the evaluation of the extra-curricular activities as well as the community activities. Emphasis in evaluation of the letters should be given to the position of the writer, the obvious familiarity (or lack thereof) of the writer with the student themselves, and the overall quality of the recommendation. One needs to separate the good intentions of the writer from the quality and validity of the recommendation.
- d) The general overall performance evaluation is the "gut feeling" of the judge with regard to the excellence of the student. A general review of transcripts and ACT/SAT scores should be included in this evaluation.

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2018 SOUTHWEST NAHRO SCHOLARSHIP CATEGORY #1- RESIDENT/PARTICIPANT HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING SENIOR APPLICATION FORM

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Applicant Name _____ Phone (____) _____

Mailing Address _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Applicant Email _____ Gender: M _____ F _____

Name of Housing Agency and City: _____ Age _____

Social Security # _____ Graduation Date: _____

Academic Major(s) will pursue, or are pursuing: _____

College or Vocational School you plan to attend: _____

Summarize your academic accomplishments, extra-curricular activities, (e.g. awards, honor societies):

List all scholarships awarded to you and the amount of each:

List the community activities in which you have taken part (e.g. church groups, community service organizations, etc.):



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2018 SOUTHWEST NAHRO SCHOLARSHIP CATEGORY #1- RESIDENT/PARTICIPANT HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING SENIOR APPLICATION FORM (Page 2 of 3)

List hobbies and any special interests:

Indicate any jobs which you have had (full or part-time):

List two personal references (name, addresses, and phone number):

1.

2.

Applications must include the following materials according to this **checklist**.

- ___ The appropriate three (3) page application
- ___ Agency certification completed and signed by ED/Administrator
- ___ A letter of recommendation from the Executive Director, Administrator, or other agency representative
- ___ Two (2) letters of recommendation from community leaders – Adults should know you well and can attest to your character, work habits, etc.) (ex. Teachers, coaches, church leaders, employers, etc.
- ___ An official (stamped or signed) high school transcript or GED which includes all high school grades through the first semester of the senior year.
- ___ A copy of ACT or SAT test scores, if not official transcript
- ___ An essay on ***“Why you have chosen to pursue the area of study chosen, and what influenced your choice of that area of study.”*** (500 words or less) **ESSAYS MUST BE TYPED.**
- ___ A photograph to be used in a slideshow presentation if selected. Applicants are allowing Southwest NAHRO use of their photographs unless they state otherwise in writing.

Use additional sheets if more room is required.



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MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE CEO/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/ADMINISTRATOR

1. RESIDENTS OF PUBLIC HOUSING, SECTION 8 OR OTHER PARTICIPANTS

I hereby certify that _____ (applicant name) is and has been a resident or participant in good standing in the _____ (list one: public housing, section 8, other) housing program administered by this agency since _____ (date). I also certify that the family income information below is accurate as of the last family certification on file and is equal to or less than HUD's "low income" limit for the family size and locality.

2. FAMILY INFORMATION

Name of Parent or Guardian: _____

Number of children in family living at home: ____ Single Parent Household: Yes__ No__

Total Household Income:

____ 0-\$15,000 ____ \$15,001- \$30,000 ____ \$30,001-\$45,000 ____ \$45,001 & above

Describe any special circumstances of financial or other need:

AGENCY CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this agency is a member in good standing of the _____ (state) Chapter NAHRO and Southwest NAHRO.

Agency _____

Name of Executive Director _____

Address of Agency _____

Agency Telephone Number _____

Agency Email: _____

Signature of CEO/Executive Director/Administrator

Date

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS

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CATEGORY #2

CHILDREN OF AGENCY STAFF MEMBERS APPLICATION

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Eligibility Requirements

1. A parent or legal guardian of the applicant must be employed by the agency and the agency must be a member in good standing of Southwest NAHRO.
2. The applicant must have a 3.0 GPA, have earned at least an 18 on the ACT or combined critical reading, math, and writing score of 1290 on the Old SAT or 860 on the New SAT, and commit himself/herself to enrolling in a college or vocational training program beyond high school graduation.
3. Applications submitted that are not in accordance with the instructions will not be considered for judging.

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Scholarship Payments:

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Certification:

The housing agency must certify that the applicant is a child of an employee of the agency. The agency must also certify that it is a member in good standing of SWRC NAHRO.

Definitions:

A graduating senior of an agency staff family (Category #2) is a high school graduate of the current program year who is a member and resides with a family who has one parent or guardian employed with a SWRC NAHRO member agency. An agency staff family member already in college is one who has graduated from high school within the last 4 years and resides with a family who has one parent or guardian employed with a SWRC NAHRO member agency.



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Scholarship Categories

Category #2- Scholarship for Agency Staff Family Member - \$2,000 Total as follows:

- A. 1 - \$1,000 One-year scholarship to an agency staff family graduating senior.
- B. 1 - \$1,000 One-year scholarship, or 2 - \$500 one-year scholarships to an agency staff family member already in college.

If there are not enough qualified applicants in any one category, the funds from that category will be transferred to other categories that have more qualified applicants. The judging and application forms will be the same in all categories and the students will compete against one another for the top award.

POINT SYSTEM FOR EVALUATION OF CATEGORY #2 STAFF MEMBER FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

CATEGORY	POINTS
Grades (Completed by Committee Chairman)	125
ACT/SAT Scores (Completed by Committee Chairman)	50
Academic Achievement/Extra Curricular Activities	100
Community Activities	75
Essay	100
Financial Need / Special Circumstance	125
General Overall Performance	25
Total Available Points	600



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JUDGING

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3. The letters of recommendation submitted by each student should be considered in the evaluation of the extra-curricular activities as well as the community activities. Emphasis in evaluation of the letters should be given to the position of the writer, the obvious familiarity (or lack thereof) of the writer with the student themselves, and the overall quality of the recommendation. One needs to separate the good intentions of the writer from the quality and validity of the recommendation.
4. The general overall performance evaluation is the "gut feeling" of the judge with regard to the excellence of the student. A general review of transcripts and ACT/SAT scores should be included in this evaluation.

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2018 SOUTHWEST NAHRO SCHOLARSHIP CATEGORY #2- CHILDREN OF AGENCY STAFF MEMBERS APPLICATION FORM

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Applicant Name _____ Phone (____) _____

Mailing Address _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Applicant Email: _____ Gender: M _____ F _____

Name of Housing Agency and City: _____ Age _____

Social Security # _____ Graduation Date: _____

Academic Major(s) will pursue, or are pursuing: _____

College or Vocational School you plan to attend: _____

Summarize your academic accomplishments, extra-curricular activities, (e.g. awards, honor societies):

List all scholarships awarded to you and the amount of each: (College students - also include everything awarded during high school)

List the community activities in which you have taken part (e.g. church groups, community service organizations, etc.):



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List hobbies and any special interests:

Indicate any jobs which you have had (full or part-time):

List two personal references (name, addresses, and phone number):

1.

2.

Applications must include the following materials according to this **checklist**:

___ The appropriate three (3) page application

___ Agency certification completed and signed by ED/Administrator

___ Two (2) letters of recommendation from community leaders – Adults should know you well and can attest to your character, work habits, etc.) (ex. Teachers, coaches, church leaders, employers, etc.

___ An official (stamped or signed) high school transcript or GED which includes all high school grades through the first semester of the senior year for high school seniors.
For college students – an official college transcript all grades through the fall semester stating the overall GPA.

___ A copy of ACT or SAT test scores, if not official transcript

___ An essay on ***“Why you have chosen to pursue the area of study chosen, and what influenced your choice of that area of study.”*** (500 words or less) **ESSAYS MUST BE TYPED.**

___ A photograph to be used in a slideshow presentation if selected. Applicants are allowing Southwest NAHRO use of their photographs unless they state otherwise in writing.

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APPLICATION FORM

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FAMILY INFORMATION

Name of Parent or Guardian: _____

Position held with the Agency _____ How long _____

Number of children in family living at home: ____ Single Parent Household: Yes__ No__

Total Household Income up to, but not more than:

____ \$15,000	____ \$30,000	____ \$45,000	____ \$60,000	____ \$75,000
____ \$90,000	____ \$105,000	____ \$120,000	____ \$135,000	
____ \$150,000	____ \$165,000	____ \$180,000	____ \$195,000	
____ \$210,000	____ \$225,000	____ \$240,000	____ over \$240,000	

Describe any special circumstances of financial or other need:

MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE CEO/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/ADMINISTRATOR

*I hereby certify that a parent or legal guardian of _____
(applicant's name) has been a member of the staff of the _____
_____ (agency name) since _____ (date).*

*I also certify that this agency is a member in good standing of the _____
(state) Chapter NAHRO and Southwest NAHRO.*

Agency _____

Name of Executive Director _____

Address of Agency _____

Agency Telephone Number _____

Agency Email _____

Signature of CEO/Executive Director/Administrator _____

Date _____

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS

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than **February 19, 2018.****



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CATEGORY #3

RESIDENT/PARTICIPANT HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD

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Category 3- Resident/Participant Head of Household: Scholarships are available for Heads of Households who are residents of a housing agency or program participant and who plan to begin or are presently attending college.

Eligibility Requirements

1. The applicant and their family must reside or receive direct housing benefits and be in good standing through any housing program administered by any agency that is a member in good standing of Southwest NAHRO.
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Certification: The housing agency must certify that the applicant is a resident of the agency. The agency must also certify that it is a member in good standing of SWRC NAHRO.

Definitions A head of household (Category 3) applicant is the head of a resident family who resides in or has received direct housing benefits from a SWRC NAHRO member agency.

Scholarship Categories

I. Category #3 - Scholarship for Resident Family Head of Household - \$1,250 Total as follows:

1. 1 - \$750 One-year Sam McKay Memorial Commissioners' Scholarship to a resident Head of Household whether starting or already in college.
2. 1 - \$500 scholarship in honor of the sitting president of Southwest NAHRO to a resident Head of Household whether starting or already in college.

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POINT SYSTEM FOR EVALUATION OF CATEGORY #3 RESIDENT/PARTICIPANT HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD SCHOLARSHIP

CATEGORY	POINTS
Grades (Completed by Committee Chairman) if applicable	50
Community Activities	75
Essay	100
Financial need	100
Overall	25
Total Available Points	350



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Applicant Name _____ Phone (____) _____

Mailing Address _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Applicant Email _____ Gender: M _____ F _____

Name of Housing Agency and City: _____ Age _____

Marital Status: M _____ D _____ S _____ Number of children at home & ages: _____

Social Security # _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____

Currently in school? _____ If yes, what level _____

Academic Major(s) will pursue, or are pursuing: _____

College or Vocational School you plan to attend, or are attending:

If you are not presently in school, please provide information about when you plan to start school, including what steps that you have taken to become eligible, and what other resources you may have available to you including scholarships and the amount of each: _____

List your academic accomplishments, extra-curricular activities, (e.g. awards, honor societies):

List the community activities in which you have taken part (e.g. church groups, community service organizations, etc.):



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List job history including dates and places of employment:

List hobbies and any special interests:

List two personal references (name, addresses, and phone number):

1.

2.

Provide information on any special circumstances about yourself or your family.

Use additional sheets if more room is required.



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2018 SOUTHWEST NAHRO SCHOLARSHIP CATEGORY #3- RESIDENT/PARTICIPANT HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD APPLICATION FORM

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- ☐ An official (stamped or signed) current transcript which includes if still in school.
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Number of children in family living at home: _____ Single Parent Household: Yes _____ No _____

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AGENCY CERTIFICATION

*I hereby certify that this agency is a member in good standing of the _____ (state) Chapter NAHRO **and** Southwest NAHRO.*

Agency _____

Name of Executive Director _____

Address of Agency _____

Agency Telephone Number _____ Agency Email _____

Signature of CEO/Executive Director/Administrator

Date

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CATEGORY #4

RESIDENT/PARTICIPANT HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING SENIOR NON - TRADITIONAL PROGRAM

The Southwest Regional Council NAHRO Scholarship Program provides scholarship opportunities to families that reside in, work with, or who otherwise receive housing benefits from one of the member agencies of the Council. The SWRC NAHRO annually awards scholarships totaling more than \$10,000.00. Scholarship awards are available to public housing residents, participants in rental assistance or similar programs, both heads of household and other family members, and children of staff working for a member agency.

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Applications postmarked date can be no later than February 19, 2018.

Category #4 – Graduating Senior – Nontraditional - Resident or Participant:

The SWRC NAHRO Annual Scholarship Program provides scholarship opportunities to resident high school seniors residing in or who otherwise receive direct housing benefits from one of the member agencies of the Council. This scholarship is for **NONTRADITIONAL** students or students in a nontraditional program. This award is a minimum of **\$500** and is to resident/participant graduating seniors who successfully apply to the program. **The award is two (2), one-year scholarships.** The scholarships have been established by the membership of Southwest NAHRO to provide the opportunity for students associated with public assisted housing to take advantage of post high school educational opportunities that otherwise may not be possible. The program is competitive and awards based on academic achievement, extra curricula activities, and community involvement.

Eligibility Requirements



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- The applicant and their family must receive direct housing benefits through any housing program administered by any agency that is a member in good standing of Southwest NAHRO.
- The applicant must submit his/her GED or high school transcript, including grades for the first semester of the senior year.
- The applicant must submit his/her ACT scores, if available.
- The student's family must exhibit circumstances indicating financial need.
- The student must commit himself/herself to enrolling in a college, community college, or vocational technical program after graduation.
- The judging of applications not submitted in accordance with the instructions is omitted.
- Upon the distribution of funds, the applicant's family must be residents of or receive direct housing benefits through any housing program administered by any agency who is a member in good standing of the SWNAHRO.

Scholarship Payments:

In an attempt to expedite scholarship payments, eliminate lost payments, and to make a greater impact on the students as to who is providing the scholarship funds, SWNAHRO has established specific scholarship payment procedures.

1. The student will be responsible for providing enrollment information to the program coordinator.
2. The student is required to be a resident upon issuance of the check.
3. The student will receive their check in the scholarship amount via the housing authority that sponsored the student.
4. The agency makes the presentation of the check to the student and his or her family at a Board Meeting or some other appropriate event.

Certification:

The housing agency must certify that the applicant is a resident of the agency. The agency must also certify that it is a member in good standing of SWRC NAHRO.

Definitions:

A graduating senior of a resident family (Category 4) is a high school graduate of the current program year who is a member and resides with a family, who resides in or has received direct housing benefits from a SWRC NAHRO member agency.

Scholarship Category:

1. Two **\$500.00** One-year Scholarships to a resident/participant graduating nontraditional senior.
2. Actual amount will vary according to the number of students applying and funds available.

If there are not enough qualified applicants in any one category, the funds from that category will be transferred to other categories that have more qualified applicants. The



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judging and application forms will be the same in all categories and the students will compete against one another for the top award.

POINT SYSTEM FOR EVALUATION OF CATEGORY #4 - RESIDENT/PARTICIPANT GRADUATING SENIOR NONTRADITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

CATEGORY POINTS	
Academic Achievement/Extra-Curricular Activities	100
Community Activities	75
Essay	100
General Overall Performance	50
Total Available Points	325

JUDGING

1. A panel of judges representing the States in the Region will evaluate the students' academic achievements, extra-curricular and community activity involvement. The panel of judges will also score the essay, financial need, and determine the overall performance. Grades and test scores, if available, is taken into consideration with the applicant's expressed desire for education along with the rest of the application in the general overall performance category.
2. In judging the scholarship applications, the judges should consider all aspects of the application that may have an impact on each judging category. One would perhaps consider an applicant's part-time and/or after school job record (with private enterprise business) as a possible balancing value for an outstanding student who worked instead of participated in extra-curricular activities. Non-government jobs should only be considered because they are rarely political and reflect a student's self-determination as compared to say a JTPA or CETA job, which often has political attachments.
3. The letters of recommendation submitted by each student may assist you in the evaluation of the extra-curricular activities as well as the community activities. Emphasis in evaluation of the letters should be given to the position of the writer, the obvious familiarity (or lack thereof) of the writer with the student themselves, and the overall quality of the recommendation. One needs to separate the good intentions of the writer from the quality and validity of the recommendation.
4. The general overall performance evaluation is the "gut feeling" of the judge with regard to the excellence of the student. A general review of transcripts and ACT scores should be included in this evaluation.

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Graduating Senior () Resident/Client () (Page 1 of 3)

Name _____ Phone () _____

Mailing Address _____

Email Address _____

Name of Housing Agency and City: _____

Social Security Number _____ Gender M _____ F _____

Graduation Date _____ Cumulative GPA _____ Best ACT/SAT Score _____

Program you plan to pursue _____

List school (s) you may attend: _____

List academic and citizenship recognitions (e.g. awards, honor societies,
scholarships - list amount of each):

List extra-curricular activities (e.g. sports, clubs, organizations, & offices held):

List community activities in which you have taken part (e.g. church groups,
community service org., etc.):

List hobbies and any special interest:

List any jobs, which you have had (full or part-time):

Use additional sheets if more room is required.



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Must be completed by the CEO/Executive Director/Administrator
RESIDENTS OF PUBLIC HOUSING, SECTION 8 OR OTHER PARTICIPANTS

I hereby certify that _____ (applicant name) is and has been a resident or participant in good standing since _____ (date) in the [Check One] () Public Housing, () Section 8, or () _____ Housing program administered by this agency. I also certify that the family income information below is accurate as of the last family certification on file and is equal to or less than HUD's "low income" limit for the family size and locality.

FAMILY INFORMATION

Name of Parent or Guardian: _____

No. of children living at home: _____ Single Parent Household: Yes _____ No _____

Total Household Income: _____ 0-\$15,000 _____ \$15,001 - \$30,000 _____ \$30,001 - \$45,000
_____ \$45,001 - \$60,000 _____ \$60,001 & above

Describe any special circumstances of financial or other need:

AGENCY CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this Agency is a member in good standing of the _____ (state) Chapter NAHRO and Southwest NAHRO.

Name of Agency: _____

Name of Executive Director/Admin: _____

Address of Agency: _____

Agency Telephone Number: _____ Agency Email Address: _____

Signature of ED/Admin: _____ Date: _____

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS

All applications for the **2018 Scholarship Program** MUST be postmarked no later than **February 19, 2018**. Applicants are allowing Southwest NAHRO use of their photographs unless they state otherwise in writing



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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

This sheet must be filled out by the Applicant.

1. Your Name: _____
2. Name of the head of the household _____ in which you live:
3. Your home mailing address: _____
4. Your telephone number with area code: () _____
5. You or your home email address: _____

Your Signature: _____

Your application must include the following materials according to this **checklist:**

- ___ The appropriate three (3) page application
- ___ Agency certification completed and signed by ED/Administrator
- ___ A letter of recommendation from the Executive Director, Administrator, or other agency representative
- ___ Two other letters of recommendation from community leaders (ex. Persons submitting letters should know you personally – ex. Teachers, coaches, church leaders, employers, etc.)
- ___ GED or official high school transcript including grades for the first semester of the Senior year
- ___ Copy of ACT scores, if available
- ___ A double spaced essay on ***“Why he or she has chosen to pursue the area of study chosen, and what influenced the applicant’s choice of that area of study.”***
(500 words or less)
- ___ Two (2) photographs with your name written on the back of each