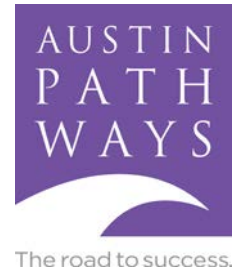




Austin Pathways HACA Resident Scholarship 2019-2020



Deadline: March 1, 2019

AWARD OVERVIEW

The Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA) Board of Commissioners established the HACA Resident Scholarship in 2001 for the benefit of HACA Public Housing Residents and Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) participants who plan to attend (or already attending) an institution of higher education. The Scholarship serves as a vehicle of hope to 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 find meaningful work, earn a living wage, and progress toward becoming economically self-sufficient and free of housing subsidy. Based on support for the program, the scholarship was rebranded as the Austin Pathways HACA Resident Scholarship in 2014. Scholarships are available on a competitive basis, and the award amount varies from year to year, depending on the availability of funds. Scholarship amounts may also differ based on intended enrolment in a two-year, four-year, or technical training/certification program.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Be a HACA resident or Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) participant in good standing, or a recipient of the 2018 Austin Pathways HACA Resident Scholarship who has left HACA's housing programs in good standing (i.e. the child of a current HACA resident who has moved out of the unit to attend an institution of higher education or training, and was a recipient of the most recent year's scholarship).
2. Be a graduating high school senior with a GPA of 2.0 or better, or already have a high school diploma/GED.
3. Be currently attending or planning to attend a college, university, technical school, or other post-secondary institution. If you are currently attending or have previously attended any post-secondary institution, you must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or greater to be eligible for the scholarship.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Complete a HACA Scholarship Application Form.

* Do not leave any blank lines.

* Make sure you have entered information on all lines.

If the statement does not apply to you, write "N/A" on the line. Do not leave any blank lines.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

2. Submit your **most recent** "official" high school transcript, college transcript, and/or copy of your GED.

3. Submit **two** letters of recommendation (from non-family members only).

- Letters of Recommendation must be signed, and have current contact information of the person who wrote the letter.

4. Submit a 1-2 page, double-spaced, 12-font, **typed essay** in your own words telling of your:

- educational goals,
- major/area of concentration,
- school attending,
- how receiving the HACA Austin Pathways Scholarship will help you now and in the future.

5. Include one (1) recent photo. **This is very important for the awards ceremony!**

6. You are strongly encouraged to submit your transcript, essay, photo, and recommendation letters attached to your application (not submit separately). This ensures that the complete package is received together and decreases the likelihood that components of the application may be misplaced or lost. **However, if you are submitting your application electronically (via email), your official transcript must be dropped off to your Community Development staff person (ROSS Specialist, FSS Coordinator, Jobs Plus Career Coach, YES Manager, etc.) or Housing Choice Voucher FSS Coordinator before the award deadline.**

- Transcripts must be official; in a sealed envelope, or a link to a secure site. Unofficial or copied transcripts will not be considered.
- If you have previously attended a higher education institution, you must submit your most recent transcripts.

1. Complete the scholarship application form. Essay and letters of recommendation are required.

2. Submit your most recent, official, college transcript showing most current Grade Point Average (GPA).

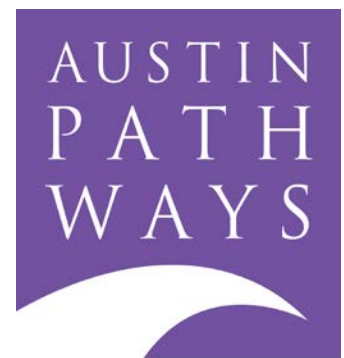
3. Submit one (1) recent headshot photo.

2018-2019 SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Original, completed application must be received or postmarked by the deadline of **March 1, 2019**. The application must be legible. Please write neatly. Illegible applications will not be considered.
 2. The application may be hand delivered to the HACA front desk attendant, mailed to the address listed on the application, or emailed to Felisa Epps, Youth Educational Success Manager at felisae@hacanet.org. Transcripts must be received by the March 1 deadline.
- Should you choose to submit your application via email, please refer to previous section regarding the hand-delivery of an official transcript.

SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

1. Scholarship funds may only be used to cover unmet student needs directly related to tuition, student fees, books, and school supplies; in some cases, this may include technology, such as a computer, but will be determined by HACA on a case-by-case basis. **ALL UNUSED FUNDS SHALL BE RETURNED TO HACA AND NOT ISSUED TO THE STUDENT.**
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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***Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.**

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2019-2020 Application - **Deadline: March 1, 2019**

***DOUBLE CHECK YOUR APPLICATION
PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY BLANK LINES!***

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

LOCAL ADDRESS: _____
(NUMBER & STREET) (CITY) (STATE/ZIP)

HACA HOH CLIENT ID NUMBER: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____ Last 4 digits of S.S. # _____
Head of Household Month/Day/Year

PHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL: _____

GENDER (circle one): **MALE** **FEMALE** DO YOU PARTICIPATE IN (circle one): **PUBLIC HOUSING** or **SEC. 8**

RACE: (check one)
 AFRICAN-AMERICAN ___ CAUCASIAN ___ ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER ___
 NATIVE AMERICAN/AMERICAN INDIAN ___ OTHER ___ BI-RACIAL ___

ETHNICITY: (check one)
 HISPANIC NON-HISPANIC

EDUCATION HISTORY

Highest Grade Completed: _____ HS Diploma: _____ (Yes or No) GED/HSE Recipient: _____ (Yes or No)

Name of High School CURRENTLY attending: _____

Not in High School? If not, did you graduated? If so, what year? _____ If not, what month/year do you graduate? _____

Current CUMULATIVE HS GPA: _____ or Current CUMULATIVE COLLEGE GPA: _____

FOR GED/HSE RECIPIENTS: What date (including year) did you receive your GED or High School Equivalency? _____ No transcript? Include a copy of your GED Certificate.

Check One: Never Attended College ___ Some College Previously ___ Attending College Now ___

(if you are attending college now, please list the name and address of college along with your student ID Number)

COLLEGES ATTENDED / DATES ATTENDED/ HOURS COMPLETED / DEGREES RECEIVED:

2019-2020 EDUCATION PLANS

WHAT COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY, VOCATIONAL, OR POST-SECONDARY SCHOOL DO YOU PLAN TO ATTEND IN 2019-2020 (INCLUDE CITY & STATE): _____

What is your 2019-2020 ENROLLMENT STATUS: (circle one)

Do you: PLAN TO APPLY
Have you: APPLIED BUT NOT YET ACCEPTED
Have you: APPLIED AND WAS ACCEPTED

FALL 2019: Will you be a FULL-TIME STUDENT? Yes OR No
 Will you be a PART-TIME STUDENT? Yes OR No

SPRING 2020: Will you be a FULL-TIME STUDENT? Yes OR No
 Will you be a PART-TIME STUDENT? Yes OR No

SUMMER 2020: Will you be a FULL-TIME STUDENT? Yes OR No
 Will you be a PART-TIME STUDENT? Yes OR No

ANTICIPATED MAJOR OR VOCATIONAL GOAL: _____

LENGTH OF PROGRAM (2 YEARS / 4 YEARS, ETC): _____

ESTIMATED COST FOR ENTIRE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR (INCLUDE TUITION, STUDENT FEES, BOOKS, AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES ONLY) _____

IF AWARDED, WILL YOU NEED YOUR SCHOLARSHIP APPLIED TO JUST ONE SEMEMSTER, OR SPLIT ACROSS MULTIPLE SEMEMSTERS? _____ **If yes, split how?** _____

HONORS, AWARDS, & COMMUNITY/SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

PLEASE LIST HONORS OR AWARDS RECEIVED AND COMMUNITY / SCHOOL ACTIVITIES IN WHICH YOU HAVE ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED WITHIN THE PAST 5 YEARS (ATTACH SHEET IF NEEDED).

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

PLEASE LIST ALL GRANTS OR OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS (INCLUDING AMOUNTS) THAT YOU HAVE APPLIED FOR OR WILL BE RECEIVING FOR THE 2018-2019 ACADEMIC YEAR (ATTACH SHEET IF NEEDED). IF YOU HAVE APPLIED BUT ARE UNSURE OF THE AWARDS, PLEASE STATE:

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, AND RELATIONSHIP TO YOU, AND LENGTH OF TIME YOU HAVE KNOWN THEM.

_1. _____

_2. _____

ESSAY

SUBMIT A 1-2 page, double-spaced, 12 font typed essay explaining in your own words telling of your education intentions, the name of your major/area of concentration, the name of the school you're attending, and tell how receiving the HACA Austin Pathways Scholarship will help you now and in the future. IF YOU HAVE ANY UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES THAT YOU WOULD LIKE THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER, PLEASE INCLUDE THEM IN YOUR ESSAY.

PHOTO

Please include a photo (headshot) of yourself with your application.

CERTIFICATION: (please print and sign)

BY MY SIGNATURE, I AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING:

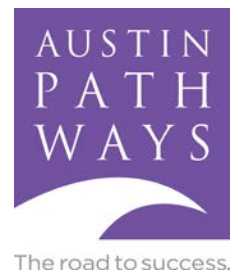
- THAT THE INFORMATION I HAVE GIVEN IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.
- TO MAINTAIN SATISFACTORY EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS.
- TO KEEP HACA INFORMED OF ANY CHANGES IN SCHOOLS OR ENROLLMENT STATUS.
- TO PROVIDE, OR RESPOND TO HACA REQUESTS FOR, PERIODIC UPDATES ON ACADEMIC PROGRESS FOR THE DURATION OF THE CANDIDATE'S RECEIPT OF HACA RESIDENT SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS.
- TO CONSENT TO THE USE OF MY PROFILE, PROGRESS, AND TESTIMONIAL, BY HACA AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES, FOR MARKETING AND FUNDRAISING PURPOSES.
- TO AUTHORIZE THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID, OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS, AND/OR THE OFFICE OF ACADEMICS TO RELEASE MY GRADES AND PERTINENT INFORMATION TO HACA.

TO AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF MY CONTACT INFORMATION TO AUSTIN PATHWAYS, AND THE CONTRACTOR FOR THE YES TO COLLEGE PROGRAM (if necessary, and if funded), IN ORDER FOR SUPPORTIVE FOLLOW UP AND SURVEYS TO BE CONDUCTED.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____



APPLICATION CHECKLIST: Did you remember to include the following information?

- _____ Completed application (**no blank lines**)
- _____ Most recent official high school transcript, official college transcript, and/or copy of GED.
- _____ Two letters of recommendation from non-family members.
- _____ TYPED essay explaining your reasons for applying for this scholarship
- _____ PHOTO
- _____ Name and Address of School currently/planning to attend
- _____ Student I.D. #
- _____ Last 4-digits of Social Security Number
- _____ Signed Certification page

- Timeline:**
- Friday, March 1, 2019** – Applications due
 - Friday, May 10, 2019** – Decision letters mailed with Acceptance Agreements
 - Friday, June 7, 2019** – Return Signed Acceptance Agreements deadline
 - TBD:** Austin Pathways HACA Resident Scholarship Award Ceremony (usually in July)
 - Beginning to Mid-August 2018:** Scholarship checks mailed to schools