



New Mexico
Chapter of **NAHRO**
2018 Scholarship Program

Deadline: All applications must be postmarked by April 25, 2018

The New Mexico Chapter of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) is a professional membership organization consisting of agencies and individuals throughout the State who administer housing and community development programs. NAHRO is the leading housing and community advocate for the provision of adequate and affordable housing for those with low and moderate incomes.

NAHRO-NM is implementing a 2018 scholarship program for the following categories:

- Residents/Participants who live in Public Housing or receive Section 8 (HCV) Rental Assistance.
- Graduating Senior or Child of Public Housing Authority Staff

NAHRO-NM will award the following scholarships:

- One one-year \$1,000 scholarship (for residents/program participants)
 - One one-year \$1,000 scholarship (for child of PHA staff)
 - One one-year \$500 scholarship (discretionary –either/or)

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR RESIDENTS/PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

- The Resident/Participant must have resided or received direct housing benefits for the entire year (12 months prior to the application deadline) through the public housing or Section 8 (HCV) programs.
- The applicant must have maintained an overall 3.0 grade point average for the total of his/her high school career (if the applicant is a graduating senior) and a 2.8 grade point average for the total of his/her college career (if the applicant is a resident/program participant).
- If the applicant is a graduating senior - the applicant must commit to enrolling in a college/university or vocational training program upon high school graduation. Resident/ program participant must have a minimum of 24 college credit hours.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATING SENIOR OR CHILD OF
PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY STAFF**

- A parent or legal guardian of the applicant must have been employed by the public housing authority for their entire senior year (if a graduating senior) and the PHA must be in good standing with NAHRO-NM. Consideration will also be given to children of PHA staff who are already enrolled in college. At the discretion of the judges, the consideration of family circumstances and financial need may be a factor in selection of the recipient.
- Graduating senior applicants must have maintained an overall 3.0 grade point average for the total of his/her high school career and must commit to enrolling in a college/university or vocational training program upon high school graduation.
- Children of PHA staff who are already enrolled in college must have maintained an overall 2.8 grade point average for the total of his/her college career.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST

To be eligible for the NAHRO-NM Scholarship, the following information must be submitted.

INCOMPLETE OR LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!

- Scholarship Application Form
- Public Housing Authority Certification signed by the Executive Director
- 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/college instructor
- An essay (**in applicant's handwriting**) on why he/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). **TYPED ESSAYS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

The original completed application packet must be delivered or postmarked no later than **Wednesday, April 25, 2018**. Please send to:

**NAHRO-NM Scholarship Application
Attention: Sonya Carrillo
664 Alta Vista St.
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505
FAXED APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**



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2018 Scholarship Application Form

Applicant Name _____ Phone (____) _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Gender: M F Age: _____ Social Security Number: _____

Marital Status: M D S #and Ages of Children in the Home _____

Name of Public Housing Authority _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Length of Residency with Public Housing Authority _____

CATEGORY A – Residents/Program Participants

Are you a graduating senior living in public housing or receiving Section 8 assistance? ____yes ____no

If you are NOT a graduating senior (as stated above), are you currently enrolled in college or vocational school? If yes, what level? _____

CATEGORY B - Graduating Senior or Child of an Employee who Works for a Public Housing Authority

Are you a graduating senior of an employee who works for a Public Housing Agency? ____yes ____no If yes, what agency? _____

If you are NOT a graduation senior (as stated above), are you the child of an employee who works for a Public Housing Authority? ____yes ____no
If yes, what agency? _____

Total Household Income:

Under \$15,000 ____ Under \$25,000 ____ Under \$35,000 ____ Under \$40,000 ____

Under \$50,000 ____ Under \$65,000 ____ Over \$65,000 ____

Academic Major(s) you will pursue or are pursuing _____

College or vocational school you plan to attend, or are attending _____

If you are currently a high school senior, 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:

Summarize your academic accomplishments (i.e., Scholarships, Awards, Honor Societies, and any school activities you participated in:

List some of the community activities you have taken part in (i.e., resident activities, church groups, community service organizations etc.):

Provide any information you would like the Scholarship Committee to have that might assist in making their decision:

List any jobs you have had (full and/or part time):

List your hobbies and special interests: _____

Applicant's Signature _____ **Date** _____



The Public Housing Authority must certify that any scholarship applicant is an eligible public housing resident, participant in the Section 8 (HCV) Program, or child of an employee who works for a Public Housing Authority. The housing authority must be a member in good standing with the New Mexico Chapter of NAHRO.

Local Public Housing Authority Certification
(This form must be completed and signed by the Executive Director and submitted with the scholarship application)

I hereby certify that _____ (applicant)

_____ is a public housing resident

_____ is a participant in the Section 8 (HCV) Program

_____ is the child of an employee who works for your agency

Name of employee _____

The Housing Authority is also a member in good standing with the New Mexico Chapter of NAHRO.

Housing Authority Name: _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Executive Director's Name (print)

Executive Director's Signature

Date