



2010 Scholarship Application

The Virginia Association of Housing and Community
Development Officials
2010 Scholarship Process is now open.

Scholarship Information/Instructions and Applications
are available online at
<http://www.vahcdo.org>



The Application deadline is March 12, 2010

If you have any questions, please contact:

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INSTRUCTIONS AND GENERAL INFORMATION

Instructions for Submitting Applications:

1. Complete and sign the attached application form. Use extra sheets for any responses, if needed.
2. The following **MUST** be submitted with the application:
 - a) A copy of high school transcripts listing **Grade Point Average (GPA)** and Class Ranking (MINIMUM 2.5 CUMULATIVE GPA). Note: ***For those schools that do not have GPA, please provide SAT Scores (MINIMUM of 900).***
 - b) **Two letters** supporting the character, achievements, and potential for education and career advancement of the applicant. One of the letters **MUST** be from a school official (principal, counselor, teacher, etc.). The other letter must be from a minister, coach, employer or any person with significant knowledge of the applicant.
 - c) A sponsorship letter from the Executive Director of the Housing Authority in which the applicant resides. Sponsorship requires a commitment on the part of the Authority to support travel expenses (one day). The authority will be required to transport any applicant(s) to a designated location should the applicant be selected for interviewing as one of the finalists. The agency sponsoring the applicant **must be an active agency member of the Virginia Association of Housing and Community Development Officials at the time of application and at the time the scholarship award is made.**

General Information:

1. Applications and support documents must be received by **March 12, 2010**. **No applications will be accepted by facsimile (fax) transmission.** It is the responsibility of the applicant or the Public Housing Authority (PHA) to submit the application form with appropriate transcript and letters as one complete package. Transcripts or letters mailed directly to the Scholarship Chairperson will not be considered by the Scholarship Committee.
2. Scholarship awards will be made to residents of public and other assisted housing in the Commonwealth of Virginia who have maintained their residence for ***six months prior to March 12, 2010.***
3. All applicants must graduate no later than ***June 30, 2010.***
4. Funds are to be utilized beginning with the Fall Semester 2010 school year.
5. Finalists and the grantees will be selected by the Scholarship Committee of the Association.
6. The scholarship grantees will be announced at the annual meeting of the Association in ***May 2010.***

7. Scholarship funds will be forwarded to the school in installments of \$500 per semester if the student maintains a minimum of 2.5 cumulative GPA and completes enough credits to be a full-time student. In cases where the school reduces the student's financial aid by the amount of the scholarship, the funds will be forwarded to the PHA to be disbursed to the student.
8. The recipient of the awards must attend an accredited university, college, vocational, technical, or business school.
9. Scholarship recipients will be required to forward a transcript at the end of each semester, to the Scholarship Chairperson or to the housing authority's Scholarship Committee representative.
10. If a scholarship recipient's family moves out of public or assisted housing after the award has been made, the recipient shall be eligible to continue to receive funding provided other guidelines are met.

**APPLICATIONS AND OTHER REQUIRED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS
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AND/OR APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER**

MARCH 12, 2010

WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

By submitting this application, I authorize my high school to make available to the Scholarship Committee of the Virginia Association of Housing and Community Development Officials, information concerning my academic record and class ranking. It is understood that award of the scholarship shall be governed by any and all conditions established by the Association.

Applicant and parent or guardian understand and agree that submission of the applicant's application and subsequent photo(s) taken by VAHCDO will become the sole property of the Virginia Association of Housing and Community Development Officials (VAHCDO). VAHCDO shall have exclusive and full rights to copy, reproduce, and distribute the application and any subsequent photos in connections with its Scholarship contest. Applicant and parent or guardian further agree that the application and photos may be used in publications, including electronic publications, or in audiovisual presentations, promotional literature, advertising, or in other similar ways. Applicant and parent or guardian hereby release and discharge VAHCDO and any of its associated or affiliated companies, their directors, officers, agents, employees and customers, and appointed advertising agencies, their directors, officers, agents and employees from all claims of every kind on account of such use.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date

Signature of Parent(s) or Guardian(s): _____ Date

_____ Date

MAIL THIS APPLICATION WITH SUPPORTING TRANSCRIPTS AND LETTERS TO:

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