



2025

Scholarship Program

High School Student

Scholarship Applications for high school seniors living in public or assisted housing at a GAHRA member agency and SERC-NAHRO member.

**Applications are due to
GAHRA Scholarship Committee by:
February 28, 2025**

2025 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM EXPECTED AWARDS

ACADEMIC AWARDS

VOCATIONAL / TECHNICAL AWARDS

\$5,000.00 – GAHRA /SERC
\$3,000.00
\$1,000.00
\$1,000.00
\$1,000.00

\$2,000.00
\$1,000.00
\$1,000.00

The scholarships will be formally presented at GAHRA Spring Workshop May 11-13, 2025 Jekyll Island Convention Center. The scholarship recipient and one (1) parent/guardian will receive a ticket to the awards luncheon. All other guests must obtain award luncheon tickets payable by sponsoring agency prior to deadline for registration through GAHRA website.

The Scholarship Committee reserves the right to distribute amounts based on the number of applicants.



ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST

- **RESIDENT STATUS** – Applicant must be a current resident, with at least two (2) years of residency (not required to be consecutive), of federally assisted housing or as a recipient of assistance through the Community Development Block Grant Program and agency at which they reside must be a GAHRA & SERC- NAHRO member. Is in good standing with Housing Authority or Assistant Agency with No Lease Violations.
- **STUDENT STATUS** – Applicant must be a senior graduating from High School for the 2024-2025 school year. Student must have at least a 3.0 GPA to be considered for the scholarship. *Note: Current school counselor must complete and certify the Grade Point Average/ Test Scores Certification Form of this application.*

REQUIRED CHECKLIST

Applicants must submit the following documents to the Executive Director of your housing authority. *All documents must be typed with no exceptions.*

1. **APPLICATION** - Applications are available at your Housing Authority or Community Development Office. The application and all required materials must be submitted to your Executive Director or designee.
2. **VERIFICATION MATERIAL**
 - High School Transcript through December 31, 2024. You must provide an official copy of your high school transcript mail to the Scholarship Committee.
 - **Grade Point Average/Test Scores Certification SAT/ACT scores.** (must be completed by your school counselor).
 - **Submission Certification** (must be completed by your Executive Director)
3. **SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS** - Source and amount of other scholarship awards, received or pending.
4. **ESSAY** - You must submit a typewritten essay (350-500 words). Topic: How my Public Housing experience has influenced my life.
5. **THREE LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION** - Letters supporting the character, achievements, and advancement of applicant. One (1) letter must be a school official, and two (2) letters may be from employers, ministers, or anyone with significant knowledge of the applicant must be a NON-Family member.
6. **Sponsorship Letter** - The Executive Director of your Housing Authority or sponsoring agency must be an active member of GAHRA at the time of the application and they can only submit one academic (degree) and one technical/vocational (non-degree) application to the Scholarship Committee for the high school student award selection process.
7. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND SPONSORING AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES** - Application and supporting documents must be in typewritten English and submitted to Scholarship Chair in PDF format via email: michelleb@eastmanha.com or are before the established deadline. Application submission after the deadline will not be accepted. The Housing Authority must be an Active GAHRA member at the time the application is submitted.
 - The Executive Director is responsible for verifying all application requirements.
 - Applicants must be recommended by the Executive Director of the sponsoring housing authority in a signed letter by the Executive Director to be considered complete.
 - All application material must be received by GAHRA Scholarship appointee no later than the deadline of February 28, 2025.
 - Promotion of the scholarship program is the responsibility of the local Housing Authority.
 - All finalists will be interviewed virtually by Scholarship Committee. Invitation date and instructions will be emailed to the Executive Director and/or designee.
 - The sponsoring agency is responsible for ensuring applicants are equipped with the technology for virtual interviews at the authority are any means approved by Executive Director.



- The Executive Director must make a commitment to support all expenses for Award Luncheon and trip if their applicant(s) should be awarded a scholarship.
- The Executive Director must ensure all staff (not registered for the conference) providing transportation and attending the Award Luncheon and all guest of selected applicants for scholarship awards excluding One (1) guest and awardee is registered on the GAHRA Website.
- All applicants' official transcripts **Must be mailed to: GAHRA Scholarship Committee C/O Eastman Housing Authority, PO BOX 100, Eastman, GA 31023-0100.**
- ALL application materials and forms marked as required original must be received by GHARA Scholarship Committee no later than February 28, 2025.
- Each sponsoring agency may submit up to two (2) applications for either High School or Adult Students in any of the four (4) following combinations:

High School Academic
 High School Vocational/Technical
 Adult Academic
 Adult Vocational/Technical

Notes: One scholarship awarded per student. Only Two (2) awardees per housing authority and must be different categories . Awardee and parent/guardian of the High School student will be required to sign a Scholarship Agreement Contract prior to receiving scholarship.

Applications must be completed in their entirety. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

AWARD DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION

The scholarship fund will be administered by the GAHRA Scholarship committee. The money will be paid directly to the school that the recipient will be attending as a full-time student. The school will deposit the money into the student's account and may only be applied against for tuition, books, room and board fees and activities directly related to the student's education. If the student discontinues his or her education, the unused portion of the scholarship will be returned to GAHRA. In cases where the awardees institution of enrollment student fees is paid in full, and the institution of enrollment verifies payment in full for Fall and Spring semester the amount of the GAHRA Scholarship Award may be paid directly to the awardee.



List school(s) to which you have applied or plan to apply for admission:

<u>School</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Status of Application</u>
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Describe extracurricular school or community activities and achievements, which provide evidence of personal motivation and initiative. Example: High School or civic club activities, church activity, sports participation, work activity, family assistance, etc.

RELEASE:

By submitting this application, I hereby give my Housing Authority/Community Development Agency and the Georgia Association of Housing and Redevelopment Authorities, Inc. permission to use my name, image or likeness in matters relating to the promotion of this scholarship. In addition, I give them permission to review my tenant records with my sponsoring agency and/or contact my school office(s) concerning the validity of my application materials. I understand that if I submit false information on this application, I will be denied the scholarship without appeal. Furthermore, I understand that award of the scholarship shall be governed by any and all conditions established by the Committee.

Applicant: _____ / _____
Signature *Date*

Parent or Guardian: _____ / _____
Signature *Date*





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HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT 2025 APPLICATION

Certification Form Grade Point Average/Test Scores

Certification form must be completed in typewritten English by School Official. Due by *February 28, 2025. NO EXCEPTIONS.*

I certify that _____'s cumulative grade point average as of
Name of Student

December 31, 2024:

_____ / on a 100-point scale _____ / on a 4.00 scale

Other Scores / Test Results		
ACT	SAT	GHSGT Writing

Signature: _____ Date: _____
School Official

Title: _____

School: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Certified High School Transcript required. Must be mailed to: GAHRA Scholarship Committee C/O Eastman Housing Authority, PO BOX 100, Eastman, GA 31023-0100.





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HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT 2025 APPLICATION

Submission Certification Form

Submission Certification Form must be completed in typewritten English by Authority/Agency. Due by February 28, 2025. NO EXCEPTIONS.

The _____ hereby submits the following
Name of Housing Authority or Community Development Agency

applicant(s) for:

Academic Award - _____
Name of Student

Vocational/Technical Award - _____
Name of Student

I certify that the _____, will provide
Sponsoring Name of Housing Authority or Agency
technical equipment for applicant to be interviewed virtually by Scholarship Committee and will cover associated costs and coordinate travel arrangements if our applicant(s) is selected to receive a Scholarship Award at the GAHRA Spring Conference. I further certify that the housing authority is current on GAHRA dues and the housing authority is a GAHRA Member as of the deadline of the submission of the application.

The Sponsoring Housing Authority is responsible for the purchase of Scholarship Luncheon tickets prior to conference and must register to obtain badge and tickets for luncheon at the conference for all guest and staff that is not registered for the conference. GAHRA provides two (2) luncheon tickets. One (1) ticket for Awardee and One (1) Guest.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Executive Director

Housing Authority or Agency: _____

Address: _____ City _____, GA Zip _____

Staff Contact Phone #: _____ Email: _____





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Requirements Checklist

Application

- Complete Application (pages 4 and 5)
- Type of Scholarship applying (page 4)
- Signed by Student (page 5)
- Signed by Parent or Guardian (page 5)
- Essay (Typewritten 350-500 words page 2)

Backup Information

- Certification Form GPA/SAT/ACT completed and signed by School Official
- Official High School Transcript – Copy and Mailed
- Copy of SAT/ACT Scores
- Results of Georgia High School Graduation Tests (GHSGT)
- Three (3) Letters of Support (at least one (1) from a School Official)
- Submission Certification Form from Housing Authority Executive Director
- Sponsorship Letter from Housing Authority Executive Director
- Housing Authority or Community Development Program Current GAHRA Member.

