



2026

Scholarship Program

Adult Student

Scholarship Applications for adult students living in public or assisted housing at a GAHRA member agency and SERC-NAHRO member.

**Applications are due to the
Northeast GA Housing Authority
by February 24, 2026.**

2026 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM EXPECTED AWARDS

ACADEMIC AWARDS

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

VOCATIONAL / TECHNICAL AWARDS

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

The scholarships will be formally presented at GAHRA Spring Workshop May 19 -20, 2026 Jekyll Island Convention Center. The scholarship recipient and one (1) guest 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

1. **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.
2. **STUDENT STATUS** – To be eligible for as an Adult applicant you must be age 18 and up and who is a non-traditional student.
 - A non-traditional student is defined as a resident who has graduated from high school or received a GED at least one (1) year ago with delayed enrolling in college or technical school for at least one (1) year.
 - Must currently be enrolled in a full or part time undergraduate course of study at an accredited two (2) or four (4) year college, university, or vocational/technical school.

REQUIRED CHECKLIST

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

1. **APPLICATION** - Applications are available at your Housing Authority or on our Resident Services page at www.negahousingauthority.com.
2. **VERIFICATION MATERIAL**
 - Current, complete, official college or technical/vocational transcript of grades for all prior courses taken. If the applicant's high school graduation date is not printed on the college transcript, a copy of the high school transcript, high school diploma, or other documentation must be enclosed showing the high school graduation date.
 - Copy of SAT/ACT scores, if applicable.
 - Copy of College Placement Exam (CPE) score.
 - High school diploma or GED at least one (1) year prior.
 - Verification of enrolled in a full - or part-time undergraduate course of study at an accredited two- or four-year college, university, or vocational/technical school.
 - **Grade Point Average/Test Scores Certification SAT/ACT scores.**
 - **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. 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 adult student award selection process.

For question and submission please contact Northeast GA Housing Authority Resident Services at 706-886-9455 or email occupancy@negeorgiahousing.com.





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Requirements Checklist

Application

- Complete Application (pages 4 and 5)
- Type of Scholarship applying (page 4)
- Signed by Applicant (page 5)
- Essay (Typewritten 350-500 words page 2 & 5)

Support Information

- Documentation of High School Graduation Date or completion of GED
- GPA Certification Form completed and signed by School Official
- Transcript of any prior college or technical/vocational courses taken
- Copy of SAT/ACT Scores, if applicable
- Copy of College Placement Exam (CPE) Score
- Three Letters of Support
- Submission Certification from Housing Authority Executive Director or Community Development Program Director
- Sponsorship Letter from Housing Authority Executive Director or Community Development Program Director
- Housing Authority or Community Development Program Current GAHRA Member.





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ADULT STUDENT 2026 APPLICATION

Application must be completed in typewritten English.

Name:

First *Middle* *Last*

Current Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Date of Birth: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Years you have lived at present address: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Sponsoring Agency: _____

Sponsoring Agency's Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Agency Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Type of Scholarship applying for: Academic or Vocational/Technical

Type of Scholarship applying for: Academic or Vocational/Technical

Name of College or Technical School: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Classification: _____ Major: _____ GPA: _____

Expected Graduation Date:

Are you currently receiving financial aid? Yes No

What does the financial aid cover?

Please provide the source and amount:



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HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

Name of High School that you graduated from: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Graduation Date: _____

Graduation Equivalency Diploma (GED) Date: _____

Estimated Educational Expenses for the Academic Year beginning Fall 2026: _____
Please include tuition, fees, books, and supplies.

REQUIRED ESSAY

Please provide a typed written essay describing your reasons for attending college or technical school at this time in your life. In addition, please include any information that you feel would be helpful to the committee in selecting scholarship winners.

[Application will not be considered if essay is not attached.]

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 and 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 _____





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Certification Form Grade Point Average/Test Scores

Certification form must be completed in typewritten English by School Official. Due by *February 28, 2026. NO EXCEPTIONS.*

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

December 31, 2025:

_____ / 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.

