



2026

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
Northeast GA Housing Authority
by February 24, 2026.**

2026 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM EXPECTED AWARDS

ACADEMIC AWARDS

\$5,000.00 – GAHRA /SERC
\$3,000.00
\$1,000.00
\$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) 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 2025-2026 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 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**
 - High School Transcript through December 31, 2025. 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.

For questions and submissions please contact the 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 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 (GHS GT)
- ☐ 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.





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HIGH SCHOOL 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: _____

E-mail: _____

Years you have lived at present address: _____

Sponsoring Agency: _____

Sponsoring Agency's Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Agency Phone #: _____ Email: _____

High School which you expect to graduate Name, address, contact persons email:

Expected high school graduation date: _____

Type of Scholarship applying for:

☐ **Academic**

☐ **Vocational/Technical**

Other Scholarship Awards:

Source

Amount

Received / Pending



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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Certification Form Grade Point Average/Test Scores

Certification form must be completed in typewritten English by School Official.

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	GHSQT 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.

