



NYCHA-CUNY RESIDENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION

MAY 1 – JUNE 25, 2016

Introduction

The New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) is committed to supporting our residents by offering opportunities to further their education and make a difference for themselves, their families and their communities.

Established in 2005, The NYCHA-CUNY Resident Scholarship Program annually awards \$1,000 scholarships to qualifying public housing residents who are enrolled full-time at senior and community colleges of The City University of New York (CUNY).

The NYCHA-CUNY Resident Scholarship Program encourages residents to attend and remain in college by providing vital financial assistance that can be used to defray college-related expenses.

Eligibility Requirements

Scholarship applicants must:

- ✓ Be an authorized NYCHA resident
- ✓ Be a sophomore, junior or senior student enrolled full-time in a CUNY Associate or Baccalaureate degree program
- ✓ Have a minimum 3.0 GPA
- ✓ Submit a 500-word essay (See last page of application for essay question)

Application Process

Please review the following application instructions carefully. Incomplete application packages that do not meet the requirements will not be considered. If you have questions or need assistance, contact NYCHA's Resident Scholarship Program Manager at 718-218-1513 or via email at scholarships@nycha.nyc.gov.

Application packages can be downloaded from NYCHA's website: tinyurl.com/nychascholarships. Completed applications can be submitted to NYCHA by email or postal mail and must be **RECEIVED BY JUNE 25, 2016** to be considered.



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How to Submit an Application

Email:

scholarships@nycha.nyc.gov

Mail:

NYCHA-CUNY Resident Scholarship Program
Attn: Tischelle George / Office of REES
New York City Housing Authority
787 Atlantic Avenue, 2nd Floor
Brooklyn, NY 11238

Please do not drop off/ submit applications in person.

Documentation Requirements

All participants are required to submit the following as part of the application package:

- College transcript – (unofficial transcripts will be accepted)
- Resume of work experience and community service
- 500-word essay: (Essay must be typed, double-spaced – please include your name in the header and number all pages)

Essay Question: NYCHA and CUNY, as public institutions, are committed to helping low-income New Yorkers realize their full potential through higher education. As a member of both communities, we invite you to write an essay that describes how being a resident of public housing **AND** attending a CUNY college is helping you to achieve your professional goals. Your essay should not exceed 500 words.

Selection Process

The NYCHA-CUNY Resident Scholarship Program Selection Committee, which is comprised of representatives from NYCHA and CUNY, will review all application packages and select eligible applicants. Selection is based on scoring in three key areas:

- Completeness of application and supporting documents (5 point maximum)
- Extracurricular/Community Involvement (15 point maximum)



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- Essay (30 point maximum)

NYCHA residency and a Grade Point Average of 3.0 or higher will be verified at the time of selection.

Students who are selected as scholarship recipients will be notified during the summer of 2016. Scholarships will be awarded at a ceremony in September 2016.

Award Amount

Each scholarship recipient will receive an award of \$1,000.00 made payable to their college. Scholarships will be credited to the student's college account to satisfy any balance the student may owe. Any remaining monies may be paid to the student in the form of a refund. Scholarships may be distributed in two installments for fall and spring enrollment for continuing students. This is a one-time, non-renewable grant.

Questions

If you have questions or need assistance, visit NYCHA's website for a list of answers to Frequently Asked Questions, tinyurl.com/nychascholarships; call NYCHA's Resident Scholarship Program Manager, Tischelle George at 718-218-1513 or email scholarships@nycha.nyc.gov.



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PLEASE TYPE/PRINT ALL ANSWERS

First Name Middle Initial Last name

Address Apt. #

City State NY Zip

Home Phone Cell phone Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy)

E-mail address

How did you learn about this opportunity? (check all that apply):

- Email Facebook/Twitter, or other social media (specify)
Flyer/Poster
Word of Mouth
Other (specify)

Print the name of your NYCHA development

Brooklyn
Bronx Manhattan
Queens Staten Island

Name of NYCHA Lease Holder Relationship to Lease Holder

Gender: Male Female

Race/Ethnicity* (check all that apply):

- Alaskan Native Asian Black/African-American
American Indian Hispanic/Latino White/Caucasian
Pacific Islander Mixed Race/Other

*(Disclosing your race/ethnicity is optional and will not impact your application)





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EDUCATION BACKGROUND

CUNY College (Please select the name of your college)

Total number of credits
at time of application

Major and/or Minor

Cumulative Grade Point Average
(attach transcript)

AWARDS, HONORS, ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

List special honors received within the past two years (Deans List, awards, etc.)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

List any extra-curricular/community activities in which you are currently engaged (e.g., community programs, athletics, student government, Resident Green Committee, Resident Association, Parent Teacher Association, etc.)





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AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL ESSAY

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(Attach the essay to the application and include your name on each page of your essay.)

CERTIFICATION

I certify that all of the information I have provided in this application and in the supporting documents is true and accurate.

Print Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

