



Choice Neighborhood Initiatives Scholarship Program Guidelines

The Housing Authority of New Orleans announces the expanded **Choice Neighborhood Initiatives Scholarship Awards Program**. Under the Program, \$2,000 scholarships were previously awarded only to current and former (those displaced by Hurricane Katrina) Iberville/Bienville Basin residents and those living in the Choice Neighborhood Initiative (CNI) footprint (N. Broad St., So. Rampart, Tulane and St. Bernard). **The Scholarship is now open to ALL HANO assisted residents (Public Housing and HCVP/Section 8 Participants)**. Awardees must be a current high school senior in metro New Orleans, LA with plans to attend an accredited two or four year college/university or enroll in a trade or technical school. Residents that are interested in returning to or enrolling in college for the first time, or attending a trade school or technical college are also eligible to apply. Children of HANO employees living in Public Housing or participants in the HCVP are eligible to apply and should contact the Department of Client Services directly for more information. Awards will be provided directly to the school once enrollment is verified.

Available Scholarships:

\$2,000 scholarships are available for seniors attending any high school in New Orleans with plans to enroll in an accredited two or four year college or trade/technical school. Students must show acceptance letter. Awards will be provided once enrollment is verified.

\$2,000 scholarships are available to residents or working adults interested in re-enrolling in an accredited two or four year college or university in metro New Orleans.

Up to \$2,000 scholarships are available for residents interested in enrolling in trade or technical schools in the metro New Orleans area.

Awards will be made available for students currently enrolled in a program in need of further financial assistance.

Program Guidelines & Priorities:

* Seeking graduating seniors or residents/working adults interested in returning to or enrolling for the first time in an accredited two or four year college or technical school. Students currently enrolled in an eligible learning institution are also eligible to apply. Students and residents with a record of volunteerism in the community in non-school sponsored activities and participation in extracurricular school activities will be strongly considered.

* Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.5, and plan to attend a two or four year college or technical school.

* Scholarship funds will be paid **directly to the college** and not to the student. It will be the student's responsibility to submit to the Housing Authority of New Orleans at that time an invoice for second semester tuition and fees, student ID number and college information.

* Applicants must have the endorsement of their School Guidance Counselor (if applicable) on their application attesting they are a qualified for this scholarship program. Application deadline is **at least 60 days prior to** tuition due date and must be **received by the Department of Client Services**. Applications received after this date will be considered for the following enrollment period.

Mail or hand deliver one copy of a completed application package to:
(This includes application with signoff by School Guidance Department (if applicable),
essay, and resume or school transcript).

Housing Authority of New Orleans
c/ o Department of Client Services
4100 Touro St
New Orleans, LA 70122

Applications will be reviewed and recipients selected by a committee.

Applications may be obtained in the Department of Client Services. Please contact **Iris Conerly** by phone at 504.670.3434.

Please submit any questions to: Iconerly@hano.org



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please PRINT your answers in BLUE or BLACK INK			
1.	Last Name:	First Name:	
2.	Mailing Address Street: City: State: Zip:		
3.	Daytime Telephone Number: () Email Address:		
4.	Date of Birth: Month Day Year Gender:		
5.	Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (On a 4.0 scale) Attach proof of GPA. Your most recent school transcript is required.		
6.	Are you the first person in your family to go to college: YES ___ NO ___		
7.	Name and location of High School attending:		
8.	A. List any academic honors, awards and membership activities while in high school: B. List your hobbies, outside interests, extracurricular activities and school related volunteer activities: C. List your non-school sponsored volunteer activities in the community:		
9.	A. If you have decided on what college you will attend, please list school name: B. If not, list your top 3 college choices:		
10.	Is your <u>parent or legal guardian</u> an employee of HANO? Yes _____ No _____ If your answer is 'yes' please answer blocks A, B, C below. If your answer is 'no' go to item 13.)		
11.	A.	His/her full name:	
	B.	Name of Supervisor:	C.
			Department Name:
12.	Name & address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s): (Include address if different than your own listed in Question 2.) Name(s) : Street: City: State: Zip: Home phone of parents or legal guardians: Work phone:		

13. On a separate sheet please write an essay (250 - 500 words) answering the questions below:
Discuss in your essay any challenges or obstacles you have dealt with and overcome in life and how this will help you succeed in college and beyond.



STATEMENT OF ACCURACY FOR STUDENTS

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that if chosen as a scholarship winner my picture may be taken and used to promote the Housing Authority of New Orleans scholarship program. (Winner may waive photo due to unusual or compelling circumstances.)

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to the Housing Authority of New Orleans policy, it is my responsibility to remit to HANO the appropriate information for my scholarship to be paid directly to my educational institution.

I hereby understand I will not submit this application without all required attachments and supporting information. Incomplete applications or applications that do not meet eligibility criteria will not be considered for this scholarship.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT BY GUIDANCE COUNSELOR/ADVISOR

I hereby affirm that this application meets the criteria set forth by this scholarship program and that I support this application to the Housing Authority of New Orleans.

Name of Guidance Counselor/Advisor submitting the application: _____

High School: _____

Contact information (email and phone): _____

Signature of Guidance Counselor: _____ **Date:** _____

Checklist

- Application
- Essay
- Guidance Counselor signature
- School Transcript

MAIL COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKAGE TO THE FOUNDATION AT:

**Housing Authority of New Orleans
c/o Department of Client Services
4100 Touro St.
New Orleans, LA 70122**

REMINDER:

**Applications must be received by the Department of Client Services at least 60 days prior to tuition deadline.
NO EXCEPTIONS!**