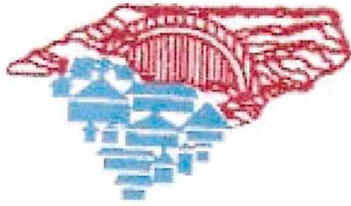


Carolinas Council of Housing Redevelopment & Codes Officials



To: All Executive Directors/Resident Initiatives Coordinators

From: Jaime Steen, South Carolina CCHRCO Scholarship Committee

Date: February 13, 2020

CCHRCO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to forward to everyone the guidelines and application for the 2020 year. This year we will be awarding the following scholarships:

- Five CCHRCO scholarships for \$1,000 per year for one year.
- One SERC scholarship for \$1,000 per year for one year.
- One SERC scholarship for \$1,500 per year for one year.

Please be sure to read all the guidelines and instructions carefully and submit only complete applications. All supporting documents must be submitted with the application in order to be considered. There are two certification statements one for CCHRCO and one for the NAHRO Merit Scholarship. One or two application will be selected to forward to NAHRO. Also, please do not forget your letter of sponsorship for the applications.

Incomplete applications will not be considered for competition.

Applications and supporting documents must be received no later than Thursday May 07, 2020 at the following address:

Jaime Steen
Housing Authority of Darlington
324 Bacote Street
Darlington, SC 29532

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at: (843)432-0859.
Email: jsteen@darlingtonha.org

Good luck to all!

2020 Carolinas Council Scholarship Program Guidelines

1. Purpose and Scope

It is intended that these guidelines cover the operation of the Carolinas Council Scholarship program. It is through this program that the Carolinas Council shall make available scholarship funding for the purpose of supporting and fostering the educational pursuits of deserving residents of assisted housing being administered or managed by a Public Housing Authority. It is recognized that this endeavor directly supports the shared objective of enhancing the mobility and improvement of residents of assisted housing.

2. Funding Amounts

Annual funding for the Scholarship Program shall be established by the two scholarship committees through the Carolinas Council budget process. The Scholarship Committees shall seek additional and alternative sources of funding with the approval of the Executive Committee.

3. State Eligibility

Each dues paid Public Housing Authority shall be eligible for participation in the scholarship program provided the Public Housing Authority indicates its willingness to adhere to adopted program guidelines.

4. Student Eligibility

It is the intent of the Scholarship Program to serve publicly assisted housing residents through member Public Housing Authorities. An eligible recipient must be an immediate member of a family who has resided in publicly assisted housing for a minimum of one uninterrupted year. The recipient must have occupied the home during this period.

5. Recipient Selection

The following will be accomplished at a minimum by the Carolinas Council:

- a. Fully promote the availability of the program;
- b. Establish a system of administration which uses a group designated as a state level scholarship committee,
- c. Judges candidates on the basis of academic achievement **GPA of 2.5 or higher**, extracurricular activities, need, and education/career goals;
- d. Does not discriminate in any way based on race, sex, age, or other factors not relevant to the basic program objectives.

6. Funding Method, Reporting and Maintenance of Eligibility

- a. Carolinas Council funding shall be utilized to provide annual support for selected students.

- b. In order to maintain eligibility, a recipient must maintain a passing grade acceptable to the university, college, vocational/technical or business school in which the recipient is enrolled.
- c. Only recognized, accredited institutions of higher education may be Utilized
- d. It is **suggested** that Public Housing Authorities encourage candidates to apply for scholarships.
- e. Each Scholarship Committee shall submit a Request for Scholarship Funding to the Secretary/Treasurer of the Carolinas Council. This shall normally be approximately 60 days prior to the commencement of Fall classes. The Scholarship Committee shall provide in this request a certification that a direct payment program through a named institution is or will be put in place (such arrangements are easily established with student financial aid offices).

7. Naming a Scholarship in Honor or Memory

When a person is nominated to and approved by the Board of Directors to be honored by naming a scholarship for him or her that it is for a one year, one time scholarship and that it be from the state the nominee is from. Any special presentation of this scholarship at the annual meeting will be coordinated on a case-by-case basis.

8. Publicity

Participating Public Housing Authorities shall agree to take appropriate steps to publicize the scholarship program at the local, state, and regional levels. Releases and progress reports should be provided to the SERCulator and the Cornerstone Newsletter.

General Conditions

1. In order to qualify for payment of the scholarship, the applicant must enroll in a one, two or more year course at a school of higher learning (college, university, trade school, nursing school, etc.) and the funds will be disbursed by that school. The funds may be used for tuition, books and/or room and board.
2. In the event the winner is not accepted at the designated school, or an acceptable alternate, or does not remain in school to utilize the full scholarship or part thereof, it or the remaining portion will be offered to the first runner-up and succeed down the line.

General Requirements

1. All required information shall be submitted in original with one (1) copy.
2. All required information may be handwritten or typed.
3. The following information material is **required**:
 - a. **One letter** from a school official, and may be from one of the following: 1) principal 2) teacher 3) guidance counselor.
 - b. **One letter** from the sponsoring Housing Authority outlining their reasons for selecting the applicant to compete for a scholarship
 - c. **Two letters** from your minister, employer, youth director, coach, or professional person such as a lawyer, businessman, etc.
 - d. **Certified copy** of current transcript from your High School or College.
 - e. **Essay** – Why is this scholarship essential to your future? Elaborate in up to two pages on your community involvement, engagement and service. Essays showcasing outstanding community service will be considered for additional financial awards.
 - f. **One photograph of the applicant** (suitable for publication)
NO PHOTOCOPIES

Scholarship Application

Date: _____

First Name: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____

Address:

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Social Security Number: _____

Which housing and or community development agency are you affiliated with?

Education History:

High School Graduate: ____ High School Senior: ____ GED Recipient: ____

Colleges Attended/ Dates Attended/ Hours Completed/ Degrees Received:

2020-2021 Education Plans:

What college, university, vocational, or post-secondary school do you plan to attend in 2020-2021 include city and state:

Current status?

Plan to apply: __ Applied but not yet accepted: __ Applied and accepted: __

Anticipated major or vocational goals:

Average length of program (2 year/4years, etc) _____

Estimated cost for entire 2020-2021 school year (include tuition, student fees, books and school supplies only): _____

Employer: _____

If you have participated in any extracurricular activities, received and Honors or Awards, **give a brief description with dates on a separate sheet of paper.**

Will you have other financial assistance to attend college? _____

If so, describe nature and source.

State occupation you plan to pursue. _____

All applications must be received no later than May 07, 2020

CERTIFICATION:

Print name: _____ **Date:** _____

By my signature, I agree to the following:

That the information I have given is true to the best of my knowledge.

To maintain satisfactory educational progress.

To keep CCHRCO informed of any changes in schools or enrollment status.

To provide, or respond to CCHRCO requests for, periodic updates on academic progress for the duration of the candidate's receipt of 2020-2021 scholarship funds.

To consent to the use of my profile, progress, and testimonial, by CCHRCO and its subsidiaries, for marketing and fundraising purposes.

To authorize the office of financial aid to release my grades and pertinent information to CCHRCO.

To authorize the release of my contact information to contractor for the college program (if funded).

Signature

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Name: _____

Date: ____/____/____
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