

## **CATEGORY 3- RESIDENT/PARTICIPANT HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD APPLICATION FORM**

*The Southwest Regional Council NAHRO Scholarship Program provides scholarship opportunities to families that reside in, work with, or who otherwise receive housing benefits from one of the member agencies of the Council. The SWRC NAHRO annually awards scholarships totaling more than \$10,000.00. Scholarship awards are available to public housing residents, participants in rental assistance or similar programs, both heads of household and other family members, and children of staff working for a member agency.*

Scholarship Application with accompanying documentation and information must be submitted directly to:

**Southwest NAHRO Scholarship Program  
2375 Rodgers Rd.  
Olney, TX 76374**

*For questions or information contact:*

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**APPLICATION DEADLINE: Thursday, March 15, 2012**

**Category 3- Resident/Participant Head of Household:** Scholarships are available for heads of household who have been residents of a housing agency or program participants for at least 12 months prior to the application deadline, and who intend to start or are already attending college. The Sam McKay Memorial Commissioners Scholarship in the amount of \$750, plus a one year \$500 scholarship in honor of the sitting president of Southwest NAHRO are available in this category. *Actual amount will vary according to the number of students applying and funds available.*

The scholarships have been established by the membership of Southwest NAHRO to provide the opportunity for students associated with public assisted housing to take advantage of post high school educational opportunities that otherwise may not be possible. Any unused portion of a scholarship may, at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee, be awarded a student exhibiting outstanding accomplishment.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

1. The applicant and their family must reside or receive direct housing benefits for at least 12 months prior to the application deadline through any housing program administered by any agency that is a member in good standing of Southwest NAHRO.
2. Applications submitted that are not in accordance with the instructions will not be considered for judging.

***The program is competitive and awards are based on academic achievement, extra curricular activities, family need and community involvement.***

### **Scholarship Payments:**

In an attempt to expedite scholarship payments, eliminate lost payments, and to make a greater impact on the students as to who is providing the scholarship funds, SWNAHRO has established specific scholarship payment procedures. For one-year scholarship recipients, the program coordinator will obtain enrollment information from the student; after which a check in the scholarship amount will be mailed to the housing authority that sponsored the student. The agency is then asked to make the presentation of the check to the student and his or her family at a Board Meeting or some other appropriate event.

**Certification:** The housing agency must certify that the applicant is a resident of the agency. The agency must also certify that it is a member in good standing of SWRC NAHRO.

**Definitions** A head of household (Category 3) applicant is the head of a resident family who has lived in a public housing development for at least twelve months prior to the application date.

### **Scholarship Categories**

- I. **Category 3 - Scholarship for Resident Family Head of Household - \$1,250 Total as follows:**
- a) 1 - \$750 One-year Sam McKay Memorial Commissioners' Scholarship to a resident Head of Household whether starting or already in college.
  - b) 1 - \$500 scholarship in honor of the sitting president of Southwest NAHRO to a resident Head of Household whether starting or already in college.

***If there are not enough qualified applicants in any one category, the funds from that category will be transferred to other categories that have more qualified applicants. The judging and application forms will be the same in all categories and the students will compete against one another for the top award.***

### **POINT SYSTEM FOR EVALUATION OF CATEGORY 3 RESIDENT/PARTICIPANT HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD SCHOLARSHIP**

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
Grades (Completed by Committee Chairman) if applicable	50
Community Activities	75
Essay	100
Financial need	100
Overall	25
<b>Total Available Points</b>	<b>350</b>

### **JUDGING**

a) Scholarship applications will be evaluated and judged on two levels. The Committee Chair will review grade point averages and determine the point total for grades and ACT scores. A panel of judges representing the States in the Region will evaluate the students' academic achievements, extra-curricular and community activity involvement. The panel of judges will also score the essay, financial need, and determine the overall performance.

b) In judging the scholarship applications the judges should consider all aspects of the application that may have an impact on each judging category. One would perhaps consider an applicant's part-time and/or after school job record (with private enterprise business) as a possible balancing value for an outstanding student who worked instead of participated in extra-curricular activities. Non-government jobs should only be considered because they are rarely political and a reflect a student's self-determination as compared to say a JTPA or CETA job, which often has political attachments.

c) The letters of recommendation submitted by each student should be considered in the evaluation of the extra-curricular activities as well as the community activities. Emphasis in evaluation of the letters should be given to the position of the writer, the obvious familiarity (or lack thereof) of the writer with the student themselves, and the overall quality of the recommendation. One needs to separate the good intentions of the writer from the quality and validity of the recommendation.

d) The general overall performance evaluation is the “gut feeling” of the judge with regard to the excellence of the student. A general review of transcripts and ACT scores should be included in this evaluation.

## **SUBMISSION**

**Completed applications and essay should be mailed to:**

**Southwest NAHRO Scholarship Program  
2375 Rodgers Rd.  
Olney, TX 76374**

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APPLICATION FORM**

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: M \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Housing Agency and City: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: M \_\_\_\_\_ D \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_ Number of children at home & ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Currently in school? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, what level \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Major(s) will pursue, or are pursuing: \_\_\_\_\_

College or Vocational School you plan to attend, or are attending: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are not presently in school, please provide information about when you plan to start school, including what steps that you have taken to become eligible, and what other resources you may have available to you including scholarships and the amount of each:

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List your academic accomplishments, extra-curricular activities, (e.g. awards, honor societies):

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List the community activities in which you have taken part (e.g. church groups, community service organizations, etc.):

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**List job history including dates and places of employment:**

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**List hobbies and any special interests:**

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**List two personal references (name, addresses, and phone number):**

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**Provide information on any special circumstances about yourself or your family.**

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*Use additional sheets if more room is required.*

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**Applicants must include the following additional materials:**

1. Attach two letters of recommendation from community leaders such as teachers, coaches, church leaders, employers, etc. (adults that know you well and can attest to your character, work habits, etc.)
2. Submit an official (stamped or signed) current transcript if in school.
3. Applications must write an essay of 500 words or less on why he or she has chosen to pursue the area of study chosen, and what influenced the applicant's choice of that area of study.

**ESSAYS MUST BE TYPED**

4. A photograph to be used in a slide show presentation if selected.

**MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE CEO/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/ADMINISTRATOR**

*I hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_ (applicant name) is and has been a resident or participant in good standing in the \_\_\_\_\_ (list one: public housing, section 8, other) housing program administered by this agency since \_\_\_\_\_ (date). I also certify that the family income information below is accurate as of the last family certification on file and is equal to or less than HUD's "low income" limit for the family size and locality.*

Number of children in family living at home: \_\_\_\_\_ Single Parent Household: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Total Household Income:

\_\_\_\_\_ 0-\$15,000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$15,001- \$30,000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$30,001-\$45,000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$45,001 & above

**AGENCY CERTIFICATION**

*I hereby certify that this agency is a member in good standing of the \_\_\_\_\_ (state)  
Chapter NAHRO and Southwest NAHRO.*

Agency \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Executive Director \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Agency \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of CEO/Executive Director/Administrator

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS**

**All applications for the 2012 Scholarship Program MUST be postmarked no later than March 15, 2012.**