

IMPORTANT SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION FOR ALL APPLICANTS

Give a copy of this to each applicant.

Who can apply for the LHC scholarship?

Residents - High School Seniors graduating this school year

Head of Household residents either already in school or committed to starting

Children of Employees – High School Seniors graduating this school year

Who can apply for the Southwest NAHRO scholarship?

Residents – same as LHC

Children of Employees – in addition to high school seniors, those children already in a post-secondary program such as college or a vocational-technical school can apply

The two applications are similar, but different. The essay questions may be different also.

They are in PDF form and can be completed on-line and printed or printed first and completed by hand.

Eligibility requirements and applications for **LHC scholarships** can be found at www.lanahro.org and are due **February 15, 2012**. Make sure it is the 2012 application.

Eligibility requirements and applications for **Southwest NAHRO scholarships** can also be found at www.lanahro.org or at www.swnahro.org and are due **March 15, 2012**. Make sure it is the 2012 application.

Complete both applications at the same time.

Get 2 copies of everything: transcript, ACT scores, and recommendations

Ask each reference (including the agency ED) for 2 copies of the recommendation addressing both to: NAHRO Scholarship Committee

Suggested Timeline:

September – if you meet the requirements, download both apps and complete them

Get the agency certification completed. It must be signed & dated by the agency ED/Administrator.

Make a copy of your ACT test scores.

October – request the 2 references and the ED reference – give them from 2 weeks to a month if needed, but get them now and keep them safe

October to November – Complete both essays, take time, do your best work, review & edit as needed

December – review apps - add anything new or that you forgot to write originally

January – request complete transcript including grades through the first semester of your senior year (allow at least a week for your school to get those to you after being requested) Attach a copy of your ACT test scores if they are not on your transcript. For Heads of Household request your latest complete transcript.

Check to see that you have included everything required and mail your application.

If an applicant can qualify in both the resident and child of staff categories, he/she has a better chance of being awarded in the resident category. More scholarships are awarded in the resident category than in the child of staff category. An applicant will not be awarded a scholarship in both categories. This applies to both the LHC and the Southwest scholarships. If you qualify in both the resident and child of staff categories and you have questions about this please contact me.

Contact your agency for help with this process if needed. They have access to the applications and may be able to help with the mailing of the applications.

I will be glad to answer any questions you may have.

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