



2026 LOUISIANA HOUSING COUNCIL NAHRO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Nontraditional Program

Scholarships for high school seniors living in public or assisted housing at an LHC member agency. Scholarships will be awarded for the Fall 2026 academic term. Verification of which must be received by September 15th 2026.

Applications are due to the LHC Scholarship Committee by March 13, 2026. No Exceptions.

LHC Scholarship Program

The Louisiana Housing Council NAHRO Annual Scholarship Program provides scholarship opportunities to resident high school seniors living in public or assisted housing at an LHC member agency. This scholarship is for nontraditional students or students in a nontraditional program. Two, one-year scholarships, may be awarded. The scholarships have been established by the LHC to provide the opportunity for students associated with public assisted housing to take advantage of post high school educational opportunities that otherwise might not be possible. The program is competitive and awards are based on academic achievement, extracurricular activities, and community involvement. All scholarship funds will go directly to the student.

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Requirement Checklist

Submit the following documents. Please do not fold or staple documents.

☐ **1. APPLICATION**

Include the printed application in the materials that you submit to your Executive Director.

☐ **2. VERIFICATION PAGE**

- **Grade Point Average Verification** (must be completed by school counselor)
- **Certification** (sign this portion of the document before submitting to your Executive Director.

☐ **3. SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT**

You must submit an original and official copy of your GED or high school transcript

☐ **4. ACT SCORES**

You must submit an original and official copy of your ACT scores, if available.

☐ **5. THREE LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

- You must submit a letter of recommendation from the Executive Director, Administrator, or other agency representative.
- You must submit a letter of recommendation from one teacher or guidance counselor.
- You must submit a letter of recommendation from one personal, non-family individual.

☐ **6. ESSAY**

You must submit a doubled space typewritten essay in English addressing, the following topic: The world is ever so changing and with it comes new challenges: social and economic pressures that sometimes may interfere with you reaching your goal(s).

- a. Tell us your approach in dealing with change, crises, and added responsibilities;
- OR**
- b. Tell us about an experience where you have been successful in overcoming an obstacle. (350-500 words)

☐ **7. TWO PHOTAGRAPHS (Headshots)**

You must submit 2 original headshot photographs with your name written on the back of each.

(Note: applicants are allowing LHC use of their photographs unless he/she states otherwise in writing).

☐ **8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RESPONSIBILITIES**

- a. Student must be recommended by the Executive Director of the housing in a letter signed by the Executive Director for the application to be considered complete.
- b. The Executive Director is responsible for verifying all application requirements.

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- c. Deadline – All application materials must be received by LHC NAHRO – Scholarship Committee by **March 13, 2026**. Faxed or emailed applications will not be accepted.

Eligibility Requirement

Please complete checklist. Please do not fold or staple documents.

- ☐ STATUS – Applicant must be a high school senior and reside in an LHC member agency. Public housing residents, Section 8 participants or other low-income housing residents are eligible, as long as the agency at which they reside is in good standing of the Louisiana Housing Council-NAHRO.
- ☐ MINIMUM GRADE POINT AVERAGE – Student must have at least a “B” average on his/her schools’ applicable scale during his/her high school career, cumulatively, to be considered for the scholarship. **Note: School counselor must complete the Grade Point Average Verification form on the verification page of this application.**
- ☐ FINANCIAL NEED – Applicant must exhibit circumstances indicating financial need.

Verification Page

GRADE POINT AVERAGE VERIFICATION

(Must be completed by school counselor)

Name of School _____

Counselor Name _____ Phone _____

Type of Grading Scale used by school (ex. 4 pt., 6 pt., 100 pt., etc.) _____

Please convert GPA to 4.0 scale or 100 pt. system when completing the section below:

9th Grade _____ 10th Grade _____ Cumulative GPA _____

12 Grade _____ 11th Grade _____

The student’s official and original transcript must also be submitted with the application.

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AGENCY CERTIFICATION

(Must be signed by student and Executive Director)

Executive Director: Please verify all information is provided. Incomplete applications will be rejected.

I certify that _____ (applicant name) has been a resident or participant since _____ (date) in the [check one] ☐ Public Housing, ☐ Section 8, or ☐ _____ Housing program administered by this agency. I further certify the application is complete and contains all items from the "Requirement Checklist".

Signature (ED or representative)

Signature (Student)

Date _____

Date _____

All correspondence with this Agency should be directed to:

Name of Agency _____

Name of Agency Contact _____

Phone Number _____

Agency Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Agency E-mail address _____

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2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

E-mail _____

Grade in School _____ Graduation Date _____

What are your desired Academic Majors(s) (if any) _____

To which college(s) have you applied? _____

To which college(s) have you been accepted? _____

List of Scholarship and Grants awarded and amount of each:

Summarize your academic achievements (i.e. scholarships, awards, etc.):

List Extracurricular school activities in which you are currently participating (i.e. clubs, teams, etc.)

List the community activities in which you are currently participating (i.e. church, community services, etc.)

List any extracurricular and community activities in which you have participated in the past:

List any hobbies or special interests:

Indicate any jobs which you are holding or have held in the past:

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