

2020 Scholarship Application

The Rural Rental Housing Association Scholarship Fund, Inc. will award up to five (5) scholarships. Scholarship amounts will be determined by the Scholarship Committee. Each scholarship will be a one-time scholarship for educational expenses, with the recipient being eligible to re-apply annually as long as the requirements are met.

Applicants Must:

- Be a candidate for high school graduation, or in the past five years earned a high school diploma or equivalent;
- Be accepted at, or enrolled, as a full-time under-graduate student at an accredited 2 or 4 year college, university, or as a full-time student at an accredited vocational educational school;
- Currently reside (or parent, if applicant is in college) in a Texas RRHA-member property;
- Be a United States citizen or permanent legal resident;
- Demonstrate scholastic achievement; and
- Demonstrate financial need.

Scholarship Recipients Expectations:

If you are selected as one of the scholarship winners, the Rural Rental Housing Association Scholarship Fund, Inc. will provide 50% of the scholarship amount over 2 semesters to assist you in paying for expenses related to your enrollment at the accredited school. Pursuant to the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code §117(b), the funds you receive from the Scholarship Program must be used:

- to pay tuition and fees required for enrollment at an educational institution; or
- to pay for fees, books, supplies and equipment required for courses of instruction at such educational institution.

In addition, you will be required to agree:

- That any funds not expended or committed for the purposes of the scholarship set forth above will be returned to the Rural Rental Housing Association Scholarship Fund, Inc.;
- By January 1st and June 1st of each year, you will submit evidence of continuing eligibility, including evidence of tuition billing/payment at the accredited college, university, vocational or trade school for the term for which the scholarship is awarded.
- Evidence of continuing eligibility must include a grade report showing that a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0 each semester was maintained, while taking at least 12 credits. If, in any semester, you do not maintain this standard, then the Rural Rental Housing Association Scholarship Fund, Inc. may terminate the scholarship or may, in its sole discretion, place you on probation for one semester. In such case, failure to achieve this standard in the next applicable semester will result in termination of the scholarship.

Completed applications only will be considered if received by the Scholarship Foundation **on or before the deadline of March 15, 2020.** Please be sure to:

1. Submit only completed applications. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
2. Clearly label all application attachments with applicant name and information, and submit electronically with the application.
3. Send all supporting documents, including academic transcripts and letters of recommendations, to the Rural Rental Housing Association Scholarship Fund, Inc.
4. ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION IS PREFERRED. Please submit all application materials via email to office@rrhatx.com. Official test scores, transcripts, and letters of recommendations may be mailed to the Rural Rental Housing Association Scholarship Fund, Inc. office and must be received by the application deadline.

SUBMISSION ADDRESSES

E-mail: **office@rrhatx.com**

Mailing Address: **Rural Rental Housing Association Scholarship Fund, Inc.
2 North 9th Street, Suite B
Temple, TX 76501**

Note: All decisions concerning selection of scholarship recipients are made by the Scholarship Committee with the help of RRHA of Texas staff members, who are solely responsible for the final selections and the awards of scholarships to individuals so selected. The Scholarship Fund prohibits the awarding of any scholarship to a relative of any member of the Scholarship Selection Committee and, further, prohibits giving consideration of any such award. "Relatives" include ancestors, spouses, siblings, children and the spouses, siblings and children of such individuals. Adopted children and stepchildren are included in this definition.

The information below must be fully completed in order for your application to be considered by the Scholarship Selection Committee. Please ensure that you either e-mail or mail all appropriate documentation to the Scholarship Foundation in order for it to be received by the application deadline date of **March 15, 2020**.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name: _____
Last *First* *Middle*

Address: _____
Street Address *Apartment or Unit Number*

_____ *City* *State* *Zip Code*

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____ Date of Birth: _____

RRHA of TEXAS MEMBER HOUSING INFORMATION

(TO BE COMPLETED BY PROPERTY MANAGER)

Name of RRHA of Texas Member Property: _____

Length of Time Applicant in RRHA of Texas Member Property: _____

Property Manager's Name and Phone Number: _____

Name of RRHA of Texas Member Management Company/Owner: _____

It is the responsibility of the management company/owner or their representative to ensure the scholarship applicant's full-time enrollment at an educational institution does not violate any federal regulations governing the funding programs used by the property. By signing this, I have reviewed the appropriate regulations and there is no conflict with this application.

Signed: _____ Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Type a two-page statement/essay using the following subject:

“Describe your education/career goals and the role this scholarship would play in the achievement of these goals?”

CURRENT SCHOOL & TEST INFORMATION

High School
Or College:

Name

City

State

Anticipated
Graduation Date: _____

Type of
Diploma/Degree: _____

GPA*: High School = _____

College = _____

Send your **official transcripts to the Scholarship Foundation. If currently enrolled in college, write both your high school and college GPA scores in the space provided, and forward official transcripts for both. In the space provided, please indicate your GPA scale.
Examples: 4.0 scale: 4=A, 3=B, 2=C
100 scale: 100=A, 90=B, 80=C
5.0 scale: 5=highest proficiency, 3=proficient*

ACT and/or SAT*: _____

Send your **official scores to the Scholarship Foundation. You may send one or both scores. If you have not yet taken either test, please write the date when you will take the test and have the scores forwarded as soon as possible.*

PLEASE NOTE: The Personal Statement/Essay, GPA, and Test Scores may count toward as much as 75% of the determining factors during the selection process.

COLLEGE GOALS

Please list all colleges/universities/vocational schools to which you have applied.

Which one do you plan to attend? What do you plan to study?

Include copy of acceptance letter and/or proof of enrollment.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Two or more letters of recommendation should be submitted with application. At least one should be professional (e.g., employer, school official, etc.) and at least one personal (e.g., coach, pastor, etc.). **NO FAMILY MEMBERS.**

The number and quality of recommendations are determining factors for scholarship selection.

Below, list the names of the recommenders. If necessary, include additional sheets using the format below:

1. _____
Name *Title* *Relationship*

2. _____
Name *Title* *Relationship*

3. _____
Name *Title* *Relationship*

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Attach a statement/letter of financial need.

This statement will be used as one of the determining factors for scholarship selection.

SIGNATURE*

I hereby certify that all information and supporting documentation are true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any knowingly false information may disqualify me from consideration for any RRHA scholarship, or be grounds for an offered scholarship to be rescinded.

If I am chosen as a RRHA Scholarship recipient, I also grant permission for the Rural Rental Housing Association Scholarship Fund, Inc. to reprint my personal statement/essay for use at the RRHA of Texas Annual Meeting. I additionally grant the use of my likeness by RRHA and the Rural Rental Housing Association Scholarship Fund, Inc. to promote and market the RRHA Scholarships.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

*** ELECTRONIC TRANSMITTAL:** *Electronic transmittal of application and supporting documentation to the Rural Rental Housing Association Scholarship Fund, Inc. is certification that all information and supporting documentation are true to the best of your knowledge. In addition, transmittal provides your agreement that any knowingly false information may disqualify you from consideration for a RRHA scholarship, or be grounds for an offered scholarship to be rescinded. Actual electronic transmittal will be used as an electronic signature and date. Application and all required supporting documentation must be received by the Scholarship Fund by the Application Deadline of March 15, 2020, to be considered.*

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Before submitting, ensure that your application is complete.

Applications with missing documentation will NOT be considered by the Scholarship Selection Committee.

- Application – Every section has been completed**

- Property Manager has completed section on page 1**

- Personal Statement/Essay – Ensure the essay conforms to the subject as described on page 1**

- Official school GPA transcript**

- Official SAT and/or SAT transcript**

- Letters of Recommendation – Personal AND Professional (the more the better)**

- Statement of Financial Need**

- Application Signed**

If you have any questions, please contact the RRHA Texas office at office@rrhatx.com or 254-778-6111.