

# 2026 Scholarship Application Overview

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 \$500/semester for up to 8 semesters depending upon the amount of your award 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.
- Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) ... Applicants must submit **original** work for all essay responses. The use of AI-generated or AI-assisted writing tools (such as ChatGPT or similar programs) is **not permitted**. Essays will be reviewed for authenticity, and applications found to include AI-generated content may be disqualified.

Completed applications only will be considered if received by the Scholarship Foundation on or before the deadline of MARCH 15, 2026. 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. Email all supporting documents, including academic transcripts and letters of recommendations, to **office@rrhatx.com**.
4. **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 ELECTRONICALLY by the application deadline of MARCH 15, 2026, to be considered.

**ONLY ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED.**

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**EMAIL / SUBMISSION ADDRESS** - office@rrhatx.com

*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 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 EMAIL all appropriate documentation to **office@rrhatx.com** by the application deadline of MARCH 15, 2026.**

# 2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

## 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 has lived 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?”**

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## 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. At the discretion of the Selection Committee, a VIRTUAL INTERVIEW may also be required of the applicant.**

## 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.**

## **2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION, *continued***

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

List all Extracurricular Activities (school and community) in which you have participated in the past four years.

List all leadership positions and offices held. Check academic years during which you participated.

If necessary, include additional sheets, using the format shown below.

## AWARDS AND HONORS

List all Awards and Honors which you have received in the past four years.

If necessary, include additional sheets, using the format shown below.

NAME OF AWARD/HONOR	DESCRIPTION OF AWARD/HONOR	DATE RECEIVED

# 2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION, continued

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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# 2026 SCHOLARSHIP 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 of the Application**
- Personal Statement/Essay – Ensure the essay conforms to the subject as described on Page 1 of the Application**
- Official school GPA transcript**
- Letters of Recommendation – Personal AND Professional (the more the better).  
NO FAMILY MEMBERS**
- Statement of Financial Need**
- Application Signed and Dated**

If you have any questions, please contact the RRHA Texas office at [office@rrhatx.com](mailto:office@rrhatx.com) or 254-778-6111.