

***National Leased Housing Association Education Fund
Neil Churchill Memorial Scholarship***

A true Section 8 advocate, Neil Churchill served at HUD working with the state agencies that were financing the program. In the private sector he was a developer, bond underwriter and FHA specialist. Before his death in 2003 he served as a Vice President with GMAC and was a past President of NLHA. Neil's entire career was devoted to affordable housing.

Goal: *To establish a scholarship program to benefit a graduating senior or current undergraduate student in a non-discriminatory way allowing them opportunity to pursue a higher education.*

Process: *The Board of Directors shall appoint a committee to review applications for this scholarship and make recommendations based upon the Scholarship Criteria. Funds will be paid directly to the institution of higher learning and may be used for tuition, books, room and board and activities directly relating to the student's education. Scholarship announcements will be made at the annual meeting held each June.*

Scholarship Criteria:

**Current resident of affordable housing meaning the resident family must have been income qualified to move onto the property or receiving rental assistance through a recognized Federal housing program (Section 8, Rent Supplement, Rental Assistance Payments, or Low Income Housing Tax Credit program).*

**US citizen or legal permanent resident of the United States with a valid Social Security Number to be provided if/when an applicant receives an award.*

**Graduating senior or student already enrolled in an accredited undergraduate program*

**GED recipient enrolling in an accredited undergraduate program*

**Acceptance for full or part-time programs with a minimum class schedule of 3 classes*

**Minimum grade point average of 3.0*

**Demonstrated sound community leadership through volunteer work at school or in the community*

INSTRUCTIONS:

The Neil Churchill Memorial scholarship is directed to residents of Section 8 or other federally assisted housing to assist high school seniors or current undergraduates with college tuition that demonstrate both need and merit.

All materials must be postmarked by February 9, 2009 or earlier. Please do not Fax or Email materials, as they cannot be accepted. Please keep a copy of your application for your records.

Applications should be sent to:

**Education Investment Foundation
818 S. Flores
San Antonio, TX 78204**

Eligibility and Instructions:

The NLHA Education Fund is committed to helping residents of affordable housing access scholarship funds for admissions to secondary institutions. To be eligible an applicant must currently reside in a federally assisted rental housing property or be a member of a family receiving rental subsidy through the Section 8 voucher program. They must also be accepted and plan to attend in the fall semester of 2009 enrolling in a minimum of 3 classes. Applicants need to:

1. Complete the attached application form.
2. Provide a one-page essay on what education means to your future.
3. Provide two (2) letters of recommendation from teacher(s) or guidance counselor in sealed and signed envelopes.
4. Provide copies of their official transcripts indicating their GPA and date of graduation.
5. Provide letter from a non-relative confirming their participation as a volunteer either at school or within the community.
6. Provide letter from the owner or property manager confirming their residence in a federally assisted housing property or a letter from the housing agency confirming their receipt of Section 8 voucher assistance.
7. Provide proof of citizenship or legal status.

Neil Churchill Memorial Scholarship Application
(please do not fold or staple documents)

Application Due Date: February 9, 2009. Send to NLHA Education Fund, 1900 L Street, NW Suite 300, Washington, DC 20036

Name: _____ Phone Number _____

Address: _____
Street City/Town State Zip

GPA _____ SAT/ACT score _____ Graduation Date _____

Focus of Study _____

What colleges have you applied and been accepted to: _____

Identify any awards, scholarships or special achievements received within the last 5 years:

List extracurricular activities and after school responsibilities: _____

List community activities you have participated in within last 5 years: _____

List any special interests you may have: _____

Indicate any jobs (with dates) which you are or have held within last 5 years: _____

Please provide any other information that you think would be of interest to the NLHA Education Fund when considering your application:

Signed: _____

Date: _____