



# Texas NAHRO

## 2009 Scholarship Application

**Deadline: Must be postmarked by Friday, February 9, 2009**

Applications postmarked after that date will not be considered.

The Texas Chapter of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (TXNAHRO) is a professional membership organization consisting of agencies and individuals who administer housing and community development in the state of Texas. NAHRO is the leading housing and community development advocate for the provision of adequate and affordable housing and strong, viable communities for all Americans, particularly those with low and moderate incomes.

TXNAHRO provides annual scholarships each year to deserving students, graduating from high school, whose families are public housing residents or section 8 clients.

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants for TXNAHRO Scholarships must:

1. Be a resident of public housing or a participant in the Section 8 program.
2. Be a graduating high school senior. (You can not have graduated in the previous year or be in college already for this scholarship. It is intended to help high school seniors get started in college.)
3. Demonstrate exceptional school attendance.
4. Demonstrate high academic achievement.
5. Demonstrate leadership and/or high level of motivation.
6. Be a resident or client of a Housing Authority/ CD agency that is a member in good standing with TXNAHRO.

### APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

Applicant must submit a packet consisting of an original and six (6) copies of the following information. **INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED—THEY WILL BE REJECTED.**

Make sure your application packet has six copies of the following items:

- Scholarship application form.
- Housing Agency Certification signed by the Executive Director. (see next page)
- Transcript or certified copy of grades with grade point average.
- TWO letters of recommendation; one from a community leader and one from a high school instructor.

### SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:

**An original and six (6) copies** of your Texas NAHRO Scholarship Application packet must be delivered or postmarked by **Friday, February 9, 2009**. Absolutely **NO FAXED APPLICATIONS** accepted. Please send to:

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

**PLEASE NOTE: IF THE APPLICATION DOES NOT CONTAIN ALL THE ITEMS LISTED ABOVE OR DOES NOT HAVE SIX COPIES OF ALL THE DOCUMENTS—IT WILL BE REJECTED.**



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## Local Public Housing Authority Certification (this must accompany the scholarship application)

Your local housing authority should provide assistance in completing your application.

Examples of assistance include:

- ✓ Making copies of the application packet
- ✓ Providing postage
- ✓ Providing one of the recommendations

The public housing authority **MUST** certify that any scholarship applicant is an eligible public housing resident or a participant in the Section 8 Program. To be eligible to receive a scholarship, the student's family income cannot exceed HUD's low-income limit for that family size. The housing agency must also be a member in good standing of the Texas Chapter of NAHRO.

The required certifications are below. **The certification form must be included with the application packet submitted by each student.**

If you have any questions, please contact the Texas NAHRO at 800/617-2900.

### Texas Chapter of NAHRO Scholarship Housing Agency Certification

I hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_ (applicant name) is a resident or participant in:

Public Housing or the  Section 8 Program (check one);

administered by this Agency. The Agency is also a member in good standing of the Texas Chapter of NAHRO.

Housing Agency Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Executive Director \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



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## 2009 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

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### SECTION I – PERSONAL:

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone#: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

### SECTION II – TXNAHRO MEMBER AGENCY:

Agency Name and City: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Contact Name for questions about this application: \_\_\_\_\_

### SECTION III ACADEMIC: (Applicant must be a Graduating High School senior)

Name of school currently attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_

### SECTION IV POST SECONDARY SCHOOL/ COLLEGE INFORMATION:

College/ University/ Vocational or post Secondary School you plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated College major or vocational goal: \_\_\_\_\_ Length of program: \_\_\_\_\_

### SECTION V – OTHER INFORMATION:

Honors Received (Academic, sports, community service, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Extracurricular activities you have participated in during high school (i.e. band, clubs, drill team, athletics, thespians, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Community activities in which you have participated (i.e. church groups, community service organizations): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Employment (Full, part-time or summer jobs held during high school – give job title, length of employment, responsibilities & Name and phone number of employer): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

List Hobbies or Special Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### SECTION VI – ESSAY QUESTIONS: (All applicants must complete each question in 125 words or less. Use additional page.)

Please describe your goals for the next four years: \_\_\_\_\_

Tell us why you are applying for this scholarship: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe why you are pursuing a college degree or vocational training program: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe an achievement or an event in your life that has been especially significant: \_\_\_\_\_

(Use additional paper if desired.)