

2015

## ARKANSAS NAHRO SINGLE PARENT SCHOLARSHIP

**PURPOSE:** To provide supplemental financial assistance to enable the low income single parent receiving housing assistance who is pursuing a course of instruction in an institution of higher learning to complete their studies and achieve economic self-sufficiency.

**CRITERIA:** Applicants selected for financial assistance will meet the following requirements:

1. Have at least one natural child, one adopted child, or one child for which they are the legal guardian of or stand in the position of parent and are required to provide for the daily needs of the child.
2. Be single, legally separated, divorced or widowed.
3. Have obtained a High School Diploma, its equivalent or completed the GED examination.
4. Be enrolled in or accepted by a public or private post secondary school in a program providing marketable skills to achieve self-sufficiency and a better standard of living. Applicant shall not previously have earned any undergraduate degree or have met the requirements for earning one.
5. Be a low-income person at or near the poverty level.
6. Have (if already attending college) and maintain a 2.0 grade point average.
7. **Applicant must have the Administrator or Director of the Housing Authority/ Agency to certify that the individual is receiving housing assistance.**
8. **Be enrolled in a college, university or vocational school within eighteen (18) months of award of scholarship.**

### APPLICANTS

Each applicant must submit the following on or by the application deadline:

1. A fully completed application form filled out in ink or typed. (Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.)
2. Proof of enrollment or acceptance to an institution of post-secondary education. (Example: Letter from Registrar)
3. A transcript of high school or college work and a copy of the most recent report card received if not included on transcript.
4. Two (2) letters of recommendation from at least two of the following sources: work, school or other organizations in your community. Letters must be from individuals not related to the applicant.
5. **A letter of recommendation from your housing authority/agency.**
6. A statement (500 words or less) by the applicant explaining the particular course of study chosen, why the scholarship is needed and any other information that might be helpful in evaluating your application.
7. Sign the application and affirm that the information contained on the application and other information submitted therewith is true and correct and free of misrepresentation or deliberate omission.

**ARKANSAS CHAPTER OF NAHRO  
SINGLE PARENT SCHOLARSHIP  
APPLICATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Name and City: \_\_\_\_\_ SS#: \_\_\_\_\_

Single      Divorced      Legally Separated      Widowed      (Circle appropriate category)

How long have you been a single parent? \_\_\_\_\_

List names and ages of your children: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Including you, how many individuals are dependent on you for financial support? \_\_\_\_\_

List your employers for the past five (5) years beginning with your present or most recent:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

List home and community activities for the past five (5) years: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Will you be working for income while you go to school? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, how many hours per week will you work? \_\_\_\_\_

What will be your total anticipated income each month once you enter the upcoming school year?  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

List schools attended or training received. Give names and dates (Example: Anytown High School, Diploma, 1981; GED, Anytown, 1985).

High School or GED: \_\_\_\_\_

Trade or Vocational School: \_\_\_\_\_

College: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

Military: \_\_\_\_\_

What Institution will you attend? \_\_\_\_\_

- If you are a college student, how many hours will you carry? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the cost of tuition per semester? \_\_\_\_\_

What course of study will you be pursuing? \_\_\_\_\_

When do you expect to graduate? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be enrolled: Full Time \_\_\_\_\_ Part Time \_\_\_\_\_

***Throughout the application, if a question doesn't apply to you please indicate so by writing "N/A" for not applicable.***

The undersigned applicant states that the information contained in this application along with any attachments hereto are true and correct to the best of the applicant's knowledge and belief; the applicant has read the "Rules for the Arkansas Chapter of NAHRO Single Parent Scholarship" and agrees to abide by them; the applicant shall abide by the decisions of the Arkansas Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials' Scholarship Committee, regarding the granting of any scholarship and that such decisions shall be final; and the applicant agrees that only completed applications will be reviewed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## **HOUSING AGENCY CERTIFICATION**

**I hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_ (applicant's name) is a resident or participant in the Public Housing, Section 8 Housing or other housing program (circle program type) administered by this agency. I also certify that the family income of this applicant is equal to or less than HUD's "low income" limits for the family size. This agency is a member in good standing with Arkansas Chapter of NAHRO.**

Signature of Executive Director: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Agency/Authority: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS**

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN  
FEBRUARY 14, 2015**

**Mail completed application to: Judy Sharp, Chairperson  
Arkansas Chapter NAHRO Scholarship Committee  
531 Second Street  
Earle, AR 72331  
870-792-8733**