



2025 Scholarship Application

NAHRO Merit College Scholarship and NAHRO-LDG Scholars Program

ABOUT THE NAHRO MERIT COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

The NAHRO Merit College Scholarship Program awards a one-time payment of \$3,000 each to eight scholars, one from each NAHRO region. Regions select their winner from state and/or local entries and manage their own application and judging processes. NAHRO does not accept national scholarship submissions directly from individuals, member agencies or state organizations.

ABOUT THE NAHRO-LDG SCHOLARS PROGRAM

From the group of eight NAHRO Merit College Scholarship winners, the National NAHRO Scholarship Committee (including the Housing America Advisory Committee and LDG Development) will select three applicants as NAHRO-LDG Scholars.

The NAHRO-LDG Scholars Program is a 10-year venture — funded by the award-winning multi-family housing developer, LDG Development — providing \$1 million in scholarships and internship opportunities to low-income students from around the country.

In addition to the one-time scholarship provided through the NAHRO Merit College Scholarship, NAHRO-LDG Scholars will also receive:

- A \$12,000 scholarship, distributed over four years, to assist with tuition and university affiliated housing expenses;
- An opportunity to earn up to \$9,000 in stipends for summer internships and other approved activities that support the student's academic matriculation; and
- Networking opportunities with business and community leaders.

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY

All scholarship applicants must be:

- Living in a household, or provided a housing-related service, managed by a NAHRO member agency in good standing;
- A graduating high school senior, an individual possessing a high school diploma or GED; and
- Applying to or attending an accredited institution of higher education in pursuit of their first post-secondary degree on a full-time basis. Masters and PhD students are not eligible.



SCHOLARSHIP INSTRUCTIONS AND DEADLINES

National honorees are selected from region-level winning entries, which are selected from state and/or local entries. As such, deadlines vary widely based on the applicant’s location, from as early as January to as late as June.

To learn more about NAHRO’s regions, please visit www.nahro.org/regions.

Note: NAHRO member agencies, affiliated state chapters/organizations and NAHRO regions are encouraged to fill in their specific deadlines below before distributing the application, to assist applicants in navigating the tiered judging process.



Scholarship applicants: Complete the scholarship application, attach all required documents then return them to the designated staff member at your housing agency before their deadline.

Housing Agency _____ Deadline _____

Submit application to _____

NAHRO member agency: Verify that the scholarship application packet is complete, fill out the member agency section of the application verification page (5) and submit all the materials to either your state (if applicable) or regional representative before their deadline.

(if applicable) **NAHRO state representative:** Conduct your state-level judging, fill out the state section of the winning application’s verification page (5), and submit the winning packet to your regional representative.

State Organization _____ Deadline _____

Submit application to _____

Regional Council _____ Deadline _____

Submit application to _____

NAHRO regional representative: Conduct your region-level judging, fill out the region section of the winning application’s verification page (5), and submit the winning packet to the NAHRO Housing America Advisory Committee Liaison at housingamerica@nahro.org by July 1, 2025.



APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Scholarship applicants must submit the following materials to be considered at the local, state, regional and national level — no exceptions. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Applicant Information Form

- Complete all sections of the Applicant Information Form.
- If a section is not applicable, write N/A — do not leave any sections blank.

Summary of Activities

- Attach summary of activities (i.e., resume) outlining past and current employment, internships, honors, awards, sports, clubs, and/or other recent school or community engagement.

Essay

- Attach one 750-1,000 word typed essay, written by the applicant answering the following prompt:
Tell us about yourself, your educational goals, and how this scholarship will help you achieve these goals.

Letter of Recommendation

- Attach one typed letter of recommendation, written by a knowledgeable individual, such as a representative from the local housing agency or community organization, an employer, or a school professional (teacher, principal, or guidance counselor).
- Recommendations from family members will NOT be considered.
- All recommendations should include the author's name, contact email or phone number, relationship to the applicant, and the length of time they have known the applicant.

High School Transcript or GED certificate

- Attach an unofficial high school transcript showing classes taken and final grade point average (GPA), or GED certificate

Note: If selected, national scholarship winners will be asked to provide a high-resolution headshot photo as well as final enrollment verification.



APPLICANT INFORMATION FORM

Applicant Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____
Street Address City State ZIP Code

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Education History

What is your current student status? *(Check one)*

High School Senior HS Graduate or GED Recipient Post-Secondary Student

Current School *(if applicable)* _____

2025-2026 Education Plans

Name of School or Institution _____

Campus _____ City _____ State _____

Major or Program of Study _____ Length of Program _____

What is your application status? *(Check one)* Applied, but not yet accepted Accepted

Estimated cost for 2025-2026 school year (tuition, meals, fees, books, supplies) \$ _____

List all other scholarships _____

By signing below, I certify that:

- The information I have provided is true to the best of my knowledge.
- I will maintain satisfactory educational progress.
- I will inform NAHRO or its designee of any changes in schools or enrollment status.
- I will provide, or respond to NAHRO's requests for, periodic updates on my academic progress while receiving scholarship funds.
- I consent to the use of my photo, profile, progress, and testimonial, by NAHRO and its designees, for marketing and fundraising purposes.
- I authorize my chosen institution to release my grades and relevant scholarship information to NAHRO.
- I authorize the release of my contact information to NAHRO-contracted designees that may be engaged to manage the scholarship program.

Signature _____

Date _____



NAHRO VERIFICATION FORM

Section to be completed by the NAHRO Member Agency only

Agency Name _____

City _____ State _____ NAHRO ID # _____

Contact Person _____ Title _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Initials I certify that this application is complete and that my agency is National NAHRO member.

(If applicable) **Section to be completed by the NAHRO State Organization only**

State Organization _____

Contact Person _____ Title _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Initials I certify that this application is complete and has been selected to advance to the regional scholarship judging in accordance with our state organization rules/policies.

Section to be completed by the NAHRO Regional Council Representative only

Region _____

Contact Person _____ Title _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Initials I certify that this application is complete, has been selected as the region's scholarship winner in accordance with our regional rules/policies, and will advance to the national NAHRO-LDG Scholars judging.