



# Council for Affordable and Rural Housing

## *CARH Scholarship Foundation*

*James L. Poehlman Scholarship*

*Gordon L. Blackwell Scholarship*

*Jack Godin, Jr. Scholarship*

*CRHD Founders Scholarship*

*CARH Scholarship Foundation Scholarship*

## **2015 Application for Non-Traditional Students**

Thank you for your interest in the CARH Scholarship Foundation! The Foundation was established by the Council for Affordable and Rural Housing (CARH) to promote education and expand opportunities for residents of affordable housing in rural America.

In 2015, the CARH Scholarship Foundation will award a total of five scholarships – one James L. Poehlman Scholarship, one Gordon L. Blackwell Scholarship, one Jack Godin, Jr. Scholarship, one CRHD Founders Scholarship, and one CARH Scholarship Foundation Scholarship. Each scholarship will be \$1,000 per semester for educational expenses, with a maximum four years of funding.

### **Non-Traditional Student Applicants Must:**

- Be a high school graduate or equivalent and have been out of high school for five years or more;
- Be accepted at or enrolled as a full-time student at an accredited 2- or 4-year college, university or an accredited vocational educational school;
- Currently reside in a CARH-member property;
- Be a United States citizen or permanent legal resident;
- Demonstrate a substantial work history that reflects the likelihood of academic achievement; and
- Demonstrate financial need.

### **Scholarship Recipients Expectations:**

If you are selected as one of the five scholarship winners, the CARH Scholarship Foundation will provide you with a one-time cash payment of \$2,000 per year (or \$1,000 per semester) (or \$500 per quarter) 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:

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- 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 Foundation;
- To provide a copy of proof of tuition payment at a college or university for the term for which the scholarship is awarded;
- By January 1st and June 1st of each year, you will submit evidence of continuing eligibility, including evidence of tuition billing and continued occupancy of you and/or your family in a residence owned or managed by a CARH member company.
- 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 CARH Scholarship Foundation 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.

Completed applications only will be considered if received by the Scholarship Foundation **on or before the deadline of April 30, 2015**. 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. Send all supporting documents, including academic transcripts and letters of recommendations, to the CARH Scholarship Foundation.
4. **ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION IS PREFERRED.** Please submit all application materials via email to [carh@carh.org](mailto:carh@carh.org). Official test scores, transcripts, and letters of recommendations may be mailed to the CARH Scholarship Foundation office.

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### **SUBMISSION ADDRESSES**

E-mail: **carh@carh.org**  
 Mailing Address: **CARH Scholarship Foundation**  
**1112 King Street**  
**Alexandria, VA 22314**

*Note: All decisions concerning selection of scholarship recipients are made by a Scholarship Selection Committee with the help of CARH staff members, who are solely responsible for the final selections and the awards of scholarships to individuals so selected. The CARH Scholarship Foundation prohibits the awarding of any scholarship to a relative of any member of the Selection Committee and, further, prohibits giving consideration of any such award. "Relatives" include ancestors, spouses, siblings, children and the spouses, siblings and children 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 either e-mail or mail all appropriate documentation to the Scholarship Foundation in order for it to be received by the application deadline date, April 30, 2015.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_

**CARH MEMBER HOUSING INFORMATION**

Name of CARH-Member Property: \_\_\_\_\_ Length of Time in CARH-Member Housing: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Manager's Name and Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of CARH-Member Management Company/Owner/Developer: \_\_\_\_\_

**PERSONAL STATEMENT**

**Type a two-page statement/essay using the following subject:**

**“Describe your own unique, personal life experiences that have led you to believe that affordable housing should be a vital component of communities throughout the county.”**

*Please be sure to include your name on this statement.*

**MOST RECENT SCHOOL & TEST INFORMATION**

High School  
Or College: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name City State

GED or Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Diploma/Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA\*: High School = \_\_\_\_\_

College = \_\_\_\_\_

ACT and/or SAT\*: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*If currently enrolled, send your **official** test scores and school transcripts to the Scholarship Foundation. Write your latest GPA scores in the space provided. Include the appropriate 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*

**\*\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE: Work History, Volunteerism, and Extracurricular Activities (or, if you are currently enrolled in school, your GPA) may count toward as much as 75% of the determining factors during the selection process.**

**WORK HISTORY**

For those applicants who have been out of school for five years or more, substantial work history reflecting a likelihood of academic success will be considered in lieu of GPA or standardized test scores.

Provide information on the last 10 years of your work history. If necessary, include additional sheets using the format shown below.

DATES WORKED	NAME & ADDRESS OF COMPANY	POSITION HELD	DUTIES	SUPERVISOR'S NAME & PHONE NUMBER

**EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES/VOLUNTEERISM**

List all Extracurricular Activities/Volunteerism in which you have participated in the past four years.  
 List all leadership positions and offices held. Check years during which you participated.  
 If necessary, include additional sheets, using the format shown below.

ACTIVITY					LEADERSHIP POSITIONS/ OFFICES HELD				
	2012	2013	2014	2015		2012	2013	2014	2015

**AWARDS, HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS**

List all Awards, Honors and Recognitions which you have received in the past five years.  
 If necessary, include additional sheets, using the format shown below.

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

## 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.).

***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

## COLLEGE GOALS

Please list all colleges/universities/trade 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.

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Attach a statement/letter of financial need.

*This statement may 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 CARH scholarship or be grounds for an offered scholarship to be rescinded.

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

**\*ELECTRONIC TRANSMITTAL:** *Electronic transmittal of application and supporting documentation to the CARH Scholarship Foundation 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 CARH 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 by the Scholarship Foundation by the Application Deadline of **April 30, 2015**, to be considered.*