



Council for Affordable and Rural Housing

CARH Scholarship Foundation

James L. Poehlman Scholarship

Gordon L. Blackwell Scholarship

Jack Godin, Jr. Scholarship

CRHD Founders Scholarship

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2017 Application for 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.

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 **\$1,500 per semester** for educational expenses, with a maximum four years of funding. **One scholarship has been reserved for a qualified applicant who has been accepted or is enrolled in an accredited vocational or trade school program.** All applicants are eligible for the other four scholarships.

Traditional Student Applicants Must:

- Be a candidate for high school graduation, or in the past five years earned a high school diploma or equivalent;
- Be accepted at or enrolled as a full-time under-graduate student at an accredited 2- or 4-year college, university or as a full-time student at an accredited vocational educational school;
- Currently reside in a CARH-member property;
- Be a United States citizen or permanent legal resident;
- Demonstrate scholastic 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 \$3,000 per year (or \$1,500 per semester) 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;
- By January 1st and June 1st of each year, you will submit evidence of continuing eligibility, including evidence of tuition billing/payment at the accredited college, university, vocational or trade school for the term for which the scholarship is awarded.
- 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, 2017**. 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. Official test scores, transcripts, and letters of recommendations may be mailed to the CARH Scholarship Foundation office and must be received by the application deadline.

SUBMISSION ADDRESSES

E-mail: **carh@carh.org**
 Mailing Address: **CARH Scholarship Foundation
 116 S. Fayette 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 of April 30, 2017.

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: _____

CARH MEMBER HOUSING INFORMATION

(To be completed by property manager)

Name of CARH-Member Property: _____ Length of Time Applicant in CARH-Member Housing: _____

Property Manager's Name and Phone Number: _____

Name of CARH-Member Management Company/Owner: _____

It is the responsibility of the management company/owner or their representative to ensure the scholarship applicant's full-time enrollment at an educational institution does not violate any federal regulations governing the funding programs used by the property. By signing this, I have reviewed the appropriate regulations and there is no conflict with this application.

Signed: _____ Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

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.”

CURRENT SCHOOL & TEST INFORMATION

High School
Or College:

_____ *Name*

_____ *City*

_____ *State*

Anticipated
Graduation Date: _____

Type of
Diploma/Degree: _____

GPA*: High School = _____

College = _____

Send your **official transcripts to the Scholarship Foundation. If currently enrolled in college, write both your high school and college GPA scores in the space provided and forward official transcripts for both. In the space provided, please indicate your 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*

ACT and/or SAT*: _____

Send your **official scores to the Scholarship Foundation. You may send one or both scores. If you have not yet taken either test, please write the date when you will take the test and have the scores forwarded as soon as possible.*

******PLEASE NOTE: The Personal Statement/Essay, GPA and Test Scores may count toward as much as 75% of the determining factors during the selection process.**

COLLEGE GOALS

Please list all colleges/universities/vocational 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.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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

ACTIVITY	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	LEADERSHIP POSITIONS/ OFFICES HELD

AWARDS AND HONORS

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

NAME OF AWARD/HONOR	DESCRIPTION OF AWARD/HONOR	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

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.

If I am chosen as a CARH Scholarship recipient, I also grant permission for the CARH Scholarship Foundation to reprint my personal statement/essay for use at the CARH Annual Meeting. I additionally grant the use of my likeness by CARH and the CARH Scholarship Foundation to promote and market the CARH Scholarships.

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, 2017**, to be considered.*