

Council for Affordable and Rural Housing

CARH Scholarship Foundation

2023 Application for Graduate Students

The CARH Scholarship Foundation will award a post-graduate student a scholarship (if eligible) that will be **\$2,000 per semester** for post-graduate educational expenses, with the length of the scholarship and maximum funding based on field of graduate study.

Post-Graduate Student Applicants Must:

- Have received a bachelor's degree at an accredited college or university;
- Be accepted at, or enrolled as, a graduate student at an accredited university;
- Meet one of the following requirements regarding residency:
 - Have previously been awarded a national CARH Scholarship Foundation Scholarship while a resident at a CARH-member property; or
 - Currently reside in a CARH-member property that is and/or was initially developed in a USDA-designated rural area and the property meets all of the regulatory requirements set forth for the development, management, and ownership of the property (see page 2).
- Be a United States citizen or permanent legal resident;
- Demonstrate scholastic achievement and involvement; and
- Demonstrate financial need.

Scholarship Recipients Expectations:

If you are selected as one of the scholarship recipients, the Scholarship Foundation will provide up to \$4,000 per year (or \$2,000 per semester) to assist you in paying for expenses related to your enrollment at the accredited school. The length of the scholarship period will be based on your field of study and the time it takes for full-time completion of the graduate program. Pursuant to the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code §117(b), the funds you receive from the Scholarship Program must be used:

- 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.

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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 CARH Scholarship 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 university 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 9 credits and/or be classified by the school as a full-time student. 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 a 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 extended deadline of May 10, 2023. Please be sure to:

- 1. Submit only completed applications. <u>Incomplete applications will not be considered.</u>
- 2. Owner, property manager, or their representative must complete and verify CARH-Member Housing Information section of application, if applicable.
- 3. Clearly label all application attachments with applicant name and information, and submit electronically with the application, if possible.
- 4. Send all supporting documents, including academic transcripts and letters of recommendations, to the CARH Scholarship Foundation.
- 5. ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION IS PREFERRED. Please submit all application materials via email to ScholarshipFoundation@carh.org. Transcripts and letters of recommendations may be mailed to the CARH Scholarship Foundation office and must be received by the application deadline. If applicable, include a list of all supporting documentation that is being mailed with the online application.

SUBMISSION ADDRESS

E-mail: <u>ScholarshipFoundation@carh.org</u>

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 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 CARH Scholarship Foundation for it to be received by the extended application deadline date of May 10, 2023.

| PERSONAL INFORMATION | | | |
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| Full Name: | First | Middle | |
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| Address: Street Address | Ар | artment or Unit Number | |
| City | State | Zip Code | |
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| Cell Phone: | Home Phone: | | |
| Email: | Date of Birth: | | |
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| | SCHOOL & GRADE INFORMATION | | |
| College/University Where Bach | elor's Degree was Earned: | | |
| Name | City | State | |
| Graduation Date: | | | |
| Bachelor's Degree Major: | | | |
| GPA: | *Include your <u>official</u> school final tra | nscript. | |
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| Post-Graduate University. (Inclu | ude copy of acceptance letter and/or proof of e | nrollment): | |
| Name | City | State | |
| Anticipated Start Date: | Anticipated Graduation Date: _ | | |
| Major/Field of Study: | | | |

*If currently enrolled, include your most current official school transcript

CARH-MEMBER HOUSING INFORMATION

**If you are a Former Recipient of a National CARH Scholarship Foundation Scholarship – Do Not Complete This Page

THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED BY PROPERTY OWNER, PROPERTY MANAGER, OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVE.

| Name of Manageme | ent Company/Owner: | |
|--|---|--|
| Name of Property: | | |
| Property Manager's | Name: | |
| Property Manager's | Phone Number: | |
| Property Manager's | Email Address: | |
| Length of Time App | licant Has Been Resident of | Property: |
| Is the Owner/Mana | gement Company a current | member of national CARH? |
| YES | NO | |
| Is the property a rur | ral property or initially develo | oped in a designated rural area? |
| YES | NO | |
| Does the property nownership of the pro | | uirements set forth for the development, management, and |
| YES | NO | |
| If yes, state | type of funding assistance: _ | |
| scholarship applic regulations govern | cant's full-time enrollment ning the financing progran | ompany/owner or their representative to ensure the at an educational institution does not violate any federal as used by the property. By signing this, I have reviewed conflict with this application and all the above information |
| Signed: | | Printed Name: |
| | | Title: |

ESSAY

Type a two-page essay using the following subject:

"Describe <u>your own unique</u>, <u>personal life experiences</u> that have led you to believe that affordable housing should be a vital component of communities throughout the country."

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Statement should include information on your career goals after completion of your schooling; how this scholarship could help you attain your goals; your financial need for this scholarship; and why you believe you should receive the scholarship.

PLEASE NOTE: The Essay and Personal Statement count toward as much as 50% of the determining factors during the selection process.

WORK HISTORY

For those applicants who have substantial work history reflecting a likelihood of academic success will also be considered. **Provide information on no more than the last 10 years of your work history.** This can and should include any paid/unpaid internships. If necessary, include additional sheets using the format shown below.

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

Three OR MORE letters of recommendation should be submitted with application.

At least one should be <u>professional</u> (e.g., employer, school official, etc.) and at least one <u>personal</u> (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 |
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| | SIGNATURE* | |
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| understand that any kn | information and supporting documentation are owingly false information may disqualify me fr n scholarship or be grounds for any offered so | rom consideration for any CARH |
| Scholarship Foundation | RH Scholarship Foundation scholarship reciping to reprint my personal essay for use at the Colon by CARH and the CARH Scholarship Founda | CARH Annual Meeting. I additionally grant |
| 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 Foundation 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 CARH Scholarship Foundation by the Application Deadline of April 30, 2023, to be considered.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Applications with missing documentation will NOT be considered by the Scholarship Selection Committee.

| Application – Every section has been completed |
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| Owner, Property Manager, or Representative has completed Housing Section on Page 2 (if applicable) |
| Essay – Ensure the essay conforms to the subject as described |
| Personal Statement – Ensure the statement conforms to the requested information. |
| Official school transcript that also includes GPA information |
| Letters of Recommendation – Personal AND Professional (the more recommendations the better) |
| Application Signed |

If you have any questions, please contact the CARH Scholarship Foundation at 703-837-9001 or ScholarshipFoundation@carh.org.