



Council for Affordable and Rural Housing

CARH Scholarship Foundation

2025 Application for Graduate Students

The CARH Scholarship Foundation will award an eligible post-graduate student a scholarship that will be **\$2,000 per semester** for post-graduate educational expenses, with the length of the scholarship and maximum funding based on the field of graduate study, but no more than eight semesters.

Post-Graduate Student applicants must meet all of the following requirements:

- 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 CARH member-property 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 graduate student scholarship recipients, the CARH 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 to the following:

- 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 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 will only be considered if received by the Scholarship Foundation **on or before the deadline of February 28, 2025**. Please be sure to:

1. Submit only completed applications. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
2. Have the owner, property manager, or their representative complete and verify the 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 recommendation 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: ScholarshipFoundation@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 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 application deadline date of **February 28, 2024**.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name: _____
Last First Middle

Address: _____
Street Address Apartment or Unit Number

_____ *City State Zip Code*

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Email: _____ Date of Birth: _____

SCHOOL & GRADE INFORMATION

College/University Where Bachelor's Degree was Earned:

_____ *Name City State*

Graduation Date: _____

Bachelor's Degree Major: _____

GPA: _____ ***Include your official final transcript.**

Post-Graduate University. (Include copy of acceptance letter and/or proof of enrollment):

_____ *Name City State*

Anticipated Start Date: _____ Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

Major/Field of Study: _____

***If currently enrolled, include your most current official 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 Management Company/Owner: _____

Name of Property: _____

Property Manager's Name: _____

Property Manager's Phone Number: _____

Property Manager's Email Address: _____

Length of Time Applicant Has Been Resident of Property: _____

Is the Owner/Management Company a current member of national CARH?

YES _____ NO _____

Is the property a rural property or initially developed in a designated rural area?

YES _____ NO _____

Does the property meet all of the regulatory requirements set forth for the development, management, and ownership of the property?

YES _____ NO _____

If yes, state type of funding assistance: _____

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 financing programs used by the property. By signing this, I have reviewed the appropriate regulations and there is no conflict with this application and all the above information is accurate.

Signed: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

ESSAY

Type a two-page 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 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

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Three 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

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 Foundation scholarship or be grounds for any offered scholarship to be rescinded.

If I am chosen as a CARH Scholarship Foundation scholarship recipient, I also grant permission for the CARH Scholarship Foundation to reprint my personal 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 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 **February 28, 2025, to be considered.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Ensure all parts of the application are complete and submitted at the same time. Applications that are incomplete or are missing documentation will NOT be considered by the Scholarship Selection Committee.

- Application – Ensure every section has been completed.**
- Official school transcript that also includes GPA information.**
- Proof of Acceptance at the post-graduate University. (If currently enrolled, current official transcript can be used as proof of enrollment/acceptance.)**
- 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.**
- 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.