



NYCHA-CUNY RESIDENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION



MAY 2 – JUNE 17, 2011

Introduction

The New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) is committed to supporting our residents by offering opportunities to further their education and make a difference for themselves, their families and their communities. Established in 2005, the NYCHA-CUNY Resident Scholarship Program encourages residents to attend and remain in college by providing vital financial assistance that can be used to defray college-related expenses.

The NYCHA-CUNY Resident Scholarship Program annually awards \$1,000 scholarships to qualifying public housing residents who are enrolled in City University of New York (CUNY) senior and community colleges.

Eligibility Requirements

Scholarship applicants must:

- ✓ Be an authorized NYCHA resident
- ✓ Be a sophomore, junior or senior student enrolled full-time in a CUNY Associate or Baccalaureate degree program
- ✓ Have a minimum 3.0 GPA
- ✓ Demonstrate financial need
- ✓ Submit a 500-word autobiographical essay

Application Process

Please review the following application instructions carefully. Incomplete application packages that do not meet the requirements will not be considered. If you have questions or need assistance, contact NYCHA's Department of Communications at 212-306-3322.

Application packages will be available at NYCHA Property Management Offices, and Community Centers. The application packages can also be downloaded from NYCHA's website: nyc.gov/nychacunyscholarship. Applications must be completed and postmarked or faxed no later than **June 17, 2011**.



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Mail completed application to:

NYCHA-CUNY Resident Scholarship Program
Attn: Ian James
The City University of New York
535 East 80 Street, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10075
or fax to: (212) 794-5724

Documentation Requirements

All* participants are required to submit the following as part of the application package:

- Proof of NYCHA residency (e.g., Lease Addendum)
- Proof of college enrollment (e.g., copy of college transcript unofficial transcripts will be accepted)
- Proof of financial need (e.g. copy of Student Aid Report)
- 500-word autobiographical essay

Selection Process/Interview

The NYCHA-CUNY Resident Scholarship Program Selection Committee, which is comprised of representatives from NYCHA and CUNY will screen all application packages and will select eligible applicants. NYCHA residency and a Grade Point Average of 3.0 or higher will be verified at the time selection.

Students who are selected as Scholarship recipients will be notified during the summer of 2011. Scholarships will be awarded at a ceremony in September 2011.

Award Amount

Undergraduate Scholarship: \$1,000.00



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EDUCATION BACKGROUND

CUNY College you attend

College Level at time of application
(sophomore, junior, senior)

Major and/or Minor

Cumulative Grade Point Average
(attach transcript)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

List special honors received within the past two years and any extra-curricular/community activities in which you are currently engaged (e.g., community programs, athletics, student government, Resident Green Committee, Resident Association, etc.)

AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL ESSAY

This is your opportunity to demonstrate your ability to organize your thoughts and express yourself. With that objective in mind, please write a 500-word (typewritten, double-spaced) essay about yourself and how living in public housing and attending a CUNY college is helping you to achieve your educational and professional goals.

(Attach the essay to the application and include your name on each page of your essay.)



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CERTIFICATION

I certify that all of the information I have provided in this application and in the supporting documents is true and accurate.

Print Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____

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Regina A. Figueroa Memorial Scholarship
Attn: Ian James
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**NYCHA-CUNY Resident Scholarship Program
Residency Verification**

Date:

Attn: Ian James
NYCHA-CUNY Resident Scholarship Program
The City University of New York
535 East 80th Street, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10075

Re: NYCHA-CUNY Resident Scholarship Program
Verification of Applicant's NYCHA Residency

Applicant's Name: _____

To the NYCHA-CUNY Scholarship Selection Committee:

This letter is written solely for the purpose of verifying authorized NYCHA residency in connection with a City University of New York scholarship application and may be relied upon for no other purpose.

The undersigned certifies that, as of the date of this letter,

_____ is an authorized resident of
(INSERT AUTHORIZED RESIDENT/SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT'S NAME)

(INSERT NAME AND ADDRESS OF DEVELOPMENT)

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Property Manager (signature)

Print Name: _____