

# Housing Authority of the City of Waco Scholarship 2024

(Deadline: May 16, 2024)

## OVERVIEW

The Housing Authority of the City of Waco is providing an annual academic scholarship to deserving applicants who are residents of the Housing Authority of the City of Waco either in Public Housing, Section 8 or residents of our other affordable housing properties.

## ELIGIBILITY AND INSTRUCTIONS

### Eligibility Requirements

1. Maintain a grade point average of 2.0 or greater.
2. Be a high school senior, high school graduate or GED recipient.
3. Must reside in public housing, participate in WHA Section 8 program or reside in one of our affordable housing properties (South Terrace, Raintree, Cimmaron, Huntington, Piccadilly or Misty Rd.)
4. Applicants must be an undergraduate student attending full time.

### Application Instructions

1. Complete Application Form and Submit to WHA by email by **May 31, 2023**.
2. Submit high school transcript, college transcript, a copy of GED or report card.
3. You may include essays, recommendation letters, transcripts, etc. as email attachments.
4. Submit two (2) letters of recommendation. Past supervisors, professor/teacher, pastor, etc. Person giving this recommendation must state relationship with applicant and supply contact information for possible follow-up. Please do not use relatives!
5. Submit essay completed by applicant.
6. **INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED!**

### Interviews:

1. Finalist will be required to attend a scheduled Zoom Interview with some members of the scholarship committee. Failure to participate in the scheduled Zoom interview may result in disqualification.

### Scholarship Criteria

1. Scholarship funds are to cover student needs including tuition, books, room and board, fees, transportation and other living expenses.
2. Awards will be made out directly to college of choice once WHA is presented with acceptance letter.

PERSONAL DATA

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First MI

Head of Household \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First MI

Local Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number and Street City State/Zip

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_  
M / F

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Citizen: \_\_\_\_\_  
MM DD YY Y / N

EDUCATION

Check one: \_\_\_\_\_  
High School High School GED  
Senior Graduate Recipient

If you are a high school graduate, what high school did you attend? \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_  
GPA \_\_\_\_\_

If you are currently a high school senior, what high school do you attend? \_\_\_\_\_

College attendance: / / / /  
No Prior Transfer Re-entering Currently  
College from same College attending  
College another college

GPA \_\_\_\_\_

College(s) Attended: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If applicable)

What College, University, Vocational or Post Secondary School do you plan to attend in the **Fall 2021**: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>FAMILY FINANCIAL STATEMENT</b>
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Please complete the following information as thoroughly as possible because the selection committee will consider the family financial situation as an important element in determining awards. We need to know how you will support yourself while at school and what unmet financial support you need to complete the school year. All information will be kept strictly confidential.

**All Applicants must complete Section A or Section B**

**SECTION A: DEPENDENT (Complete this section if you are under age 18)**

**Name of Head of Household** \_\_\_\_\_

1. Number of people in household (include yourself, brothers, sisters, parents...) \_\_\_\_\_
2. Number of people in college: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Parent's current marital status:
 

	Single	Married	Divorced	Widowed
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4. Father's Annual Income:
 

	Below \$10,000	\$10,000 \$20,000	\$20,000 \$40,000	above \$40,000
(Check one)				
5. Mother's Annual Income:
 

	Below \$10,000	\$10,000 \$20,000	\$20,000 \$40,000	above \$40,000
(Check one)				
6. Applicant's Annual Income:
 

	Below \$10,000	\$10,000 \$20,000	\$20,000 \$40,000	above \$40,000
(Check one)				

**SECTION B: INDEPENDENT (Complete this section if you are over age 18 OR if your parents do not support you financially)**

1. Number of people in household (include yourself, brothers, sisters, parents...) \_\_\_\_\_
2. Number of people in college: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Applicant's Annual Income:
 

	Below \$10,000	\$10,000 \$20,000	\$20,000 \$40,000	above \$40,000
(Check one)				
4. Spouse's Annual Income:
 

	Below \$10,000	\$10,000 \$20,000	\$20,000 \$40,000	above \$40,000
(Check one)				

## ESSAY

**Submit a brief paragraph in essay form answering each of the following questions.**

1. What or who has motivated you in your life?
2. How will this scholarship affect your personal goals?
3. Why do you want to go to college?
4. What school do you wish to attend and what do you think your major may be?
5. Tell us about your school/community involvement and with what activities you would like to be involved in the future?
6. Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

## CERTIFICATION

**By my signature, I agree to the following:**

- That the information I have given is true to the best of my knowledge.
- To maintain satisfactory progress as defined by the Scholarship Criteria.
- To authorize my school to release my grades to Waco Housing Authority.
- To authorize the Office of Financial aid to release pertinent information to Waco Housing Authority.
- To participate in the interview process.
- To attend a presentation ceremony (possibly by Zoom) should I be selected to receive an award.

Electronic Signature Agreement. By selecting the "I Accept" check box below, you are signing this Agreement electronically. You agree your electronic signature is the legal equivalent of your manual signature on this Agreement. By selecting "I Accept" you consent to be legally bound by this Agreement's terms and conditions. You further agree that your use of a key pad, mouse or other device to select an item, button, icon or similar act/action, or to otherwise provide Waco Housing Authority & Affiliates or in accessing or making any transaction regarding any agreement, acknowledgement, consent terms, disclosures or conditions constitutes your signature (hereafter referred to as "E-Signature"), acceptance and agreement as if actually signed by you in writing. You also agree that no certification authority or other third party verification is necessary to validate your E-Signature and that the lack of such certification or third party verification will not in any way affect the enforceability of your E-Signature or any resulting contract between you and Waco Housing Authority & Affiliates. You also represent that you are authorized to enter into this Agreement for all persons who own or are authorized to access any of your accounts and that such persons will be bound by the terms of this Agreement. You further agree that each use of your E-Signature in obtaining a Waco Housing Authority & Affiliates Online service constitutes your agreement to be bound by the terms and conditions of Waco Housing Authority & Affiliates. You agree that the information provided is accurate, and factual. You understand and agree that falsifying information on this form constitutes fraud.

I accept

Submit Application use the Submit button on last page:

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## APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- \_\_\_\_\_ I have read the eligibility requirements and meet all factors.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ I have filled out Personal Data completely.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Education information is completed including appropriate support.  
Documentation for past educational experiences, proof of GED and GPA
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Family Financial Statement (this will be verified through housing records)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Essay completed including responses to all six questions
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Two letters of reference are included in the application packet. Each letter  
Identifies their relationship with applicant and has contact information.  
**(Letters should not be written by relatives. Example of references: a  
teacher, coach, pastor, member of the community who knows you  
well and understands the goals you are working to achieve.)**
- Your video presentation uploaded to: [Melissaj@wacopha.org](mailto:Melissaj@wacopha.org)

**Attention:** Before you submit please be ready to attach the required documents listed above