

2020 ARNAHRO SINGLE PARENT SCHOLARSHIP

CATEGORY 3-RESIDENT/PARTICIPANT HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD APPLICATION

Application Deadline: March 27th, 2020

Incomplete Applications will NOT be considered for the scholarship.

Scholarships will be awarded on April 22nd, 2020 at the Arkansas NAHRO Luncheon to be held at the Wyndham Riverfront Hotel in N. Little Rock.

Arkansas NAHRO Scholarship Program provides Scholarship opportunities to families that reside in, work with, or who otherwise receive housing benefits from one of the member agencies. Arkansas NAHRO awards scholarships annually.

Category 3-Head of Household-Resident or participant: Scholarships are available to provide supplemental financial assistance to enable the low-income single parent who is pursuing a course of instruction in an institution of higher learning to complete their studies and achieve economic self-sufficiency and who are public housing residents or participants in rental assistance programs and receive direct housing benefits from one of the member agencies of ARNAHRO. The Scholarship will be paid directly to the winner after confirmation of enrollment in a college, university, or vocational school is received by ARNAHRO within eighteen (18) months of award of the scholarship.

Definitions: A Head of Household resident (Category 3) applicant is the Head of a resident family who resides in or has received direct housing benefits from a member agency in good standing with ARNAHRO; who has at least 1 natural child, 1 adopted child or 1 child for which they are the legal guardian of or stand in the position of parent and are required to provide for the daily needs of the child; be single, divorced, legally separated, or widowed; have a high school diploma, it's equivalent or completed the GED examination; be a low income person at or below the poverty level; have (if already attending college) and maintain a 2.0 grade point average; be enrolled or agree to be enrolled in a college, university, or vocational school in a program providing marketable skills to achieve self-sufficiency and a better standard of living within 18 months of the award of scholarship; and shall not previously have earned any undergraduate degree or have met the requirements for earning one.

Eligibility Requirements

1. At the time of application for the Scholarship, the applicant and his/her family must reside or receive direct housing benefits and be in good standing through any housing program administered by any agency that is also a member in good standing with ARNAHRO.
2. HOH student may attend school part time and can reapply after the completion of the funded scholarship year.
3. Upon the distribution of scholarship funds, the applicant's family must be residents of or receive direct housing benefits through any housing program administered by any agency who is a member in good standing of the ARNAHRO.
4. **Certification:** The housing agency must complete the Agency Questionnaire and certify that the applicant is a resident of the agency and in good standing. The agency must certify that it is a member in good standing with ARNAHRO.
5. Applications submitted that are not in accordance with the instructions will not be considered for judging.

The program is competitive and awards are based on academic achievement, extra-curricular activities, family need and community involvement.

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Applicant Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Mailing Address _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Applicant email _____ Phone (____) _____

Gender: Male Female Marital Status: Single Divorced Legally Separated Widowed

How long have you been a single parent? _____ List ages of your children _____

Including yourself, how many individuals are dependent upon you for financial support? _____

Do you have a high school diploma or GED

Currently enrolled in school? Yes No If yes, part time full time Expected Graduation Date: _____

Academic Major(s) you will pursue, or are pursuing: _____

University/College/Vocational School you plan to attend or are attending: _____

If you are not presently in school, please provide information about when you plan to start school: _____

How many hours? _____ Cost of tuition per semester _____

Will you be working for income while you go to school? Yes No If yes, how many hours per week? _____

What will be your anticipated total monthly income once you enter the upcoming school year? _____

1. List your employers for the past 5 years beginning with your present or most recent: _____

2. List schools attended or training received. Give names and dates (EX. Anytown High, Diploma, 1981)

3. What are your core values? What is important to you? _____

4. What Goals and plans do you have for your future? _____

5. List the community activities in which you have taken part? (EX. Community service organizations, Church groups, etc.) _____

6. List your academic accomplishments, extra-curricular activities (EX. awards, honor societies, etc.) _____

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7. Why did you choose your college major? _____

8. What steps have you taken to prepare for college? (EX. Classes you have taken, research you have done, etc.) _____

9. At the time of application, what other resources do you have available to you to help with college expenses? Please list any available to you including any Scholarships and the amount of each:

10. What would you use this scholarship for? (EX. Tuition, books, etc.) _____

11. List job history including dates and places of employment: _____

12. List hobbies and special interests: _____

13. Please provide any information about yourself or your family and any special circumstances you feel would be of importance: _____

The undersigned applicant states that the information contained in this application along with any attachments hereto are true and correct to the best of the applicant's knowledge and belief; the applicant has read the "Rules for the Arkansas Chapter of NAHRO Single Parent Scholarship" and agrees to abide by them; the applicant shall abide by the decisions of the ARNAHRO Scholarship Committee, regarding the granting of any scholarship and that such decisions shall be final; and the applicant agrees that only complete applications will be reviewed.

Applicant Signature

Date

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Applications MUST INCLUDE the following materials according to this **checklist**:

___ The appropriate three (3) page application signed to affirm that the information contained on the application and the other information submitted with the application therewith is true and correct and free of misrepresentation or deliberate omission.

___ Agency questionnaire and certification completed and signed by ED/staff member with direct knowledge of the applicant and family.

___ A letter of recommendation from the Executive Director, Administrator, or other agency representative.

___ Two (2) letters of recommendation from community leaders-Adults should know you well and can attest to your character, work habits, etc.) (ex. Teachers, coaches, church leaders, employers, etc.)

___ A copy of an official (stamped or signed) high school diploma, transcript, or GED.

___ A copy of ACT or SAT Test scores, if not on official transcript.

___ An essay on "**why you have chosen to pursue the area of study chosen, and what influenced your choice of that area of study and why this scholarship is needed**". (150-300 words) **ESSAYS MUST BE TYPED.**

___ A photograph taken by agency staff. Applicants are allowing ARNAHRO use of their photographs unless they state otherwise in writing.

SUBMISSION

Scholarship Application with accompanying documentation and information must be submitted directly to:

**Arkansas NAHRO Scholarship Program
1301 Wade Avenue
Judsonia, AR 72081**

jha090ar@centurytel.net

*For questions or information contact:
Tammie Bishop, 501-729-4091,*

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP

**All applications for the 2020 Scholarship Program
MUST be postmarked or received by email no later than March 27th, 2020.**

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Agency Questionnaire & Certification

MUST BE COMPLETED BY Executive Director or Knowledgeable Staff Member

Must include a picture of the applicant taken by the recommending Agency.

A. FAMILY INFORMATION

Name of Scholarship Applicant: _____

1. Number of dependants living in the home _____ and ages _____

2. Is applicant head of a Single Parent Household? Yes No

3. What are the sources of income for the family?

Employed Social Security SSI Disability Other _____

Total Household Income Range:

\$0-15,000. \$15,001-30,000. \$30,001-45,000. \$45,001 and above.

4. Does the scholarship applicant work? Yes No

5. Does the family have reliable transportation? Yes No

6. Has the applicant displayed any bad behavior while in housing? Yes No

7. Do you feel the applicant is a good candidate for the ARNAHRO Scholarship? Yes No

Please explain _____

8. Does this family have any special circumstances you feel would impact the committee's decision?

Yes No If Yes, please explain _____

B. CERTIFICATIONS

I hereby certify that _____ (applicant name) is Head of Household and is a resident or participant in good standing in the _____ (list one: public housing, section 8, other) housing program administered by this agency since _____ (date). I also certify that the family income and information above is accurate as of the last family certification on file and the income is equal to or less than HUD's "low income" limit for the family size and locality.

I also certify that the _____ agency is a member in good standing of the Arkansas Chapter NAHRO.

Name of Executive Director _____

Name of Staff Member who completed Questionnaire _____

Address of Agency _____

Agency phone # _____ Agency Email: _____

Signature of Executive Director/Staff Member

Date