



## 2024 NAHRO Merit College Scholarship and NAHRO-LDG Scholars Program Application

### NAHRO Merit College Scholarship

The NAHRO Merit College Scholarship Program awards a one-time payment of \$3,000 each to eight scholars, one from each NAHRO region, who are pursuing their first post-secondary degree (*scholars applying for a master's or a PHD are not eligible*). Each NAHRO region submits an applicant of their choice from their own scholarship program. If no regional scholarship program is in place, the region will select one eligible applicant to complete the NAHRO Merit College Scholarship application.

Three NAHRO Merit Scholarship program winners will be selected by the NAHRO Scholarship Committee to become a part of the NAHRO-LDG Scholars program.

### NAHRO-LDG Scholars Program

The NAHRO-LDG Scholars Program is a 10-year venture that will provide \$1 million in scholarships and internship opportunities to low-income students from around the country and is funded by the award-winning multi-family housing developer, LDG Development.

In addition to the one-time scholarship provided through the NAHRO Merit College Scholarship, NAHRO-LDG Scholars will receive:

- A \$12,000 scholarship distributed over four years to assist with tuition and university affiliated housing expenses
- An opportunity to earn up to \$9,000 in stipends for summer internships and other approved activities that support the student's academic matriculation
- Networking opportunities with business and community leaders

All scholarship funds are sent directly to the accredited institution of higher education or university housing official once proof of registration is received.

### Who Is Eligible?

- Applicants who are provided a service or live in a household managed by NAHRO member agency that is in good standing.
- Eligible applicants must be a graduating high school senior or possess a high school diploma or GED and must be applying to or attending an accredited institution of higher education pursuing their first post-secondary degree. (*Scholars applying for a master's or a PHD are not eligible*). If currently attending college, applicants must be registered as a full-time student.

## When Is the Application Deadline?

Each NAHRO region will have different deadlines – ask your regional representative for details.

## How to Apply

Listed below are the documents required for a complete application. Please review this material carefully. If you have any questions, please contact Joseph Macias, Director of Development at [jmacias@nahro.org](mailto:jmacias@nahro.org).

- A. **Scholarship Applicants** fill out and gather all required documents for the application. This includes:
1. **Information form:** To be considered, all sections of the application must be completed. If a section is not applicable, write N/A (not applicable) in the section; do not leave any sections blank. **Any application that has blank sections, or that is missing appropriate submittals or signatures will be disqualified.**
  2. **One letter of character recommendation:** Please attach a letter of recommendation from a **non-relative**. Letters of recommendation will be accepted from a representative from the local housing authority or community organization, an employer, or a school professional such as a teacher, principal, or guidance counselor. **Recommendations from family members will NOT be considered.** All recommendations should include the writer's name; relationship to the applicant; and the length of time the writer has known the applicant.
  3. **An unofficial transcript from high school and/or the academic institution the applicant is currently attending.** A digital copy or scanned in hard copy are both acceptable.
  4. **Verification of acceptance/attendance** at an accredited institution of higher education.
  5. **An essay (750-1,000 words) written by the applicant. Essay prompt:** Please tell us about yourself and how this scholarship will help you achieve your goal of attending and graduating from college.
  6. **A clear, high-resolution headshot photo of the applicant.**
- B. **Once all items are completed, submit to your scholarship representative for judging.**

# Information Form

APPLICANT'S NAME: Enter Full Name

LOCAL/Mailing ADDRESS: Click here to enter address.

(NUMBER & STREET)

(CITY)

(STATE/ZIP)

DATE OF BIRTH: MM/DD/YYYY

PHONE NUMBER: ( ) -

EMAIL: Click here to enter text.

Which housing and or community development agency are you affiliated with? Click here to enter agency.

## EDUCATION HISTORY

(Check one)

High School Graduate/GED Recipient  High School Senior  Currently pursuing a post-secondary degree

CURRENT SCHOOL ATTENDING / DATES ATTENDED/ FINAL GPA/ CREDITS COMPLETED / DEGREES RECEIVED:

(Fill out all that apply)

Click here to enter text.

## 2024-2025 EDUCATION PLANS

What college, university, vocational, or post-secondary school do you plan to attend/ are attending in fall of 2024? (include city & state): Click here to enter text.

2024-2025 ENROLLMENT STATUS:

Applied, but not yet accepted

Applied and accepted

Anticipated/Known major or vocational goal:

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Average length of program (2 years/4 years, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

## HONORS, AWARDS, & COMMUNITY/SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Please list all honors or awards received and any community/school activities in which you have actively participated within the past 4 years (attach extra sheet if needed).

Click here to enter text.

## FINANCIAL REQUIREMENT

Estimated cost for entire 2024-2025 school year (include tuition, meal plan, student fees, books, and school supplies only) \_\_\_\_\_

Please list all other known scholarship awards:

## SIGNATURE

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 educational progress.
- To keep NAHRO informed of any changes in schools or enrollment status.
- To provide, or respond to NAHRO requests for, periodic updates on academic progress for the duration of the candidate's receipt of 2024-2025 scholarship funds.
- To consent to the use of my profile, progress, and testimonial, by NAHRO and its subsidiaries, for marketing and fundraising purposes.
- To authorize the office of financial aid to release my grades and pertinent information to NAHRO.
- To authorize the release of my contact information to contractor for the college program (if funded).

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Applicant Signature*

Date: MM/DD/YYYY

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*Once you have reviewed the application and required documents for accuracy sign and date above and submit to your scholarship representative by their deadline.*

**Keep this page separate:**

**Regional Service Officer or Regional Scholarship Committee Sign-Off Only**

**For NAHRO Member Agency: Review the requirements checklist below and if all items are complete, submit the scholarship applications to your regional scholarship representative for the regional judging before your region’s deadline. Only one candidate per region will be submitted to NAHRO for consideration. To be eligible for the consideration, your agency must be a national NAHRO member in good standing.**

**If you are the NAHRO regional/scholarship representative: Review the requirements checklist below and if all items are complete, send the winning scholarship application for your region to NAHRO July 1, 2024. Email the scholarship application to Joseph Macias, Director of Development at [jmacias@nahro.org](mailto:jmacias@nahro.org) with the subject: **2024 [Region Name] Scholarship Candidate.****

**Requirements Checklist for member agency or regional representative:**

- Information Form
- Unofficial Transcript or GED Certificate
- Educational History
- Educational Plan
- Honors and Awards (Please list award and date e.g. MM/YYYY)
- Financial Requirement
- One (1) Letter of Recommendation
- Essay
- Certification Signature
- Photo of Applicant
- Verify NAHRO Member Status

Select your region:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> NERC | <input type="checkbox"/> MARC | <input type="checkbox"/> SERC | <input type="checkbox"/> NCRC  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SWRC | <input type="checkbox"/> MPRC | <input type="checkbox"/> PNRC | <input type="checkbox"/> PSWRC |

Application submitted by: Name, Title, Region.

***Name of National NAHRO Member Agency***

Housing, Community Development Agency, or NAHRO Member Agency:

NAHRO Member Agency ID number: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number:

Email:

Contact person:

***Regional Service Officer or Regional Scholarship Committee Sign-Off***

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the individual listed on this scholarship application is associated with this agency and that this agency is a **national NAHRO member**. I also certify that the information contained in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature **All applications and documentation must be received by no later than July 1, 2024.**