



Adult Student Scholarship

2021 Application

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What is the Adult Student Scholarship?

Adult Student Scholarships are designed to provide the opportunity for adults to attend college and make a positive difference in the lives of their families. The scholarship is to help cover the cost of tuition, fees, books, supplies, and other related expenses.

What scholarships are available for the 2020-2021 academic year?

Three Academic Awards

\$2,500 – Emily Kicklighter Memorial Award
\$2,000, \$ 1,500

Four Technical/Vocational Awards

\$2,500 – H. L. Brantley Memorial Award
\$1,500, \$1,000, \$1,000

(Depending on number of applicants, the committee reserves the right to distribute amounts. There could be 4 Academic and 3 Technical/Vocational if needed)

The Scholarship Committee will notify applicants and sponsoring housing authorities of selection or non-selection for personal interview by mid-April. Scholarship awards will be announced at the GAHRA Spring Conference at Jekyll Island, Georgia on Monday, May 16, 2021 following interviews with the finalists.

Who can apply for the scholarships?

In order to be eligible for an Adult Student Scholarship, you must be a resident who is a non-traditional student. A non-traditional student is defined as a resident age 18 and up who has graduated from high school or received a GED; however, delayed enrolling in college or technical school for at least a year. The resident must meet the following criteria:

- Current resident, with at least two years of residency (not required to be consecutive), of federally assisted housing or as a recipient of assistance through the Community Development Block Grant Program.
- Is in good standing with Housing Authority or Community Development Agency (no lease violations).
- Must have earned high school diploma or GED at least one year ago.
- Must currently be enrolled in a full- or part-time undergraduate course of study at an accredited two- or four-year college, university, or vocational/technical school.
- *** Must “not” have previously been awarded a GAHRA scholarship.

What is the deadline to apply?

Your completed application must be returned to your local Housing Authority or Community Development Office by on or before the deadline set by them. We encourage you to submit the application as soon as possible. Your authority/agency's nomination(s) must then be submitted to the GAHRA Scholarship Committee no later than **March 19, 2021**.

What is the process for applying?

1. Applicants must complete the attached application and essay requirement. Applications are available at your Housing Authority or Community Development Office.
2. Current, complete, official college or technical/vocational transcript of grades for all prior courses taken. If the applicant's high school graduation date is not printed on the college transcript, a copy of the high school transcript, high school diploma, or other documentation must be enclosed showing the high school graduation date.
3. Copy of SAT/ACT scores, if applicable.
4. Copy of College Placement Exam (CPE) score.
5. Source and amount of other scholarship awards, received or pending.
6. Three letters of reference (teacher, employer, minister, or anyone with significant knowledge of the applicant).
7. A sponsorship letter from the Executive Director of your Housing Authority or the Director of your Community Development Program. The sponsoring agency must be an active member of GAHRA at the time of the application and they can only submit one academic (degree) and one technical/vocational (non-degree) application to the Scholarship Committee for the adult student award selection process.
8. The sponsoring agency must make a commitment to support travel expenses if their applicant(s) should be selected for an interview as one of the finalists. Finalists will be interviewed at the GAHRA Spring Conference in Jekyll Island, Georgia.

Applicants are responsible for gathering and submitting all necessary information by the deadline. All of the above must be submitted in order for the application to be considered.

How will the award be distributed?

- The school being attended by the winner will administer the scholarship award. If tuition and books are covered by other scholarships, the GAHRA scholarship award will be paid directly to the student.
- Funds may be used for one year or longer if approved by the Scholarship Committee. Failure to continue the required course of study will cause the unused portion of the funds to revert back to the Georgia Association of Housing and Redevelopment Authorities.

DEADLINES FOR SUBMITTAL-

PLEASE E-MAIL TO: dhousing@bellsouth.net

Then mail to:

March 19, 2021 to the: GAHRA Adult Scholarship Com.

c/o Brenda Smith, Dublin Housing Authority
500 W. Mary St.
Dublin, GA 31021

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Danita Wiggins, Chair, Albany HA
Brenda Smith, Co Chair, Dublin HA
Vickie Paris, Dallas HA
Ella Murphy, Marietta HA
Joe Thomas, Camilla HA

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Name: _____
First Middle Last

Current Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Phone Number: _____

Years you have lived at present address: _____ E-mail: _____

Sponsoring Agency: _____

Sponsoring Agency's Address: _____

Type of Scholarship applying for: ☐ Academic or ☐ Vocational/Technical

Name of College or Technical School: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Classification: _____ Major: _____ GPA: _____

Expected Graduation Date: _____

Are you currently receiving financial aid? _____ Yes _____ No

What does the financial aid cover? _____

Please provide the source and amount: _____

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HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

Name of High School that you graduated from: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Graduation Date: _____

Graduation Equivalency Diploma (GED) Date: _____

FINANCIAL DATA

Total Household Income for 2020: _____

Please include family net wages, child support, alimony, food stamps, WIC, TANF, Public Assistance, Social Security, and any other income. Do not include financial aid.

Total Household Expenses for 2020: _____

Please include rent, utilities, food, clothing, child/dependent care, medical expenses and insurance, auto loan, other transportation expenses, debts/loan payments, and any other expenses.

Estimated Educational Expenses for the
Academic Year beginning Fall 2020: _____

Please include tuition, fees, books, and supplies.

REQUIRED ESSAY

Please provide a handwritten or typed essay describing your reasons for attending college or technical school at this time in your life. In addition, please include any information that you feel would be helpful to the committee in selecting scholarship winners.

[Your application will not be considered if a written essay is not attached.]

RELEASE

By submitting this application, I hereby give my Housing Authority/Community Development Agency and the Georgia Association of Housing and Redevelopment Authorities, Inc. permission to use my name in matters relating to the promotion of this scholarship. In addition, I give them permission to review my tenant records with my sponsoring agency and/or contact my school office(s) concerning the validity of my application materials. I understand that if I submit false information on this application, I will be denied the scholarship without appeal. Furthermore, I understand that award of the scholarship shall be governed by any and all conditions established by the Committee.

Applicant: _____ / _____
Signature *Date*

Georgia Association of Housing and Redevelopment Authorities, Inc.

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**Grade Point Average/Test Scores
Certification Form**

I certify that _____'s cumulative grade point
Name of Student

average as of December 31, 2020, was: _____ / on a 100 point scale
(and/or)

_____ / on a 4.00 scale

SAT Score:_____ ACT Score:_____

College Placement Exam (CPE) Score:_____

Signature:_____ Date:_____
School Official

Title:_____

School:_____

Address:_____

City:_____

State:_____ Zip Code:_____

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Submission Certification

The _____ hereby submits the following
Name of Housing Authority or Community Development Agency

applicant(s) for:

Academic Award - _____
Name of Student

Vocational/Technical Award - _____
Name of Student

I certify that the _____ will cover
Name of Housing Authority or Community Development Agency

associated costs and coordinate travel arrangements if our applicant(s) is
selected as a finalist to be interviewed in Jekyll Island, Georgia at the GAHRA
Spring Conference.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Executive Director

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☒ Checklist

Application

- ☐ Complete Application (pages 1 and 2)
- ☐ Type of Scholarship applying for checked off
- ☐ Signed by Applicant

Support Information

- ☐ Written Essay
- ☐ Documentation of High School Graduation Date or completion of GED
- ☐ GPA Certification Form completed and signed by School Official
- ☐ Transcript of any prior college or technical/vocational courses taken
- ☐ Copy of SAT/ACT Scores, if applicable
- ☐ Copy of College Placement Exam (CPE) Score
- ☐ Three Letters of Support
- ☐ Submission Certification from Housing Authority Executive Director or Community Development Program Director
- ☐ Sponsorship Letter from Housing Authority Executive Director or Community Development Program Director