



National Association of Housing & Redevelopment Officials

2026 Past Presidents Memorial Scholarship Competition

The MassNAHRO Past Presidents Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in remembrance of the individuals who have served the Association with dedicated leadership and professionalism. The Scholarship Committee accepts and reviews applications, and the winner or winners are notified in early June. A special ceremony will be held in the summer during which formal presentations are made and the winners are invited to say a few words of acceptance. The Scholarship Committee awards scholarship money directly to the winning applicants once proof of registration at the college or university is received. Individual scholarships of as much as \$6,000 have been awarded in the past.

The rules and procedures are below, and the application form is attached. **Please read the rules and application very carefully.** If you have any questions, please call the MassNAHRO office at (617)367-0008.

Rules & Procedures

Eligibility

1. The MassNAHRO Past Presidents Memorial Scholarship applications are made available to eligible agencies. An “eligible agency” is a member housing authority or company in good standing with Massachusetts NAHRO.
2. Eligible individuals are residents (includes Section 8), employees or commissioners of eligible agencies or the immediate family members living in the household of said eligible individuals. For the purposes of this application, “immediate family” is limited to children, stepchildren, grandchildren, step-grandchildren, and spouses.
3. Applicants must live in the household of a resident, employee, or board member of an eligible agency.
4. Applicants must be graduating high school seniors, high school graduates or GED recipients, attending or applying to an accredited postsecondary program, including trade, technical or certificate programs.
5. An individual is not eligible to receive more than two (2) scholarship awards over a four-year period.

Application Process

1. The application **MUST** be completed by the applicant, must include original signatures of the applicant and certification by either Executive Director/CEO or Assistant Director and all required submittals must be attached, or your application will be disqualified. **To be considered complete, ALL sections of the application must be filled out. If a section is not applicable, put N/A; do not leave any sections blank. An application that is incomplete or missing appropriate submissions or signatures will be disqualified.**

It is highly encouraged that applications be submitted by email to info@massnahro.org and recommended that you send a copy to your Executive Director.

2. The application must include a one-page essay on: “Tell us about yourself, your educational goals, and how you believe you can positively impact your community through your education, training or career pathway.” Essays must be limited to one typed 8 1/2" x 11" page using a standard 12-point font. **Anything over one page will be disqualified.**
3. Applicant must submit a transcript of grades from the High School/Accredited College presently attending or last attended. Proof of grades/GPA submitted electronically must be official documentation. Transcripts sent by a third party under separate cover must be postmarked by April 24, 2026.
4. Applicant **MUST** include a letter of reference and contact information from an educator, employer, or community service supervisor.
5. Extracurricular activities may be included.
6. All completed applications must be **emailed or postmarked by April 24, 2026**, and sent to: info@massnahro.org

OR
MassNAHRO Scholarship Committee
c/o MassNAHRO
990 Washington St. Suite 209 Dedham, MA 02026

Note: All applications will be kept confidential by the Scholarship Committee. Scholarship money will be made directly to the winning applicant upon receipt of registration at the accredited school, trade, technical or certificate program.

2026 Scholarship Application

Deadline: April 24, 2026

(Read carefully. ALL fields/sections MUST be completed; incomplete applications will not be considered.)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____ CURRENT GPA: _____

AFFILIATION with a MassNAHRO Member Housing Authority or Company: *(please check one)*

- Employee
- Board Member
- Resident (includes Section 8)
- Immediate family living with employee
- Immediate family living with board member

HOUSING AUTHORITY/COMPANY: _____

ADDRESS: _____

COLLEGES/PROGRAMS AT WHICH ACCEPTED/ATTENDING: _____

COURSE OF STUDY: _____

NAMES & AGES OF OTHER HOUSEHOLD FAMILY MEMBERS ATTENDING SECONDARY SCHOOL OR COLLEGE
(not elementary schools):

CHECK if not applicable – NO family members attending secondary school or college.

Name _____ Relationship _____ School _____

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APPLICANT CHECKLIST: I have enclosed with this Application:

- No more than a one-page essay on topic stated in Rules & Procedures section.
- One (1) letter of recommendation from an educator, employer, or community service supervisor.
- Transcript from high school or academic institution currently attending or last attended.
- Summary of extracurricular activities, community service, awards and employment *(optional)*.

Make sure your application is complete; incomplete applications will not be considered.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: _____

Certification of Applicant's Affiliation with Member Housing Authority or Company:

I, the undersigned hereby certify that the individual listed on this application for scholarship is associated with this agency as either an employee, resident, commissioner, or immediate family living with an employee or commissioner. **(MUST BE ORIGINAL SIGNATURE.)**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/ASST. DIRECTOR/CEO: _____

Print Name

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/ASST. DIRECTOR/CEO: _____

Signature