

EDUCATIONAL ENRICHMENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Thank you for showing interest in the Education Enrichment Scholarship. This scholarship is available for full-time or part-time students enrolled at an accredited school for the Fall and Spring semesters.

PLEASE CAREFULLY READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS AND THOSE ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES BEFORE COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION.

The application is available year around at the Housing Authority City of Loveland administration building located at **375 W 37th St, Ste 200** or online at www.lovelandhsg.org.

Application Deadlines for Each Period:

- Spring Semester: July 1—August 31 (Scholarships Awarded in November)
- Fall Semester: February 1—March 31 (Scholarships Awarded in June)

Application Procedure:

1. All applications **must be typed**. Handwritten applications will be denied.
2. Incomplete applications will be denied.
3. Each completed application will be scored based on the attached score sheet.
4. If applying online, supporting documentation can be sent to scholarship@lovelandhsg.org.

Student Eligibility Requirements:

1. HACOL program resident for a minimum of 1 year
2. You must be a tenant/client of the Housing Authority in good standing– includes but is not limited to: Rent paid on time, no debt owed to the Housing Authority, good housekeeping, timely response to reporting requests, adherence to lease and community policies, respectful of neighbors and property.
3. High school diploma or GED equivalency diploma
4. Attendance at an accredited school
5. Agree to let the Housing Authority use your name, picture, and biography for Marketing Purposes
6. Participation in the interview process, presentation ceremony, and marketing events if selected to receive a scholarship.
7. Attend a presentation ceremony and marketing events, should I be selected to receive an award

Required Documents:

1. Scholarship Application form
2. Copy of high school diploma or GED equivalency diploma
3. Letter of recommendation from your Housing Coordinator stating you are a tenant/client in good standing
4. Copy of Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
5. Letter of acceptance from an accredited school

Payments and Renewals:

Awards are made for the academic semester following application. The monetary award will be sent directly to the school for credit to the account of the Student.

Contact Information:

For questions regarding your application, feel free to contact the scholarship coordinator at:

- 970-667-3232

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ):

Q. What are the requirements and who is eligible?

A. Applications must be complete and must be typed. All participants of HACOL programs, including Section 8, are eligible. You must be a resident for a minimum of 1 year and attend an accredited school.

Q. What documentation is required to apply?

A. An application form, copy of high school diploma or GED, letter of recommendation from your housing coordinator, a copy of the completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and a letter of acceptance from an accredited school.

Q. What is the dollar amount of each scholarship?

A. Up to \$1,500.00 per semester.

Q. What is the scholarship money used for (books, tuition and fees, room and board)?

A. The money is given directly to the school and they apply the money to your student account.

Q. What types of schools qualify as “accredited” institutions?

A. Accredited schools include universities, colleges, and trade schools. There are literally hundreds of trade schools that qualify as accredited schools including, but not limited to, graphic design, computers & technology, automotive, culinary, healthcare, etc.

Q. When are applications accepted?

A. Applications are accepted from July 1 – August 31 for the Spring Semester and from February 1 – March 31 for the Fall Semester.

Q. When and where can I get an application?

A. Applications are available all year long. They are available at the Housing Authority administrative office at 375 W. 37th St. Suite 200 or online at www.lovelandhsg.org.

Q. How many times can I be awarded a scholarship?

A. There is no limit to how many times you can receive a scholarship. We have winners who have received a scholarship several times.

Q. If I get denied, should I reapply the following semester?

A. Absolutely. If you are denied for any reason, you can meet with someone on the scholarship committee to explain why you were denied and what you can improve on for the next funding cycle.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ) **continued:**

Q. If I receive other financial aid, am I still eligible?

A. Yes. We encourage you to seek out all available resources to assist with your educational expenses.

Q. Is there an age limit for applicants?

A. No. Residents of all ages are encouraged to apply but you must have a GED or High School Diploma.

Q. Can I apply if I am not yet accepted into a school?

A. You are allowed to apply, but keep in mind that you will not be awarded a scholarship if you do not have an acceptance letter from a school. We need to be assured that you will be going to school and where we will need to send the money.

Q. Do I have to attend a school in Colorado?

A. No. The school can be located in any state or the classes can be taken online.

Q. Do I have to go to school full time?

A. No. There is no minimum requirement for number of hours.

Q. What are my chances of receiving a scholarship?

A. Very good!! This of course depends on the number of applicants, but if the application is complete and all of the requirements met, you will have a good chance of being awarded a scholarship. The process is not nearly as difficult as it may seem.

Q. What is the FAFSA and why do I need to complete it?

A. The FAFSA is an application that stands for Free Application for Federal Student Aid. There is no cost to fill out the form and can be found at www.fafsa.com or by calling 866-514-5948. Completing a FAFSA is required because nearly every student is eligible for some type of financial aid. Since we are giving you free money, we want to make sure that you are utilizing all available resources so you will be successful in completing your education.

Q. Are there any additional requirements if I receive a scholarship?

A. Yes. You will need to attend one of our board meetings, where you will be presented with the scholarship. You will also be asked to promote our scholarship program by attending fundraisers or events. This may only be 1 or 2 events per year. Agree to let the Housing Authority use your name, picture, and biography for marketing purposes.

Educational Data

High School you now attend (or from which you graduated)

_____ Date of entry _____

List all other secondary schools, including summer schools and programs you have attended beginning with ninth grade.

| <i>Name of School</i> | <i>Location (City, State, Zip, Country)</i> | <i>Dates Attended</i> |
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List all colleges/universities where you have taken courses for credit.

| <i>Name of College/University</i> | <i>Location (City, State, Zip)</i> | <i>Degree candidate?</i> | <i>Dates Attended</i> |
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If not currently attending school, please check here Describe in detail your activities since last enrolled.

Extracurricular, Personal, and Volunteer Activities (including summer)

Please list your **principal** extracurricular, community, and family activities and hobbies **in order of their interest to you**. Include specific events and/or major accomplishments such as musical instrument played, varsity letters earned, etc. **To allow us to focus on the highlights of your activities, please complete this section even if you plan to send a resume.**

| Activity, events, major accomplishments | If applicable, list positions held, honors won, or letters earned | What grade level or post secondary (PS) 9 10 11 12 PS | If applicable, list approximate time spent per week | Do you plan to participate in this activity in college |
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Academic Honors

Briefly list or describe any scholastic distinctions or honors you have won; beginning with ninth grade.

Short Answer

Please describe which of your activities (extracurricular and personal activities or work experience) has been most meaningful and why.

Statement of Goals

1. What do you want to study and why?
2. Why did you choose the school you wish to attend?
3. What are your career goals and what would you like to be doing 10 years from now?
4. What other goals do you have for your life?

Personal Statement

This personal statement helps us become acquainted with you in ways different from courses, grades, test scores, and other objective data. It will demonstrate your ability to organize thoughts and express yourself. We are looking for an essay that will help us know you better as a person and as a student. Please write an essay (250-500 words) on a separate sheet of paper on a topic of your choice or on one of the options listed below.

Please indicate your topic by checking the appropriate box below:

- Evaluate a significant experience, achievement, risk you have taken, or ethical dilemma you have faced and its impact on you.
- Discuss some issue of personal, local, national, or international concern and its importance to you.
- Indicate a person who has had a significant influence on you, and describe that influence.
- A range of academic interests, personal perspectives, and life experiences adds much to the educational mix. Given your personal background, describe an experience that illustrates what you would bring to the diversity in a college community, or an encounter that demonstrated the importance of diversity to you.
- Other

Certification

By my signature, I agree to the following:

- * That the information I have given is true to the best of my knowledge.*
- * To authorize my school to release my grades to Loveland Housing Authority.*
- * To authorize the Office of Financial aid to release pertinent information to Loveland Housing Authority.*
- *To participate in the interview process (business attire is required) if needed.*
- * Agree to let the Housing Authority use my name, picture, and biography for Marketing purposes*
- *Attend a presentation ceremony and marketing event, should I be selected to receive an award*

Checking the following box and/or signing below certifies the above statement.

Signature _____ Date _____

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Personal Statement Essay 250-500 Words