

2019 MINNESOTA NAHRO EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Each year at the Spring Conference, Minnesota NAHRO awards scholarships for post-secondary educational programs. **In 2019 – 3 scholarships of \$1,000** will be awarded to student applicants who are sponsored by active Minnesota NAHRO Agency Members and selected as winners. **Each agency member may sponsor only one applicant. Scholarships may be used for any accredited post-secondary education program, except for graduate or post-graduate programs.**

TO BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR THE MINNESOTA NAHRO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, AN APPLICANT MUST:

- Be a resident of a publicly-owned housing unit or a participant in a rent assistance program administered by a Minnesota NAHRO agency member.
- Be enrolled in a post-secondary program or be accepted into a post-secondary program beginning fall 2019.
- Education programs must be accredited and may not be graduate or post-graduate programs.
- Have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or better on a scale of 4.0. (Applies to current students only.)
- **OPTIONAL:** For Applicant's with a household annual income at or *below 50% of the area median income for family size* as determined by HUD, they will also qualify for NCRC Scholarship program.

HOW TO APPLY:

- Return a completed application to your sponsoring agency member by **March 8th, 2019**.
- Applications can be downloaded at www.mnnahro.com

APPLICATIONS FROM HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- Scholarship Award Application (pages 4-5)
- An essay of 750-1,000 words detailing the applicant's educational plans and goals, and focuses on outstanding community service or engagement activities.
- The applicant's high school transcript mailed directly from the high school to the sponsoring agency.
- Two letters of recommendation from teachers or school officials who are familiar with the applicant's academic performance; community or religion organization; or an

employer. Letters may not come from family members.

- Information on educational institutions that have accepted the applicant, or where the application for enrollment has been made.
- Verification of acceptance/attendance at an accredited institution of higher education.

APPLICATIONS FROM ADULT STUDENTS MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- Scholarship Award Application (pages 4-5)
- An essay of 750-1,000 words detailing the applicant's educational plans and goals, and focuses on outstanding community service or engagement activities.
- The applicant's post-secondary transcript (if currently a student) mailed directly from the educational institution to the sponsoring agency.
- Verification of acceptance/attendance at an accredited institution of higher education.
- Two letters of recommendation/character references from teachers or school officials who are familiar with the applicant's academic performance; community or religion organization; or an employer. Letters may not come from family members.

AWARD DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION:

- Sponsored applications will be reviewed and selected by the Minnesota NAHRO Scholarship Committee and will be announced on Friday, May 24th at the 2019 Minnesota NAHRO Spring Conference in Baxter, Minnesota. Recipients will also be notified by mail.

TO SPONSOR AN APPLICANT, AN AGENCY MEMBER MUST:

- Solicit applications by posting notice of the scholarship availability and eligibility guidelines.
- Provide application forms to potential candidates.
- Select a sponsored applicant from submissions received.
- Submit nominee's completed application to Minnesota NAHRO by **March 15, 2019**

EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP AWARD NOMINATING FORM

TO BE FILLED OUT BY SPONSORING AGENCY: Each member agency may submit one scholarship application to Minnesota NAHRO for any given year. The application together with the sponsor form and other supporting documentation must be submitted by **Friday, March 15, 2019** to:

Shannon Guernsey, Executive Director, Minnesota NAHRO,
 555 North Wabasha Street, #245, St. Paul, MN 55102

Sponsor Agency: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Contact Phone: _____ Email: _____

- Applicants household annual income at or *below 50% of the area median income for family size* as determined by HUD (required to qualify for NCRC Scholarship opportunity in addition to Minnesota NAHRO Scholarship opportunity)

Agency Comments On Behalf of Applicant: _____

I am submitting this Sponsorship for the Minnesota NAHRO Scholarship on behalf of my Agency and in support of the Application made by (Name of Applicant): _____

Signature of Authorized Representative of Agency: _____

* The number of scholarships awarded is dependent upon the number of applications received and the amount of scholarship funds raised by Minnesota NAHRO in the previous year.*

2019 MINNESOTA NAHRO EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION

DEADLINE: This application must be submitted to your *sponsoring agency* no later than **March 8th, 2019** so that it can be approved by the sponsoring agency and mailed to Minnesota NAHRO by **March 15th, 2019**.

Name (First, Middle, Last) _____
 Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Telephone: _____ Email: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Education History: High School Graduate/GED Recipient High School Senior

School Attended	Dates Attended	Final or Current GPA	Credits Completed	Degree Received or Anticipated

Expected Date of Graduation (high school applicants only): _____

List all honors or awards received and any school or community activities in which you have participated within the past five years: _____

2019-2020 Education Plans:

What college, university, vocational, or post-secondary school do you plan to attend/are attending in 2019-2020 (include city and state)? _____

Plan to Apply Applied but not yet accepted Applied and accepted

Anticipated major or vocational goal: _____
 Average length of program (2 years, 4 years, etc.): _____
 Estimated cost for 2019-2020 school year (include tuition, student fees, books, and school supplies only): _____
 _____ (attach cost estimate from the institution if available).

References:

For the letters of recommendation you've attached to this application, please provide:

Name	Address	Phone No.	Relationship to you	Length of Time Known

ATTACH WITH THIS APPLICATION

- Essay, 750-1,000 words answering the questions: Where do you see yourself in the next four years and how will this scholarship help you to achieve those goals? What are you doing now to achieve those goals?
- 2 letters of recommendation (high school applicant).
- 2 letters of character reference (adult applicant).
- Transcript mailed directly from the high school (or college if already enrolled).
- Verification of acceptance (or current attendance) to institution of higher education (if available).

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 candidates receipt of the 2019-2020 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 the contractor for the college program (if funded).
- To authorize my sponsoring agency and my high school to make available to the selection committee of Minnesota NAHRO, information concerning this application, my academic record and rank.
- I understand that award of the scholarship shall be governed by any and all conditions established by Minnesota NAHRO.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature (Parent or Guardian signature for high school applicants)

Date

Applicants must complete this application and requested attachments in order to be eligible. Return to your Sponsoring Agency by March 8th, 2019, to be nominated.