



***West Virginia Association
of Housing Agencies***

WVAHA

2016 Scholarship Application

Russell Bibbee Memorial Scholarship	Manuel C. Cartelle Scholarship	SERC/NAHRO Scholarship
\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000

WVAHA Scholarship Program

The West Virginia Association of Housing Authorities (WVAHA) sets aside money each year for scholarships that can be used by high school graduates, current college students, and those wanting to return to school. The scholarship program was founded in 1984 to provide higher education opportunities for low-income housing residents and employee dependents. Scholarships may be used for any two or four-year program at an accredited college, university, or technical school. These scholarship funds may be used for tuition, fees, books, and other academic related supplies, as well as for room/board and transportation expenses related to school.

Russell Bibbee Memorial Scholarship (One year scholarship available: \$1,000)

The Russell Bibbee Memorial Scholarship was named after the Point Pleasant Executive Director that worked many years assisting to build the scholarship program for the association. Recipients of this scholarship must be graduating high school seniors who are dependents of employees of member housing agencies.

Manuel C. Cartelle Scholarship (One year scholarship available: \$1,000)

The Manuel C. Cartelle Scholarship is named after the former Beckley Housing Authority Executive Director. He was an advocate for Housing residents to further their education and he was one of the original Scholarship Trust Fund trustees. Recipients of this scholarship must be any household member residing in public or assisted housing managed by a member of WVAHA.

SERC/NAHRO (One scholarship available: \$1,000)

The SERC/NAHRO Scholarship goes to any household member residing in public or assisted housing managed by a member of WVAHA and SERC/NAHRO.

The scholarship fund will be administered by the WVAHA Scholarship Committee. The money will go directly to the scholarship recipient in August for the fall semester and January for the spring semester. If the scholarship recipient discontinues his or her education or does not maintain a 2.5 GPA, the unused portion of the scholarship will revert to the WVAHA Scholarship Fund. The scholarship award must be used in one academic year, longer if approved by the Scholarship Committee. Scholarship recipients are eligible to apply and receive a secondary stipend, the amount determined by the Scholarship Committee, provided all requirements for the enrollment and continued support are met.

ELIGIBILITY

Scholarship applicants must:

- ✓ Be a Public Housing Authority (PHA) resident; a recipient of all Section 8 Programs; and/or a dependent of the household listed above, for at least of one year by Friday, March 14, 2016.
- ✓ Be a high school senior, be a dependent of a PHA employee that has been employed for at least two consecutive years, and the PHA must be a member of the WVAHA (**Russell Bibbee Memorial Scholarship only**).
- ✓ Be an U.S. Citizen or a Legal Permanent Resident.
- ✓ Be a high school graduate or equivalent (GED) by spring of 2016.

For consideration of these scholarships, applications must be completed in their entirety.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

REQUIREMENT CHECKLIST

- 1. Application**

The application may be found in this packet. All materials must be received by the program application deadline. Include this printed application in the packet of materials that you submit to your Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer.
- 2. School Transcript**

You must provide an original high school, high school equivalency, or college transcript. **Note:** Russell Bibbee applicants must provide a high school transcript.
- 3. Copy of SAT or ACT Scores** (if completed and available)
- 4. Two Letters of Recommendation**

You must submit one teacher or guidance counselor recommendation and one personal, NON-Family, recommendation.
- 5. Essay #1 – Good Citizen**

You must submit a **typewritten** essay in English addressing the following topic:
Define the characteristics and qualities of a good citizen. How will furthering your education enhance your role as contributing member of society? (300-500 words, Arial 12 point font, double-spaced)
- 6. Essay #2 – School, Community, and Future Plans**

You must submit a **typewritten** page in English describing:
1) your objective in continuing your education beyond high school; and
2) any extracurricular school or community activities and achievements that provide evidence of personal motivation and initiative, (i.e. high school or civic club activities, church activities, volunteer groups, family assistance). (250-500 words, Arial 12 point font, double-spaced)
- 7. Executive Director (ED)/Chief Executive Responsibilities (CEO)**
 - a. Student must be recommended by the ED/CEO of the housing authority in a letter **signed** by ED/CEO for the application to be considered complete. The letter must include a commitment from the agency to support travel expenses for the applicant if an interview is necessary in the selection of scholarship awards.
Note: The sponsoring housing authority must be a member of the WVAHA at the time of application.
 - b. **Deadline** – All application materials must be received **no later than March 11th, 2016, at 4:30 p.m.** The packets should be mailed to:
Charleston-Kanawha Housing Authority
Attn: WVAHA Scholarship Committee
1525 Washington Street West
Charleston, WV 25387
No faxes will be accepted.
 - c. Local promotion of the scholarship program is the responsibility of the housing authority.

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Name _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email _____ Student's Cell Phone Number _____

Current Grade Level (if applicable) _____ Current GPA (if applicable) _____

Graduation Date (if applicable) _____

What is your desired Academic Major (if any) _____

To which colleges have you applied? _____

To which colleges have you been accepted? _____

Source and amount of other scholarship awards and grants (if applicable). _____

Please select one scholarship that you are applying for:

- Russell Bibbee Memorial Scholarship (**dependent of PHA employee only**)
- Manuel C. Cartelle Scholarship & SERC/NAHRO

By submitting this application, I authorize my high school or other educational institution to make available to the Scholarship Committee of the WVAHA information concerning my academic record and rank. It is understood that the award of scholarship shall be governed by any and all conditions established by the Scholarship Committee.

Applicant's Signature

Signature of Parent/Guardian

SPONSORING HOUSING AUTHORITY USE ONLY:

Sponsoring Public Housing Authority _____

Executive Director/CEO Name _____

Number of Years Lived in Public Housing or receiving assisted housing _____