



# Southwest NAHRO

*Building Communities in the Southwest Region*

## Southwest NAHRO 2011 Scholarship Program

### Description and Overview

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**APPLICATION DEADLINE: Tuesday, March 15, 2011**

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**Category 2- Graduating Senior, Child of Agency Staff:** One \$1,000 one-year scholarship is available to a graduating senior of an agency staff family. In addition, either another one-year \$1,000 scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior of an agency staff family or 2 one-year \$500 scholarships are awarded to agency staff family members already in college. These scholarships are given in memory of Mr. Michael Hanratty and Ms. Cissy Wood. *Actual amount will vary according to the number of students applying and funds available.*

**Category 3- Resident/Participant Head of Household:** Scholarships are available for heads of household who have been residents of a housing agency or program participants for at least 12 months prior to the application deadline, and who intend to start or are already attending college. The Sam McKay Memorial Commissioners Scholarship in the amount of \$750, plus a one year \$500 scholarship in honor of the sitting president of Southwest NAHRO are available in this category. *Actual amount will*

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### **Eligibility Requirements**

1. For the resident scholarship, (Category 1) the applicant and their family must reside or receive direct housing benefits for the entire senior year (and at least 12 months prior to the application deadline) through any housing program administered by any agency that is a member in good standing of Southwest NAHRO.
2. For the staff family scholarship, (Category 2) a parent or legal guardian of the applicant must have been employed by the agency for the entire senior year (or at least 9 months prior to the application deadline) and the agency must be a member in good standing of Southwest NAHRO. At the discretion of the judges, the consideration of family circumstances and financial need may be a factor in selection of the recipient.
3. For Categories 1 and 2, the applicant must: have maintained an overall 3.0 grade point average for the total of his/her high school career, have earned an ACT score of 18 , and commit himself or herself to enrolling in a college or vocational training program beyond high school graduation.
4. For the resident Head of Household scholarship, (Category 3) the applicant and their family must reside or receive direct housing benefits for at least 12 months prior to the application deadline through any housing program administered by any agency that is a member in good standing of Southwest NAHRO.
5. Applications submitted that are not in accordance with the instructions will not be considered for judging.

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### **Scholarship Payments:**

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to the housing agency to present to the recipient. At this time, the agency may want to recognize the student for continuing success.

**Certification:** The housing agency must certify that the applicant is a resident or child of an employee of the agency. The agency must also certify that it is a member in good standing of SWRC NAHRO.

**Definitions:** A graduating senior of a resident family (Category 1) is a high school graduate of the current program year who is a member and resides with a family, who resides in or has received direct housing benefits from a SWRC NAHRO member agency for the twelve months prior to the application date. A graduating senior of an agency staff family (Category 2) is a high school graduate of the current program year who is a member and resides with a family who has one parent or guardian employed with a SWRC NAHRO member agency for at least nine months prior to the application date. A head of household (Category 3) applicant is the head of a resident family who has lived in a public housing development for at least twelve months prior to the application date.

**Scholarship Categories**

There is currently available \$10,750 in scholarship awards as follows:

**I. Category 1- Scholarship for Resident Families – \$7,500 Total as follows:**

- a) 1 - \$4,000 Four-year scholarship to a graduating senior, payable \$1,000 per year over four years.
- b) 1 - \$1,000 One-year Philip W. Miller Academic Scholarship to a graduating senior.
- c) Scholarship awards of a minimum of \$100 to resident graduating seniors who attain a four-year 3.0 GPA and an 18 on the ACT. Actual amount will vary according to the number of students applying and funds available.

**II. Category 2- Scholarship for Agency Staff Family Member - \$2,000 Total as follows:**

- a) 1 - \$1,000 One-year scholarship to an agency staff family graduating senior.
- b) 1 - \$1,000 One-year scholarship, or 2 - \$500 one-year scholarships to an agency staff family member already in college.

**III. Category 3- Scholarship for Resident Family Head of Household - \$1,250 Total as follows:**

- a) 1 - \$750 One-year Sam McKay Memorial Commissioners' Scholarship to a resident Head of Household whether starting or already in college.
- b) 1 - \$500 scholarship in honor of the sitting president of Southwest NAHRO to a resident Head of Household whether starting or already in college.

*If there are not enough qualified applicants in any one category, the funds from that category will be transferred to other categories that have more qualified applicants. The judging and application forms will be the same in all categories and the students will compete against one another for the top award.*

**EVALUATION AND SCORING OF APPLICANTS  
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM GRADING SYSTEM**

**POINT SYSTEM FOR EVALUATION OF CATEGORY 1 RESIDENT/PARTICIPANT GRADUATING SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP**

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
Grades (Completed by Committee Chairman)	150
ACT Scores (Completed by Committee Chairman)	50
Academic Achievement/Extra Curricular Activities	100
Community Activities	75
Essay	100
General Overall Performance	25
<b>Total Available Points</b>	<b>500</b>

**POINT SYSTEM FOR EVALUATION OF CATEGORY 2 STAFF MEMBER FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP**

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
Grades (Completed by Committee Chairman)	150
ACT Scores (Completed by Committee Chairman)	50
Academic Achievement/Extra Curricular Activities	100
Community Activities	75
Essay	100
Financial Need / Special Circumstance	100
General Overall Performance	25
<b>Total Available Points</b>	<b>600</b>

**POINT SYSTEM FOR EVALUATION OF CATEGORY 3 RESIDENT/PARTICIPANT HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD SCHOLARSHIP**

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
Grades (Completed by Committee Chairman) if applicable	50
Community Activities	75
Essay	100
Financial need	25
<b>Total Available Points</b>	<b>250</b>

**JUDGING**

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d) The general overall performance evaluation is the "gut feeling" of the judge with regard to the excellence of the student. A general review of transcripts and ACT scores should be included in this evaluation.

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## **SUBMISSION**

**Completed applications and essay should be mailed to:**

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# CATEGORY 1- RESIDENT/PARTICIPANT GRADUATING SENIOR APPLICATION FORM

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Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: M \_\_\_ F \_\_\_

Name of Housing Agency and City: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Major(s) will pursue, or are pursuing: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Summarize your academic accomplishments, extra-curricular activities, list all scholarships received (e.g. awards, honor societies):**

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CATEGORY 1- RESIDENT/PARTICIPANT GRADUATING SENIOR  
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List hobbies and any special interests:

Indicate any jobs which you have had (full or part-time):

List two personal references (name, addresses, and phone number):

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CATEGORY 1- RESIDENT/PARTICIPANT GRADUATING SENIOR  
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**MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE CEO/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/ADMINISTRATOR**

**1. RESIDENTS OF PUBLIC HOUSING, SECTION 8 OR OTHER PARTICIPANTS**

*I hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_ (applicant name) is and has been a resident or participant in good standing in the \_\_\_\_\_ (list one: public housing, section 8, other) housing program administered by this agency since \_\_\_\_\_ (date). I also certify that the family income information below is accurate as of the last family certification on file and is equal to or less than HUD's "low income" limit for the family size and locality.*

**2. FAMILY INFORMATION**

Name of Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children in family living at home: \_\_\_\_\_ Single Parent Household: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Total Household Income:

\_\_\_ 0-\$15,000    \_\_\_ \$15,001- \$30,000    \_\_\_ \$30,001-\$45,000    \_\_\_ \$45,001 & above

Describe any special circumstances of financial or other need:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**AGENCY CERTIFICATION**

*I hereby certify that this agency is a member in good standing of the \_\_\_\_\_  
Chapter NAHRO and Southwest NAHRO.*

Agency \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Executive Director \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Agency \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of CEO/Executive Director/Administrator

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: M \_\_\_ F \_\_\_

Name of Housing Agency and City: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

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**FAMILY INFORMATION**

Name of Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Position held with the Agency \_\_\_\_\_ How long \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children in family living at home: \_\_\_ Single Parent Household: Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

Total Household Income:

\_\_\_ 0-\$15,000 \_\_\_ \$15,001-30,000 \_\_\_ \$30,001-45,000 \_\_\_ \$45,001-60,000

\_\_\_ \$60,001-75,000 \_\_\_ \$75,001-90,000 \_\_\_ \$90,001-105,000 \_\_\_ \$105,001-120,000

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\_\_\_ \$165,001-180,000 \_\_\_ \$180,001-195,000 \_\_\_ \$195,001-210,000

\_\_\_ \$210,001-225,000 \_\_\_ \$225,001-240,000 \_\_\_ over \$240,001

Describe any special circumstances of financial or other need:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE CEO/EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR/ADMINISTRATOR**

*I hereby certify that a parent or legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_  
(applicant's name) has been a member of the staff of the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (agency name) since \_\_\_\_\_ (date).*

*I also certify that this agency is a member in good standing of the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Chapter NAHRO and Southwest NAHRO.*

Agency \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Executive Director \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Agency \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of CEO/Executive Director/Administrator

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS**  
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## **CATEGORY 3- RESIDENT/PARTICIPANT HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD APPLICATION FORM**

*The Southwest Regional Council NAHRO Scholarship Program provides scholarship opportunities to families that reside in, work with, or who otherwise receive housing benefits from one of the member agencies of the Council. The SWRC NAHRO annually awards scholarships totaling more than \$10,000.00. Scholarship awards are available to public housing residents, participants in rental assistance or similar programs, both heads of household and other family members, and children of staff working for a member agency.*

Scholarship Application with accompanying documentation and information must be submitted directly to:

**Southwest NAHRO Scholarship Program  
c/o Lori Mendez  
San Antonio Housing Authority  
818 S. Flores  
San Antonio, Texas 78204  
210-477-6030, Lori\_mendez@saha.org**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: Tuesday, March 15, 2011**

**Category 3- Resident/Participant Head of Household:** Scholarships are available for heads of household who have been residents of a housing agency or program participants for at least 12 months prior to the application deadline, and who intend to start or are already attending college. The Sam McKay Memorial Commissioners Scholarship in the amount of \$750, plus a one year \$500 scholarship in honor of the sitting president of Southwest NAHRO are available in this category. *Actual amount will vary according to the number of students applying and funds available.*

The scholarships have been established by the membership of Southwest NAHRO to provide the opportunity for students associated with public assisted housing to take advantage of post high school educational opportunities that otherwise may not be possible. Any unused portion of a scholarship may, at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee, be awarded a student exhibiting outstanding accomplishment.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

1. The applicant and their family must reside or receive direct housing benefits for at least 12 months prior to the application deadline through any housing program administered by any agency that is a member in good standing of Southwest NAHRO.
2. Applications submitted that are not in accordance with the instructions will not be considered for judging.

***The program is competitive and awards are based on academic achievement, extra curricular activities, family need and community involvement.***

### **Scholarship Payments:**

In an attempt to expedite scholarship payments, eliminate lost payments, and to make a greater impact

on the students as to who is providing the scholarship funds, SWNAHRO has established specific scholarship payment procedures. For one-year scholarship recipients, the program coordinator will obtain enrollment information from the student; after which a check in the scholarship amount will be mailed to the housing authority that sponsored the student. The agency is then asked to make the presentation of the check to the student and his or her family at a Board Meeting or some other appropriate event.

**Certification:** The housing agency must certify that the applicant is a resident of the agency. The agency must also certify that it is a member in good standing of SWRC NAHRO.

**Definitions** A head of household (Category 3) applicant is the head of a resident family who has lived in a public housing development for at least twelve months prior to the application date.

**Scholarship Categories**

**I. Category 3- Scholarship for Resident Family Head of Household - \$1,250 Total as follows:**

- a) 1 - \$750 One-year Sam McKay Memorial Commissioners' Scholarship to a resident Head of Household whether starting or already in college.
- b) 1 - \$500 scholarship in honor of the sitting president of Southwest NAHRO to a resident Head of Household whether starting or already in college.

*If there are not enough qualified applicants in any one category, the funds from that category will be transferred to other categories that have more qualified applicants. The judging and application forms will be the same in all categories and the students will compete against one another for the top award.*

**POINT SYSTEM FOR EVALUATION OF CATEGORY 3 RESIDENT/PARTICIPANT HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD SCHOLARSHIP**

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
Grades (Completed by Committee Chairman) if applicable	50
Community Activities	75
Essay	100
Financial need	25
<b>Total Available Points</b>	<b>250</b>

**JUDGING**

- a) Scholarship applications will be evaluated and judged on two levels. The Committee Chair will review grade point averages and determine the point total for grades and ACT scores. A panel of judges representing the States in the Region will evaluate the students' academic achievements, extra-curricular and community activity involvement. The panel of judges will also score the essay, financial need, and determine the overall performance.
- b) In judging the scholarship applications the judges should consider all aspects of the application that may have an impact on each judging category. One would perhaps consider an applicant's part-time and/or after school job record (with private enterprise business) as a possible balancing value for an outstanding student who worked instead of participated in extra-curricular activities. Non-government jobs should only be considered because they are rarely political and a reflect a student's self-determination as compared to say a JTPA or CETA job, which often has political attachments.
- c) The letters of recommendation submitted by each student should be considered in the evaluation of the extra-curricular activities as well as the community activities. Emphasis in evaluation of the letters should be given to the position of the writer, the obvious familiarity (or lack thereof) of the writer with the student themselves, and the overall quality of the recommendation. One needs to separate the good intentions of the writer from the quality and validity of the recommendation.
- d) The general overall performance evaluation is the "gut feeling" of the judge with regard to the excellence of the student. A general review of transcripts and ACT scores should be included in this evaluation.
- e) In scoring each applicant, the judges should consider giving the most qualified student the maximum points available in each category and reduce the score for each succeeding applicant by an appropriate amount. This should be especially considered for the overall performance score with as much as three to five points being given for each step. Please bear in mind that students may receive tie scores for grades and ACT scores so it is important to give some differentiation on the subjective section.

### **SUBMISSION**

**Completed applications and essay should be mailed to:**

**Lori Mendez,  
San Antonio Housing Authority,  
818 S. Flores, San Antonio, TX 78204.**

**2011 SOUTHWEST NAHRO SCHOLARSHIP  
CATEGORY 3- RESIDENT/PARTICIPANT HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD  
APPLICATION FORM**

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Mailing Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Housing Authority and City: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Length of residency with Housing Authority: \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: M \_\_\_ D \_\_\_ S \_\_\_ # of Children at home/Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Currently in school? \_\_\_ If yes, what level \_\_\_\_\_ Expected graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Major(s) will pursue, or are Pursuing: \_\_\_\_\_

College of vocational school you plan to attend, or are attending: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are not presently in school, please provide information about when you plan to start school, including what steps that you have taken to become eligible, and what other resources you may have available to you:

List the community activities in which you have taken part (e.g. church groups, community service organizations, etc):

Indicate any jobs, which you have had (full or part-time):

Provide information on any special circumstances about yourself or your family.

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List two personal references (name, addresses, and phone number):

**Applicants must include the following additional materials:**

1. Attach two (2) letters of recommendation from community leaders.
2. Submit an official (stamped or signed) current transcript if in school.
3. Applications must write (in their own handwriting) an essay of 500 words or less on why he or she has chosen to pursue the area of study chosen, and what influenced the applicant's choice of that area of study. **TYPED ESSAYS WILL NOT BE JUDGED.**

**MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE CEO/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/ADMINISTRATOR**

*I hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_ (applicant name) is and has been a resident or participant in good standing in the \_\_\_\_\_ (list one: public housing, section 8, other) housing program administered by this agency since \_\_\_\_\_ (date). I also certify that the family income information below is accurate as of the last family certification on file and is equal to or less than HUD's "low income" limit for the family size and locality.*

Number of children in family living at home: \_\_\_ Single Parent Household: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Total Household Income:

\_\_\_ 0-\$15,000 \_\_\_ \$15,001- \$30,000 \_\_\_ \$30,001-\$45,000 \_\_\_ \$45,001 & above

Describe any special circumstances of financial or other need:

**AGENCY CERTIFICATION**

*I hereby certify that this agency is a member in good standing of the \_\_\_\_\_  
Chapter NAHRO and Southwest NAHRO.*

Agency \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Executive Director \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Agency \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of CEO/Executive Director/Administrator

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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