



The Twenty-Fourth Annual Scholarship Application



2018 ELIGIBILITY

- Be a high school junior or senior or already have a high school diploma/GED.
- Be a BCHA Public Housing Resident, Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) participant, or resident of any BCHA property in good standing.
- Be currently attending or plan to attend a college, university, technical school, or other post-secondary school.
- If you are currently attending or have previously attended any post-secondary school, you must have a cumulative QPA of 2.5 or greater.
- Preference will be given to High School Seniors
- Selection Criteria will consist of essay, academic references, and extracurricular activities.
- All accredited/licensed post secondary institutions are eligible.
- All trade/technical schools are eligible.
- A Post-Baccalaureate/Graduate degree is ineligible.
- Application must be completed in its entirety.
- Your application will be considered for one of several scholarships

SELECTION PROCESS

- Completed applications must be returned to the Housing Authority by **Friday, April 20, 2018 by 4:00pm.** Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- The Selection Committee will choose the recipients.

The Selection Committee will include:

- Butler County Community College Representative(s)
 - Housing Authority Board Member
 - Private Sector Representatives
 - Director of Grant Management and Resident Services
- Scholarship recipients will be notified by mail if they have been awarded a 2018 Scholarship.
 - Scholarship recipients will be acknowledged at a reception Thursday, June 14, 2018.

SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- Scholarship funds may be used for, but are not limited to: tuition, books, activity fees, transportation costs, day care expenses, food, and supplies.
- Scholarship funds and awards will be maintained in an interest-bearing escrow account. Accumulated interest will be retained for future scholarship awards.
- Scholarships (\$500 to \$1000) will be formally presented at the Twenty-fourth Annual Scholarship Awards Reception on June 14, 2018, 12:00 p.m.. at the YWCA, 120 W. Cunningham Street, Butler, PA 16001.

The Twenty – Fourth Annual Scholarship
Housing Authority of the County of Butler
2018 Scholarship Application

Print or type all information clearly.

Name _____

Who is listed as head of household with the BCHA? _____

Address _____ City _____ State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Birth Date ____/____/____ Social Security # _____

Email Address _____

Are you in good standing with the Housing Authority County of Butler? _____ Yes _____ No

Have you ever received a Housing Authority County of Butler Scholarship? _____ Yes _____ No

Educational History – High School/GED

Check Applicable:

High School
Graduate

High School
Senior

High School
Junior

GED
Recipient

FSS
Participant

For High School Graduates: What High School did you attend? _____

Date of Graduation _____
(MO) (year)

Cumulative HS GPA _____

For Current High School Juniors and Seniors: What
High School do you attend and what is your expected
graduation date? _____

For GED recipients: When did you receive your GED? _____

Post-Secondary Educational History

Check One:

Never
Attended
College

Some
College
Previously

Attending
College
Now

Accepted
into a
College

Attending
Vocational/
Tech Now

Accepted
Vocational/
Tech

Cumulative College GPA _____

Post Secondary School Attended, Dates Attended, Hours Completed,
Degrees Received (if applicable): _____

2018-2019 Educational Plans

What College, University, Vocational, or Post-Secondary School do you plan to attend in 2018-2019 (include City & State): _____

Fall 2018: ___ Full Time ___ Part Time ___ Not Attending

Spring 2019: ___ Full Time ___ Part Time ___ Not Attending

Summer 2019: ___ Full Time ___ Part Time ___ Not Attending

Anticipated Major or Vocational Goal: _____

Average Length of Program (2 YRS, 4 YRS, ETC): _____

Honors, Awards, & Community/School Activities

Please attach additional sheet:

- List all honors or awards received and any Community/School Activities in which you have actively participated within the last 5 years
- List Work/Job Experience (ex: resume)
- Write a short biography about yourself, should you be chosen as a scholarship winner this will be included in the 2018 Scholarship Program

Certification

By my signature, I agree to the following:

- That the information I have given is true to the best of my knowledge
- To keep BCHA informed of any changes in schools or enrollment status
- To provide, or respond to BCHA requests for, periodic updates on academic progress for the duration of the candidates' receipt of the BCHA scholarship funds.
- Applicant must be present at the June 14, 2018 reception at the Butler YWCA to be eligible.

(Signature)

(Date)

2018 SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY

Complete your original essay in the following format:

- 500 words or less
- Type your essay
Use (12pt) Times New Roman or similar font
- Use this form as your Cover

Name: _____

Phone: _____ - _____ - _____

Check if you are a current high school student

Question:

How do you define your community? Using your life experience and education how would you make a positive influence on your community?


Applicant must be present at the June 14, 2018 reception at the Butler YWCA to be eligible. By signing below, applicant certifies they will attend the reception if selected to receive a scholarship.

(Signature)

(Date)


Application Requirement Checklist: (55 possible points)

- Status-** Applicant must be a participant in the Section 8 program or residing in a property that is owned or managed by the Housing Authority.
- Academic Standing (10 points)** - Applicants attending college should have a 2.5 QPA, and scholarship recipients must maintain a minimum of a 2.5 QPA.
- School Transcript (Part of Academic Standing Score)** - The student must provide a copy of his/her high school transcripts (if they never attended a college) or a college transcript. If unable to acquire transcript, explain in detail.
- Two Recommendations (10 points)** - The applicant must provide two professional (academic or employment) recommendations.
- Essay (10 points)** - The student must type an essay in 500 words or less of the selected topic (See instruction page.)
- Application Form (10 points)** - The entire application form must be completed in full.
- Description of Accomplishments/Work Experience/Short Biography (15 points)** - The student should describe in detail any awards, community service, work experience, and other accomplishments.

 Deadline - for receipt of application materials is:

Friday, April 20, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. Deadline MUST be met.

If you have any questions about application please contact Mara Flick or Martha Brown at 724-287-6797 x223 or 800-433-6327 email: ri.dept@housingauthority.com

 Mail or return all required materials, application form, and completed essay to:

Housing Authority of the County of Butler
114 Woody Drive
Butler, PA 16001
Attn: RI Department