

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.

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.

Application Score Sheet

**—This Sheet for Informational Purposes Only—
To be filled out by Interviewers**



Applicant Name _____

All qualifications met? Yes _____ No _____

Is the application dated appropriately? Yes _____ No _____

Is the application typed and neatly presented? Yes _____ No _____

Are all attachments included? Yes _____ No _____

Is there appropriate letters of reference? Yes _____ No _____

Are all portions of the application completed? Yes _____ No _____

Please assign 5 points for each YES answer. Zero points for no answers

Essay Question: Proper grammar, spelling and use or overuse of exclamation marks all count on the essay question. Readability, train of thought, and completion also count.

Please grade the essay on your best judgment: Circle one:

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| Good | 8 | Points |
| Fair | 5 | Points |
| Acceptable | 3 | Points |
| Unacceptable | 0 | Points |

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| 3 points | 2 points | 1 point |