

## Attention college-bound high-school seniors:

Santa Clara County Housing Authority (SCCHA) would like to nominate two college-bound high school seniors for the Public Housing Authorities Directors Association (PHADA) 2019 scholarship program. This is a nationwide scholarship program with awards ranging from \$5,000 to \$7,000. To be considered for nomination, you must be a high school senior living in public housing or a Section 8 assisted unit throughout your entire senior year, and have at least a cumulative “B” average on your school’s applicable scale during your high school career.

To apply, please fill-out the application found on the PHADA website: [www.phada.org](http://www.phada.org). Applicants will also find the requirement checklist attached with the application.

There will be 2 phases to the application process:

### Phase 1:

High school seniors who would like to be considered for nomination will submit a complete application to SCCHA with all required documentation by January 14, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. SCCHA will select two (2) applicants to nominate to the PHADA scholarship review committee. You will be notified via email by January 18, 2019 whether or not SCCHA elected to forward your application to PHADA.

### Phase 2:

PHADA will review the applications for all the nominees put forward by Housing Authorities from across the country, and will select three scholarship recipients.

If you are interested in applying for a PHADA scholarship, please submit the application and required documents by **January 14, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. to:**

Santa Clara County Housing Authority  
Attn: Dhory Sison  
505 W. Julian Street  
San Jose, CA 95110  
Fax: (408) 993-4426

[dhory.sison@scchousingauthority.org](mailto:dhory.sison@scchousingauthority.org)

- *Do not submit the application directly to PHADA. Applications must be endorsed by the SCCHA Executive Director.*
- *Please make a copy of your application. Submission by fax/email is recommended. If submitted in person, have your copy date stamped for your records.*
- *Applications received after the due date will not be accepted.*

If you have questions about the scholarship, please call 408-993-3026. Within 3 business days from submission of your application, you will receive an e-mail confirmation that your application was received. Please do not call regarding the status of your application.

## PHADA Scholarship Requirement Checklist

**All documents must be typewritten in English. Please do not fold or staple documents.**

### **Application**

The application can be found on the PHADA website: [www.phada.org](http://www.phada.org).

### **School Transcript**

You must provide a copy of your transcript with your application to the Housing Authority.

### **Two Letters of Recommendation**

You must submit one letter of recommendation from a teacher or guidance counselor and one personal (non-family) letter of recommendation.

### **Essay**

You must submit a typewritten essay in English addressing the following topic:  
How my public housing and high school experiences have influenced my life. (350-500 words)

### **Would you like to be considered for the Freedom & Civil Rights Scholarship?**

To be considered for the Freedom & Civil Rights Scholarship include an additional personal essay (350-500 words) demonstrating your efforts and achievements in furthering the values of the civil rights movement. Explain why the cause is still relevant in communities today and how they relate to your educational goals. Include any relevant volunteer experiences and community involvement activities relating to advancing the cause of civil rights.

**Note:** PHADA will select and award only three scholarship recipients nationally. PHADA will require the winner (and parent) to sign a "Scholarship Agreement Contract" prior to receiving the scholarship.