PHADA’s Scholarship Program

2017 Public Housing Authorities Directors Association (PHADA) Scholarship Program

The Housing Authority of the County of Santa Clara (HACSC) would like to nominate two college-bound high school seniors for the Public Housing Authorities Directors Association (PHADA) 2017 scholarship program.

To be considered for nomination, you must:

- Be a high school senior living in public housing or Section 8 assisted units throughout your entire senior year.
- Have at least a “B” average on your school’s applicable scale during your high school career, cumulatively.

Only three highly-qualified applicants will be selected by PHADA from among hundreds of national nominees to receive these competitive scholarships.

The PHADA scholarship application is currently available on the HACSC website: www.hacsc.org or at the Housing Authority beginning October 31, 2016.

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE ON DECEMBER 14, 2016 BY 5:00 P.M.
Applications can be mailed or faxed to:

Housing Authority of the County of Santa Clara
Attn: Dhory Sison
505 W. Julian Street, San Jose, CA 95110
Fax: (408) 993-4375

Please make a copy of your application and have it date stamped for your records. Applications received after the due date will not be accepted.

Please read below for more details about the scholarship awards. If you have any questions, you may contact (888) 851-2636 or e-mail PHADAScholarship@hacsc.org.
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In order to encourage academic excellence and community responsibility among high school students, PHADA has implemented a scholarship program for graduating seniors who are preparing to enter college. PHADA will award three (3) scholarships to deserving youth currently residing in a PHADA member agency.

Stephen J. Bollinger Memorial Scholarship (One scholarship available: $7,000.00)
Steve Bollinger (April 11, 1948-June 18, 1984) was a taskmaster to himself, a human dynamo to those who knew him. He was a natural leader, a person who could rally people around him with wit, satire, and vocal exercises. Steve’s knowledge of and dedication to housing those in need was never absent, especially after he was appointed Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development at HUD. His experience at the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority and the associations he had with colleagues, mayors, and others afforded him the opportunity to deal with the bureaucracy in a style that we strive to attain. To the members of PHADA, he was a friend. His belief in the housing profession motivated him to become a founding member of PHADA, for which he served as Vice President. He accomplished much in a short time and we are all thankful for his achievements. PHADA created this scholarship to memorialize Stephen J. Bollinger.

NOTE: This scholarship will be formally presented at PHADA’s Annual Convention and Exhibition on May 24, 2017 in Las Vegas, Nevada. The winner will receive a trip for him/herself and one parent/guardian to attend the convention.

Freedom & Civil Rights Scholarship (One scholarship available: $5000.00)
*Additional Essay Required
In 2005, PHADA’s Board of Trustees met in Montgomery, AL. Inspired by historical sites they chose to give personal donations for the inception of a PHADA scholarship to honor the work of Rosa Parks and the achievements of the civil rights movement. PHADA’s Annual Commissioners’ Conference Golf Outing was established in 2007 to provide continuous funding to the Freedom Scholarship.

NOTE: To be considered for the Freedom & Civil Rights Scholarship include a 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 related to your educational goals. Include any relevant volunteer experiences and community involvement activities relating to advancing the cause of civil rights.

SACS Software/Scott Accounting & Computer Services, Inc. Scholarship
(One scholarship available: $5000.00)
SACS Software/Scott Accounting & Computer Services, Inc. has offered significant financial support to PHADA’s scholarship program and has elected to reward one deserving youth with a $5000.00 scholarship. PHADA appreciates their commitment to serving the needs of public housing residents and the community.

The scholarship fund will be administered by the PHADA Scholarship Committee. The money will go directly to the school that the recipient will be attending. The school will deposit the money into the student’s account. The money may only be used to pay for tuition, books, and activities directly related to the student’s education. If the student discontinues his or her education, the unused portion of the scholarship will be returned to PHADA. For further information, contact PHADA at (202) 546-5445.

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Attention college-bound high-school seniors:

The Housing Authority of the County of Santa Clara (HACSC) would like to nominate two college-bound high school seniors for the Public Housing Authorities Directors Association (PHADA) 2017 scholarship program. This is a nationwide scholarship program. Awards will range from $5,000 to $7,000. To be considered for nomination, you must be a high school senior living in public housing or Section 8 assisted units throughout your entire senior year, and have at least a “B” average on your school’s applicable scale during your high school career, cumulatively.

To apply, please fill-out the attached application which can also be found on the HACSC website: www.hacsc.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 HACSC with all required verifications by December 14, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. HACSC will select two (2) applications to nominate to the PHADA scholarship review committee. You will be notified via email whether or not your application was selected for nomination by HACSC by January 21, 2017.

**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 **December 14, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. to:**

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Attn: Dhory Sison  
505 W. Julian Street  
San Jose, CA 95110  
Fax: (408) 993-4375

*Please make a copy of your application and have it date stamped for your records.  
Applications received after the due date will not be accepted.*

If you have questions about the scholarship, please call 888-851-2636. 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.
Requirement Checklist

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

☐ Application
The application can be found on the Housing Authority of the County of Santa Clara website: www.hacsc.org or office located at 505 W. Julian Street, San Jose, CA 95110.

☐ 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 a 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.
2017 PHADA Scholarship Application

(please type; do not fold or staple documents)

Name________________________________________ Phone Number__________________________

Address______________________________________________________________________________

City __________________________ State ___________ Zip Code_______________________________

Email________________________________________ Student’s Cell Phone Number _______________________

Social Security Number________________________ Grade in school ______ Graduation date _____________

What is your desired Academic Major (if any) _____________________________________________

To which colleges have you applied?

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To which colleges have you been accepted?

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Summarize your academic achievements (i.e., scholarships, awards, etc.)

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List extracurricular school activities in which you are currently participating (i.e., clubs, teams, etc.)

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Indicate the community activities in which you are currently participating (i.e., church, community service, etc.)

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Indicate extracurricular and community activities in which you have participated in the past.

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List any hobbies or special interests.

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Indicate any jobs which you are holding or have held in the past.

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The housing authority must submit the application to PHADA. Thank you and good luck.

In addition to the above information, you must provide the housing authority Executive Director with the items indicated on the “Requirement Checklist” on the scholarship application packet.