



Strive

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Dear 2017 Strive Scholarship Applicant:

Congratulations for continuing your education. The Housing Authority of the County of Santa Clara (HACSC) promotes education for professional success. Strive was developed to assist in career success for HACSC tenants through education.

Strive will be awarding educational scholarships to graduating high school seniors, college students or returning students attending a university, community college or technical school on a full or part time basis in Fall 2017. The Housing Authority will review and score all Strive applications. The top 50 applicants with the highest scores will receive an award of \$1,000.00 each. Scores will be based on the following: personal statement, letter of recommendation, community activities/volunteer work, grade point average, and quality of overall application. Strive scholarship winners will be recognized at the HACSC Board of Commissioners meeting on August 22, 2017.

In order to qualify for this scholarship, applicants must be Section 8 tenants or tenants of a rental property owned or affiliated with HACSC (see www.hacsc.org for HACSC property listings). They must have a GPA of 2.5 or above in their current or prior school. All applications will be verified with tenant records. There is no age limit for recipients.

To apply, simply complete the application, write an essay on your long-term goals and how this scholarship could help you meet those goals. Provide one letter of recommendation and a copy of your most current transcripts (unofficial transcripts are acceptable). *The transcripts requirement is waived for applicants who have been out of school for five or more years.* If you are interested in applying for a Strive scholarship, please submit these documents by **May 15, 2017 by 5:00 p.m. to:**

The Housing Authority of the County of Santa Clara
Attn: Dhory Sison
505 W. Julian Street
San Jose, CA 95110

Or email the application to: Strive.Scholarship@hacsc.org or fax: (408) 993-4426
Applications received after this date and time will not be accepted. An email will be sent to you within 3 business days to confirm that your application has been received.

If you have questions about the scholarship application, please call 408-993-3026. **Please do not call about the status of your application.** All applicants will be notified whether or not they will receive a scholarship by July 1, 2017.



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All eligible applicants must meet the following requirements:

1. Applications must be typewritten.
2. Complete the application to include transcript, essay, and letter of recommendation. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
3. Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5. This will be verified by the transcripts included with the application. This requirement is waived for applicants who have been out of school for five or more years.
4. If currently in school, applicants must be in good standing with their high school/college and may not be on disciplinary or academic probation.
5. Applicants enrolling in a new college/university/technical school for Fall 2017 must include a Letter of Acceptance and/or Verification of Enrollment with the completed application.



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Scholarship Application

PLEASE SUBMIT TYPEWRITTEN APPLICATION

Personal Information

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Address: _____
Street Apartment Number

City State Zip

Telephone #: _____ Home Work Cell

Email Address: _____

Are you a family member of a Section 8 Voucher household? Yes No

If yes, what is the household's entity ID number? _____

Do you reside at a Housing Authority Affiliated Property? Yes No

If yes, what is the property name, if applicable, and address? _____

Are you a Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) Participant? Yes No

Are you a previous HACSC Scholarship Recipient? Yes No

If yes, what year(s) and what amount(s) were you awarded?



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Education

Are you currently attending or planning on attending one of the following?

- Vocational School
- Community College
- College or University
- Graduate School/Medical School/Certificate Program, etc.

Please provide the name of the college/university/vocational school you are attending in Fall 2017:

Name

City

Education history: Please list your current or most recent place of study first:

School and Location	Area(s) of Concentration	Dates Attended	Degree/Year



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Community Activities and Volunteer Experience

Please list any service organizations, sports teams and/or groups in which you have participated.

Activity	Organization & Location	Roles & Responsibilities	Dates



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Please submit an estimated budget for your educational plan. (*Applications submitted without a budget will not be considered.*)

Applicant's One-Year Educational Budget

Expenses money need for	Estimated costs of these expenses	Other money received (Grants, scholarships, loans)	Requested dollar amount of scholarship
<i>Examples: books, tuition, parking, supplies, public transportation, computer.</i>	<i>Examples: Tools for electrician course, \$650, books, \$760, laptop, \$800, tuition, \$2,000.</i>	<i>Examples: Pell Grant, \$1,500, student loan, \$5,000.</i>	<i>Example: \$2,500.</i>
Total:			



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Essay

In the space provided or on your own paper, tell us:

1. What your long-term goals are after completing college or vocational training.
2. How could this scholarship help you meet those goals?

All essays will be judged on clarity of expression, content, composition and originality.

Please limit your essay to one page.



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Letter of Recommendation

Along with the application, one letter of recommendation is **required**. This letter can come from an employer, teacher, clergyperson, etc. The person writing the recommendation **cannot** be a family member. The recommendation address the following questions:

1. What is your relationship to the applicant?
2. Why would you recommend this applicant for a scholarship award?
3. Is there any other information you think would be important for our consideration?

Please limit the letter to one page maximum.



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CONSENT TO RELEASE OF INFORMATION

If selected as a scholarship recipient, do you give consent for the Housing Authority of the County of Santa Clara to use your name and the information you have provided about you in media or other publicity regarding the scholarship program? If you wish to give such consent, please sign and submit this Consent to Release of Information form with this application. *All applications will be considered regardless of consent given or not given to release information.*

Yes If yes, read below statement and sign your name

No I do not give consent to release information

I, _____, have provided the information contained herein to the Housing Authority of the County of Santa Clara in connection with my Strive Scholarship application. As of the date below, I hereby assign to the Housing Authority of the County of Santa Clara this information for its exclusive use for public relations or communication materials, as well as any written material, photographs, videos, and/or audio recordings taken in the production of brochures, flyers, videos and radio spots at any time, and without limitations. Any exception I wish to make to this "blanket" assignment of the use of such information I have provided is set forth below on this consent form.

I hereby authorize the Housing Authority of the County of Santa Clara to reproduce, copy, exhibit, publish or distribute any written materials, photographs, video and/or audio recordings in connection with their business operations purposes.

I understand and agree that I have not, and will not, receive any compensation for the Housing Authority's use of the materials and information described herein.

Exceptions: None

As follows: _____

Applicant signature (for applicants under 18, parent or guardian signature)

Applicant name (printed)

Address

Telephone number



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Application Checklist

We will only review **complete** applications. Incomplete applications will not be considered. **All items must be included with your scholarship application.**

Before you seal your envelope or hit send on your email/fax, please check each of the following items are filled out and included:

- Personal Information
- Education
- Extra-Curricular/Community Activities/Special Interests
- Applicant's Educational Budget
- Personal Essay
- One Letter of Recommendation
- Most-recent transcripts, if applicable
- Consent to Release Information