



Dear 2023 Kathy Espinoza Howard Scholarship Applicant:

The Santa Clara County Housing Authority (SCCHA) commends you for continuing your education. SCCHA's service to Santa Clara County extends beyond the housing we build and the rental assistance vouchers we administer. We are committed to helping low-income families become self-sufficient and independent of government aid. We created the Kathy Espinoza Howard scholarship program to provide post-secondary educational financial assistance for Section 8 tenants or tenants of rental properties owned by or affiliated with SCCHA.

SCCHA will award Kathy Espinoza Howard scholarships to college-bound high school seniors, continuing college students, or returning students attending a university, community college or technical school on a full or part time basis in Fall 2023. The SCCHA Kathy Espinoza Howard scholarship award committee will review and score all Kathy Espinoza Howard applications. Applicants with the highest scores will be awarded with at least \$1,000.00. Scores will be based on the following: personal statement, letter of recommendation and quality of overall application.

Kathy Espinoza Howard scholarship winners will be recognized at an award ceremony in September or October 2023.

In order to qualify for this scholarship, applicants must be Section 8 participants or tenants of a rental property owned by or affiliated with SCCHA (see [www.scchousingauthority.org](http://www.scchousingauthority.org) for SCCHA property listings). All applications will be verified with tenant records. There is no age limit for recipients. Kathy Espinoza Howard scholarships will not be available to applicants who have already received four previous Strive awards.

To apply, complete the following application, write a personal essay and provide one letter of recommendation. If you are interested in applying for a Kathy Espinoza Howard scholarship, please submit these documents by July 26, 2023 to:

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

Or email the application to: [Scholarship@SCCHousingAuthority.org](mailto:Scholarship@SCCHousingAuthority.org) or fax: (408) 993-4426

***Applications received after the due date and time will not be accepted.***

*An email will be sent to you within 3 business days to confirm that your application was received.*

If you have questions about the Kathy Espinoza Howard scholarship application, please call 408-993-3026 or email: [Scholarship@scchousingauthority.org](mailto:Scholarship@scchousingauthority.org).

**Please do not call to inquire about the status of your submitted application.**

All applicants will be notified about whether or not they will receive a scholarship by

August 25, 2023.



**All eligible applications must meet the following requirements:**

1. Submitted applications must include all items listed below (see Application Checklist). Incomplete applications will not be considered.
2. In order to receive the scholarship award, you will be required to submit your class schedule for Fall 2023 on or before October 2, 2023.

## **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 verify that each of the following items are filled out and included:

- Personal Information
- Education
- Community Activities and Volunteer Experience
- Personal Essay
- One Letter of Recommendation
- Consent to Release Information

**If you are selected to be an award recipient, you must provide your verification of class registration no later than October 2, 2023 to receive your award check.**

# **KATHY ESPINOZA HOWARD SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

## **2023**

**PLEASE SUBMIT TYPEWRITTEN APPLICATION**

### Personal Information

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apartment Number: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_  Home  Work  Cell

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Which of these applies to you? (select only one)

I am a member of a SCCHA Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher household (Entity ID: \_\_\_\_\_)

I am a resident of a SCCHA owned or affiliated property (Property: \_\_\_\_\_)

Does your family participate in the Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) program?  Yes  No

Are you a previous Kathy Espinoza Howard Scholarship Recipient?  Yes  No

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

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First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**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 2023:**

Name of educational institution:

City/ST of educational institution:

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

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

### Personal Essay

On a separate page, tell us:

1. What are your long-term goals after completing college or vocational training?
2. What barriers do you have to achieve these goals and what is your plan to breakdown these barriers?
3. How could this scholarship help you meet those goals?

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

***Please limit essay to one page maximum.***

### Letter of Recommendation

Along with the application, one letter of recommendation is **required**. This letter can come from an employer, teacher, clergy person, etc. The person writing the recommendation **cannot** be a family member. The recommendation should 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 letter to one page maximum. Letter should be dated within the last 12 months.***



**Consent to Release Information**

If selected as a scholarship recipient, do you give consent for the Santa Clara County Housing Authority 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 Santa Clara County Housing Authority in connection with the Kathy Espinoza Howard Scholarship application. As of the date below, I hereby assign to the Santa Clara County Housing Authority 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 Santa Clara County Housing Authority 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):

Applicant address:

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