

## 2024-2025 Kathy Espinoza-Howard Scholarship

The Santa Clara County Housing Authority 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 2024. An application review committee will review and score all scholarship applications received by the deadline. Applicants with the highest scores will be awarded at least \$1,000.00. Scores will be based on a combination of one's personal statement, letter of recommendation, and quality of overall application.

To qualify for this scholarship, applicants must be Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) participants or tenants of a rental property owned by or affiliated with the Santa Clara County Housing Authority (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. Scholarships will not be available to applicants who have already received four previous scholarship awards from the Santa Clara County Housing Authority.

The award will be disbursed in two separate payments, Fall 2024 and Spring 2025. Proof of enrollment to be received on or before October 1, 2024 for Fall 2024 and on or before January 27, 2025 for Spring 2025 for award disbursements.

Kathy Espinoza-Howard scholarship winners will be recognized at an award ceremony in August 2024.

To apply, complete the following application, write a personal essay, and provide one letter of recommendation by Friday, May 31, 2024. Applications received after the due date will not be accepted. The application can be submitted through one of the following ways:

- 1) Online at <https://www.scchousingauthority.org/section-8/for-participants/existing-tenants/scholarship/>
- 2) Email to [scholarship@scchousingauthority.org](mailto:scholarship@scchousingauthority.org).
- 3) Mail to:  
Santa Clara County Housing Authority  
Attn: Kathy Espinoza-Howard Scholarship  
505 W. Julian Street  
San Jose, CA 95110

All applicants will be notified about whether they will receive a scholarship by July 2024. If you have general questions about the Kathy Espinoza-Howard scholarship application or having trouble submitting an application, please call (408) 993-3026 or email [scholarship@scchousingauthority.org](mailto:scholarship@scchousingauthority.org).

Translation is available upon request.

## Application Checklist

All eligible applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) participant or tenant of a rental property owned by or affiliated with the Santa Clara County Housing Authority (see [www.scchousingauthority.org](http://www.scchousingauthority.org) for SCCHA property listings).
- Have not received four previous scholarship awards from the Santa Clara County Housing Authority.

Submitted applications must include all items listed below. We will only review complete applications. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

- Completed application to include all personal and educational information.
- Personal Essay
  - Please limit to one page maximum
  - The personal essay should answer the following questions:
    - What are your long-term goals after completing college or vocational training?
    - What barriers do you have to achieve these goals and what is your plan to break down these barriers?
    - How could this scholarship help you meet those goals?
- One Letter of Recommendation
  - Please limit to one page maximum
  - Dated within the last 12 months.
  - 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:
    - What is your relationship to the applicant?
    - Why would you recommend this applicant for a scholarship award?
    - Is there any other information you think would be important for our consideration?
- Consent to Release Information

# 2024-2025 Kathy Espinoza-Howard Scholarship Application

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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

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

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

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  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 Name: \_\_\_\_\_)

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

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

## 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 2024:

\_\_\_\_\_

City and State of educational institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list your major/minor or certification or vocational program for Fall 2024:

\_\_\_\_\_

## Consent to Release Information

I hereby consent to the use of my name and/or reproduction of video and/or photography by Santa Clara County Housing Authority (SCCHA) for marketing programs and services. I also understand that SCCHA may print my information/story in the media, including but not limited to newsletters, programs, social media, and brochures. I understand that I will not receive any compensation from SCCHA for this purpose, and I hold SCCHA harmless from any actions resulting from the release of my limited personal information.

If you are under 18 years, a parent or guardian signature is required.

Applicant Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

For applicants under 18 years:

Parent's or Guardian's Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_