

# CATEGORY 2- CHILDREN OF AGENCY STAFF MEMBERS APPLICATION FORM

*The Southwest Regional Council NAHRO Scholarship Program provides scholarship opportunities to families that reside in, work with, or who otherwise receive housing benefits from one of the member agencies of the Council. The SWRC NAHRO annually awards scholarships totaling more than \$10,000.00. Scholarship awards are available to public housing residents, participants in rental assistance or similar programs, both heads of household and other family members, and children of staff working for a member agency.*

Scholarship Application with accompanying documentation and information must be submitted directly to:

## Southwest NAHRO Scholarship Program

Southwest NAHRO Scholarship Program  
2375 Rodgers Rd.  
Olney, TX 76374

*For questions or information contact:*

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**APPLICATION DEADLINE: Thursday, March 15, 2012**

**Category 2- Graduating Senior, Child of Agency Staff:** One \$1,000 one-year scholarship is available to a graduating senior of an agency staff family. In addition, either another one-year \$1,000 scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior of an agency staff family or 2 one-year \$500 scholarships are awarded to agency staff family members already in college. These scholarships are given in memory of Mr. Michael Hanratty and Ms. Cissy Wood. *Actual amount will vary according to the number of students applying and funds available.*

The scholarships have been established by the membership of Southwest NAHRO to provide the opportunity for students associated with public assisted housing to take advantage of post high school educational opportunities that otherwise may not be possible. Any unused portion of a scholarship may, at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee, be awarded a student exhibiting outstanding accomplishment.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

1. A parent or legal guardian of the applicant must have been employed by the agency for the entire senior year (or at least 9 months prior to the application deadline) and the agency must be a member in good standing of Southwest NAHRO. At the discretion of the judges, the consideration of family circumstances and financial need may be a factor in selection of the recipient.
2. The applicant must: have maintained an overall 3.0 grade point average for the total of his/her high school career, have earned an ACT score of 18 , and commit himself or herself to enrolling in a college or vocational training program beyond high school graduation.
3. Applications submitted that are not in accordance with the instructions will not be considered for judging.

***The program is competitive and awards are based on academic achievement, extra curricular activities, family need and community involvement.***

### **Scholarship Payments:**

In an attempt to expedite scholarship payments, eliminate lost payments, and to make a greater impact on the students as to who is providing the scholarship funds, SWNAHRO has established specific scholarship

payment procedures. For one-year scholarship recipients, the program coordinator will obtain enrollment information from the student; after which a check in the scholarship amount will be mailed to the housing authority that sponsored the student. The agency is then asked to make the presentation of the check to the student and his or her family at a Board Meeting or some other appropriate event.

**Certification:** The housing agency must certify that the applicant is a child of an employee of the agency. The agency must also certify that it is a member in good standing of SWRC NAHRO.

**Definitions:** A graduating senior of an agency staff family (Category 2) is a high school graduate of the current program year who is a member and resides with a family who has one parent or guardian employed with a SWRC NAHRO member agency for at least nine months prior to the application date.

### **Scholarship Categories**

#### **Category 2- Scholarship for Agency Staff Family Member - \$2,000 Total as follows:**

- A. 1 - \$1,000 One-year scholarship to an agency staff family graduating senior.
- B. 1 - \$1,000 One-year scholarship, or 2 - \$500 one-year scholarships to an agency staff family member already in college.

***If there are not enough qualified applicants in any one category, the funds from that category will be transferred to other categories that have more qualified applicants. The judging and application forms will be the same in all categories and the students will compete against one another for the top award.***

### **POINT SYSTEM FOR EVALUATION OF CATEGORY 2 STAFF MEMBER FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP**

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
Grades (Completed by Committee Chairman)	150
ACT Scores (Completed by Committee Chairman)	50
Academic Achievement/Extra Curricular Activities	100
Community Activities	75
Essay	100
Financial Need / Special Circumstance	100
General Overall Performance	25
<b>Total Available Points</b>	<b>600</b>

### **JUDGING**

a) Scholarship applications will be evaluated and judged on two levels. The Committee Chair will review grade point averages and determine the point total for grades and ACT scores. A panel of judges representing the States in the Region will evaluate the students' academic achievements, extra-curricular and community activity involvement. The panel of judges will also score the essay, financial need, and determine the overall performance.

b) In judging the scholarship applications the judges should consider all aspects of the application that may have an impact on each judging category. One would perhaps consider an applicant's part-time and/or after school job record (with private enterprise business) as a possible balancing value for an outstanding student who worked instead of participated in extra-curricular activities. Non-government jobs should only be considered because they are rarely political and a reflect a student's self-determination as compared to say a JTPA or CETA job, which often has political attachments.

c) The letters of recommendation submitted by each student should be considered in the evaluation of the extra-curricular activities as well as the community activities. Emphasis in evaluation of the letters should be

given to the position of the writer, the obvious familiarity (or lack thereof) of the writer with the student themselves, and the overall quality of the recommendation. One needs to separate the good intentions of the writer from the quality and validity of the recommendation.

d) The general overall performance evaluation is the “gut feeling” of the judge with regard to the excellence of the student. A general review of transcripts and ACT scores should be included in this evaluation.

### **SUBMISSION**

**Completed applications and essay should be mailed to:  
Southwest NAHRO Scholarship Program  
2375 Rodgers Rd.  
Olney, TX 76374**

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Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: M \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Housing Agency and City: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Major(s) will pursue, or are pursuing: \_\_\_\_\_

College or Vocational School you plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Summarize your academic accomplishments, extra-curricular activities, (e.g. awards, honor societies):

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List all scholarships awarded to you and the amount of each: (College students - also include everything awarded during high school)

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List the community activities in which you have taken part (e.g. church groups, community service organizations, etc.):

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List hobbies and any special interests:

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Indicate any jobs which you have had (full or part-time):

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List two personal references (name, addresses, and phone number):

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Applications must include the following additional materials:

1. An official (stamped or signed) high school transcript which includes all high school grades through the first semester or the senior year. For college students - an official college transcript including all grades through the fall semester stating the overall GPA.
2. A copy of ACT or SAT test score results, if not on official transcript. College students must submit this also.
3. Two letters of recommendation from community leaders such as teachers, coaches, church leaders, employers, etc. (adults that know you well and can attest to your character, work habits, etc.)
4. An essay on why he or she has chosen to pursue the area of study chosen, and what influenced the applicant's choice of that area of study. (500 words or less) ESSAYS MUST BE TYPED
5. A photograph to be used in a slide show presentation if selected.

*Use additional sheets if more room is required.*

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**FAMILY INFORMATION**

Name of Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Position held with the Agency \_\_\_\_\_ How long \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children in family living at home: \_\_\_\_\_ Single Parent Household: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Total Household Income up to, but not more than:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$15,000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$30,000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$45,000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$60,000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$75,000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$90,000

\_\_\_\_\_ \$105,000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$120,000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$135,000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$150,000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$165,000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$180,000

\_\_\_\_\_ \$195,000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$210,000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$225,000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$240,000 \_\_\_\_\_ **over \$240,000**

Describe any special circumstances of financial or other need:

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**MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE CEO/EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR/ADMINISTRATOR**

*I hereby certify that a parent or legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_*

*(applicant's name) has been a member of the staff of the \_\_\_\_\_*

*\_\_\_\_\_ (agency name) since \_\_\_\_\_ (date).*

*I also certify that this agency is a member in good standing of the \_\_\_\_\_*

*(state) Chapter NAHRO and Southwest NAHRO.*

Agency \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Executive Director \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Agency \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of CEO/Executive Director/Administrator

Date

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS**

**All applications for the 2012 Scholarship Program MUST be postmarked no later than March 15, 2012.**