



SHA Building Dreams Resident Scholarship

The Syracuse Housing Authority "Building Dreams" Scholarship provides financial assistance to High School Seniors of Syracuse Housing Authority and the Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8). Students must have been accepted into a College/University and plan to pursue either a Bachelor's degree, Associate's degree or attend a Vocational School.

Who is Eligible to Apply:

High School Seniors who live in Syracuse Housing Authority Public Housing or the Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8). Students must have been accepted into a College/University and plan to pursue either a Bachelor's degree, Associate's degree or attend a Vocational School.

The high school student must be presently living within SHA for one (1) full year prior to submitting the application.

These awards are a one-time scholarship and are sent directly to the school. Selection is competitive and based on academics and community service.

Requirements:

1. Recipient must be a High School Senior
2. GPA must be 2.7 (B) or higher
3. Student must live within Syracuse Housing Authority or the Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8)

Key Dates:

- **October 1st:** Updated yearly forms are released and can be downloaded from SHA website or obtained through Scholarship Coordinator.
- **February 1st:** Deadline for submission of application, essay, transcript, proof of commitment letter, and 2 recommendations letters.
- **Early April:** Determination of award recipients, letters will be sent following decisions.

Award Amounts:

One Time Award of: **\$1,000.**

Award will be issued directly to their school after student provides proof of commitment letter.



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RESIDENT REQUIREMENT CHECKLIST: Submit the following documents to SHA’s Scholarship Committee. All documents must be typewritten in English. Please do not fold or staple documents.

1. APPLICATION: Visit <http://www.syracusehousing.org/Scholarship> to access the online application. Include the printed application in the packet of materials that you submit to Scholarship Committee.

2. VERIFICATION PAGE: Grade Point Average (GPA) verification (Contact your school counselor for verification letter).

3. SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT: You must provide an original and official copy of your High School transcript.

4. TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION: You must submit one recommendation from a teacher, guidance counselor, coach, or extracurricular activities leader and one personal recommendation from a non-family member.

5. ESSAY: You must submit a typewritten essay in English addressing the following topic: How my public housing, high school and my community engagement experiences have influenced my life. Please include how your personal efforts, achievements and dreams for a better tomorrow can affect change in your school and community of where you live. (350–500 words).

6. CONTRACT: “Contract” prior to receiving scholarship. Applications must be completed in their entirety. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applicant must be a high school senior and reside in Syracuse Housing or the Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8). **MINIMUM GRADE POINT AVERAGE** – Student must have at least a “B” average (or 2.7 GPA) on his/her school’s applicable scale during his/her high school career, cumulatively, to be considered for the scholarship.

7. CERTIFICATION: Student must sign this form certifying the following:

I certify that all information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I further certify the application is complete and contains all items from the “Requirements Checklist”.

Student
Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

SEND INFORMATION TO:
Syracuse Housing Authority: Scholarship Coordinator
516 Burt St
Syracuse, NY 13202

OFFICE PURPOSE ONLY:
Date all documents have been received: _____ *Approved:* _____ *Denied:* _____

Committee Member Approval Signature: _____ *Date:* _____