



## ***Youth Scholarship Program***

The Youth Scholarship Program of the Housing Authority of the City of Orange (OHA) was established for children whose families are receiving public or housing assistance. In the spirit of community responsibility and to promote academic excellence, OHA encourages their youth to apply and to continue the road to success.

Students attending or planning to attend a two or four-year college or vocational program must submit their scholarship application to OHA's Scholarship Committee in order to be considered for an award. The Scholarship committee is responsible for verifying all students' required documents and determining the award recipients.

The Scholarship Fund is established through charitable donations to the Housing Authority of the City of Orange and the Orange Housing Development Corporation. The scholarship fund is offered once a year and administered through OHA's Scholarship Committee. The awarded funds will be used to pay for the student's tuition, books and approved activity fees.

Scholarship Applications must be completed and submitted by or prior to **Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017** to:

Susan J. Moore, Family Self Sufficiency Coordinator  
OHA Scholarship Committee  
Housing Authority of the City of Orange  
340 Thomas Boulevard  
Orange, New Jersey 07050

### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS – To Be Returned When Your Application is Accepted**

1. The applicant and their family must be a resident in public or assisted housing programs. Total household income must be less than \$50,000 per year at least 12 months prior to the application deadline;
2. The applicant must be between 16 and 24 years of age;
3. The applicant must submit an acceptance letter into a 2 year or 4 year college program and a copy of the letter agreeing to attend the college or university;
4. Students already attending college or a special vocational program, an official letter of enrollment will be required;
5. The applicant must provide a copy of their school transcript for the committee's review;
6. The applicant must provide 2 letters of recommendation from their school principal, counselors or teachers;



7. The applicant must submit their resume to include a description of extracurricular activities, awards, community service, employment and other accomplishments;
8. The applicant must submit an essay explaining why they are applying for the Housing Authority's Scholarship; and how the scholarship will benefit them in relation to his/her career goal(s). Student should also include current funding resource(s) (300 words max);
9. Student(s) must use scholarship funds at least 12 months after being awarded an OHA scholarship;
10. Certification from Housing Authority Official stating that you and your family members are residents/participants in good standing with Housing Authority;
11. The applicant must provide a letter of good standing from the Police Department of where they are currently residing. Applicant must sign "One Strike Policy" for additional screening;
12. Eligible applicants are eligible to receive the scholarship at a maximum of two awards.

### Point System for Evaluation of Youth Scholarship

	Points	
<b>School Transcript</b>	2.5 - 2.75 1 point 2.76 - 2.99 2 points 3.00 - 3.59 3 points 3.60 - 4.00 4 point	
<b>Acceptance and Enrollment Verification</b>	1	
<b>Recommendation from Academia</b>	1	
<b>Character Reference</b>	1	
<b>Resume</b>	1	
<b>Essay</b>	12	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grammar (4)</li> <li>• Style (4)</li> <li>• Story (4)</li> </ul>		
<b>Outline total source used to pay for educational pursuits</b>	1	
<b>Age requirements/Students must be between the age of 16 and 24</b>	1	
<b>Letter of good standing from the housing authority</b>	1	
<b>Letter of good standing from the Police Department</b>	1	
<b>Extracurricular Activities with verification for the same</b>	1	
<b>Total:</b>		



## Youth Scholarship Program Application Form

Application Due: Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

School Planning to Attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need Scholarship Funds for current semester or fall semester? Please specify:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Extra-curricular school activities you have participated (e.g. athletic, band, clubs, etc.):  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
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Why should you be awarded an OHA's Scholarship? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Have you ever been convicted of a crime? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

List two character references (name, address and telephone number):  
(1) \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) \_\_\_\_\_

*\* Please use additional sheets of paper if required.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date