



***West Virginia Association
of Housing Agencies***

WVAHA

2023 Scholarship Application

Russell Bibbee Memorial Scholarship	Manuel C. Cartelle Scholarship	SERC/NAHRO Scholarship
\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000

WVAHA Scholarship Program

The West Virginia Association of Housing Authorities (WVAHA) sets aside money each year for scholarships that can be used by high school graduates, current college students, and those wanting to return to school. The scholarship program was founded in 1984 to provide higher education opportunities for low-income housing residents and employee dependents. Scholarships may be used for any two or four-year program at an accredited college, university, or technical school. These scholarship funds may be used at the discretion of the recipient.

Scholarship Description and Eligibility

Russell Bibbee Memorial Scholarship

The Russell Bibbee Memorial Scholarship was named after the Point Pleasant Executive Director that worked many years assisting to build the scholarship program for the association. To be eligible, you must be a high school senior and a dependent of a Public Housing Authority (PHA) employee that has been employed for at least two consecutive years. The PHA must be a current member of the WVAHA.

Manuel C. Cartelle Scholarship

The Manuel C. Cartelle Scholarship is named after the former Beckley Housing Authority Executive Director. He was an advocate for Housing residents to further their education and he was one of the original Scholarship Trust Fund trustees. To be eligible, you must be a Public Housing Authority (PHA) resident or a recipient of any Housing Choice Voucher (formerly called Section 8) Program for at least one year by Friday, March 25, 2022. Any member of the household is eligible.

WVAHA SERC-NAHRO

Scholarship funding is made available by the SERC-NAHRO program. The PHA must be a current member of WVAHA and SERC/NAHRO. To be eligible, you must be a Public Housing Authority (PHA) resident or a recipient of any Housing Choice Voucher (formerly called Section 8) Program for at least one year by Friday, March 25, 2022. Any member of the household that is a high school graduate or equivalent (GED) by spring of 2022 is eligible.

A winner of the WVAHA SERC-NAHRO scholarship will be entered into the SERC-NAHRO Scholarship for the region. Additional applications may need to be completed.

In addition to the eligibility requirement above, all applicants must be an U.S. Citizen or a Legal Permanent Resident.

Administration

The scholarship fund will be administered by the WVAHA Scholarship Committee. The money will go directly to the scholarship recipient in August for the fall semester and January for the spring semester. If the scholarship recipient discontinues his or her education or does not maintain a 2.5 GPA, the unused portion of the scholarship will revert to the WVAHA Scholarship Fund.

For consideration of these scholarships, applications must be completed in their entirety.
Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Each scholar will be awarded up to \$500 per semester.
Applicants will be required to meet scholarship criteria.

REQUIREMENT CHECKLIST

1. Application

The application may be found in this packet. All materials must be received by the program application deadline. Include this printed application in the packet of materials that you submit to the Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer of your housing authority.

2. School Transcript

You must provide an unofficial transcript of grades from high school or academic institution. If you have previously attended an educational institution provide some type of documentation. Russell Bibbee/SERC/NAHRO applicants must provide an unofficial transcript from high school.

3. Copy of SAT or ACT Scores (if completed and available)

4. Two Letters of Recommendation

You must submit one letter from a faculty member from your academic institution and one personal, non-Family, recommendation.

5. Essay (750 – 1000 words) – Educational Plans & Community Service/ Extracurricular Activities

A typewritten essay by the student that details their educational plans, any community service or extracurricular activities, and any honors or awards.

6. Executive Director (ED)/Chief Executive Responsibilities (CEO)

a. Student must be recommended by the ED/CEO of the housing authority in a letter **signed** by ED/CEO for the application to be considered complete. The letter must include a commitment from the agency to support travel expenses for the applicant if an interview is necessary in the selection of scholarship awards.

Note: The sponsoring housing authority must be a member of the WVAHA at the time of application.

b. **Deadline** – All application materials must be received by the ED/CEO **no later than March 31, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.** The completed packet must be mailed to the Scholarship Committee postmarked no later than **April 7, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.** (No faxes will be accepted):

**Charleston-Kanawha Housing Authority
Attn: WVAHA Scholarship Committee
1525 Washington Street West
Charleston, WV 25387**

c. Local promotion of the scholarship program is the responsibility of the housing authority.

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Name _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email _____ Student's Cell Phone Number _____

Current Grade Level (if applicable) _____ Current GPA (if applicable) _____

Graduation Date (if applicable) _____

What is your desired Academic Major (if any) _____

To which colleges have you applied? _____

To which colleges have you been accepted? _____

Source and amount of other scholarship awards and grants (if applicable). _____

Please select one scholarship that you are applying for:

- Russell Bibbee Memorial Scholarship (**dependent of PHA employee only**)
- Manuel C. Cartelle Scholarship
- SERC/NAHRO

By submitting this application, I authorize my high school or other educational institution to make available to the Scholarship Committee of the WVAHA information concerning my academic record and rank. It is understood that the award of scholarship shall be governed by any and all conditions established by the Scholarship Committee.

Applicant's Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature
(if applicant under 18 years of age)

SPONSORING HOUSING AUTHORITY USE ONLY:

Sponsoring Public Housing Authority _____

Executive Director/CEO Name _____

Number of years with housing assistance or years employed _____