



NLHA Education Fund

Aimco Cares Opportunity Scholarship (all applications must be completed in English)

The AIMCO Cares Opportunity Scholarship has been established *within the NLHA Education Fund's Scholarship Program* by one of the nation's largest providers of affordable rental housing Apartment Investment and Management Company (Aimco). The AIMCO Cares Opportunity Scholarship is intended to provide educational grants to residents of affordable housing to support their goals of attending college.

Goal: *To establish and implement a scholarship program to benefit a graduating senior or undergraduate student to facilitate and provide opportunities to pursue a higher education.*

Process: *The Board of Directors shall appoint a committee to review applications for this scholarship and make recommendations based upon the Scholarship Criteria. Funds will be paid directly to the institution of higher learning and may be used for tuition, books, and activities directly relating to the student's education.*

Scholarship Criteria:

- ❖ *Current resident of affordable housing meaning the resident family must have been income qualified to move onto the property or is receiving rental assistance through a recognized Federal housing program (Section 8, Rent Supplement, Rental Assistance Payments, or Low Income Housing Tax Credit program).*
- ❖ *U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident of the United States with a valid Social Security Number. We require verifiable proof of identity (driver's license) and proof of citizenship to be provided with the application.*
- ❖ *Graduating high school senior, GED recipient or undergraduate enrolling in an accredited undergraduate program*
- ❖ *Acceptance for full or part-time programs with a minimum class schedule of 3 classes*
- ❖ *Minimum grade point average of 2.5*
- ❖ *Demonstrated community leadership through volunteer work at school or in the community*



ELIGIBILITY AND INSTRUCTIONS (all applications must be completed in English):

The Aimco Cares Opportunity Scholarship is directed to residents of Section 8 or other federally assisted rental housing who are high school seniors or current undergraduates that demonstrate need and merit.

All materials must be postmarked by **February 24, 2012** or earlier. Please do not Fax or Email materials as they cannot be accepted. Please keep a copy of your application for your records.

Applications should be sent to: **NLHA Education Fund, c/o NLHA, 1900 L Street, NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20036.**

The NLHA Education Fund is committed to helping residents of affordable rental housing access scholarship funds for admissions to secondary institutions. To be eligible an applicant must currently reside in a federally assisted rental housing property including tax credit projects or be a member of a family receiving rental subsidy through the Section 8 voucher program. They must also be accepted and plan to attend in the fall semester of 2012 enrolling in a minimum of 3 classes. Applicants need to:

1. Complete the attached application form.
2. Provide a one-page essay describing what education means for your future.
3. Provide two (2) letters of recommendation from teacher(s) or guidance counselor in sealed and signed envelopes.
4. Provide copies of official high school transcripts indicating your GPA and date of high school graduation. If you have completed at least one year of college, please send the most current transcript.
5. Provide letter from a non- relative confirming participation as a volunteer either at school or within the community on organizational letterhead.
6. Provide letter from the owner or property manager (on company letterhead) providing the name and address of the property and confirming the applicant's residence in a federally assisted housing unit (e.g. project-based Section 8, RAP, Rent Supplement or LIHTC) or for Section 8 voucher recipients a letter from the public housing agency (on agency letterhead) confirming current participation in the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program.
7. Provide proof of citizenship or legal status



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Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Cell Number: _____ Property Name: _____

Address: _____
Street City/Town State Zip

Email Address _____

GPA _____ SAT/ACT score _____ Graduation Date _____

Focus of Study _____

What colleges have you applied and been accepted to: _____

Identify any awards, scholarships or special achievements received within the last 5 years:

List extracurricular activities and after school responsibilities: _____

List community activities you have participated in within last 5 years: _____

List any special interests you may have: _____

Indicate any jobs (with dates) which you are or have held within last 5 years: _____

Please provide any other information that you think would be of interest to the NLHA Education Fund when considering your application:

Signed: _____ Date: _____