



## **NLHA Education Fund Scholarship Program**

### **Bill Gandert Memorial Scholarship Fund (all applications must be completed in English)**

**Bill Gandert was instrumental in the creation of numerous public housing authorities in the State of Ohio and served as general counsel for many of them as well as Executive Director of the Mansfield, Crawford, Huron, Marion and Seneca County Metropolitan Housing Authorities. A vocal advocate for the poor, Bill helped found a number of poverty programs in his state and was an active NLHA member, serving as the organization's 7<sup>th</sup> President.**

**Goal:** *To establish a scholarship program to benefit a graduating senior or a returning student in a non-discriminatory way allowing them opportunity to pursue a higher education in a specific trade or vocation outside of traditional undergraduate schools.*

**Process:** *The NLHA Education Fund 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 accredited trade school and may be used for tuition, books, equipment/tools and expenses directly relating to the student's education. Scholarships winners will be notified by phone and/or by mail. Decisions will be made mid-late April.*

#### **Scholarship Criteria:**

- ❖ *Current resident of affordable housing meaning the resident family must have been income qualified to move onto the property or receiving rental assistance through a recognized Federal housing program (Section 8, Rent Supplement, Rental Assistance Payments, or Low Income Housing Tax Credit program).*
- ❖ *US citizen or legal permanent resident of the United States with a valid Social Security Number.*
- ❖ *Graduating senior or student enrolled in (or applied to) an accredited/ certified training program. Confirmation of acceptance will be required of successful applicants.*
- ❖ *GED recipient enrolling in an accredited undergraduate program*
- ❖ *Enrollment for full or part-time programs with a minimum class schedule of 3 classes*
- ❖ *Demonstrated sound community leadership through volunteer work at school or in the community*



## **INSTRUCTIONS (all applications must be completed in English)**

**The William Gandert Memorial Scholarship will provide funds to eligible applicants who demonstrate need and merit to assist with tuition at an accredited trade school.**

**Application Deadline is: February 24, 2012.**

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.

### **Eligibility and Instructions:**

The NLHA Education Fund is committed to helping residents of affordable housing access scholarship funds for admissions to trade schools. To be eligible an applicant must currently reside in an affordable housing property or be a member of a family receiving rental subsidy through the Section 8 voucher program. They must also be enrolled or about to be enrolled as a full time student in an accredited trade school. Applicants need to:

1. Complete the attached application form and submit with the following material to: **NLHA Education Fund, 1900 L Street, NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20036.**
2. Provide two (2) letters with personal recommendation from non relatives in sealed and signed envelopes.
3. Provide a one page narrative explaining your goals with respect to the education you are seeking.
4. Provide an official copy of the high school transcripts complete with GPA and year of completion. If applicant received a GED provide official transcript and date of completion.
5. Submit a letter from the owner or property manager (on company letterhead) providing the name 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.
6. Provide proof of citizenship or legal status.
7. Provide confirmation of application or acceptance into the trade school program.
8. If a military veteran, submit proof of service (discharge papers or equivalent).



**Bill Gandert Memorial Scholarship Application (all applications must be completed in English)  
(please do not fold or staple documents)**

**Application Due Date: February 24, 2012.** Send to NLHA Education Fund, 1900 L Street, NW Suite 300, Washington, DC 20036

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City/Town State Zip

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

Trade of Interest: \_\_\_\_\_

What trade schools have you applied to or been accepted to: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

List all awards, scholarships or special achievements received during last 4 years:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

List extracurricular activities and after school responsibilities: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

List any special interests or hobbies you may have: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Indicate any jobs (with dates) which you are or have held within last 5 years: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Please provide any other information that you think would be of interest to the NLHA Education Fund when considering your application: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_