



## **NLHA Education Fund**

### **Mary Lou Manzie Memorial Scholarship (all applications must be completed in English)**

**Mary Lou Manzie was a woman who dedicated her career to providing safe, decent and affordable housing. She was always willing to look at new and effortless ways to achieve that goal. A member of the National Leased Housing Association from 1975 until her death in 2006, she served as an Officer and Director of NLHA for many years. We dedicate this scholarship in her memory.**

**Goal:** *To establish a scholarship program to benefit a non-traditional student in an encouraging and non-discriminatory way allowing them opportunity to pursue a higher education or other training.*

**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 the school and may be used to pay for, tuition books or other expenses necessary to allow the student to attend classes/training. Successful applicants will be notified in late April with the awards being made in June.*

#### **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 rental assistance 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 and verifiable proof of identity (driver's license, etc) required to be submitted at the time of application.*
- ❖ *Enrolling in a program promoting higher education or a certified training program*
- ❖ *Enrollment for full or part-time programs with a minimum of 10 class/training hours per week*
- ❖ *Demonstrated commitment to achieving an education/training that promotes marketability in the community work force by providing two (2) written recommendations from non-family members*
- ❖ *Outline goal to achieving full time employment within next 5 years*



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

**The Mary Lou Manzie Memorial Scholarship is directed to residents of Section 8 or other federally assisted rental housing to assist with college tuition, or other education/training programs for nontraditional students who demonstrate both need and merit. Examples of nontraditional students would include those who have been out of high school for more than 3 years and are looking to expand their education to achieve self-sufficiency. Examples include single parents, persons with disabilities, individuals who have been in the workforce but are seeking career growth, etc.**

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, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20036***

### **Eligibility and Instructions:**

The NLHA Education Fund is committed to helping residents of affordable housing access scholarship funds for admissions to secondary institutions. To be eligible an applicant must currently reside in a federally assisted rental housing property or be a member of a family receiving rental subsidy through the Section 8 voucher program. They must also be accepted to a college, enrolled in educational classes or a certified training program with a minimum of 10 hours per week of class or training. Applicants need to:

1. Complete the attached application form.
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 this educational or training program.
4. Provide description of last level of education achieved and name the school and location.
5. Provide letter from the owner or property manager (on company letterhead) including 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 and/or acceptance into the school or training program.
8. If a military veteran, proof of service (discharge papers, etc).



**Mary Lou Manzie 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, c/o NLHA, 1900 L Street, NW Suite 300, Washington, DC 20036

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

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

Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Graduation from High School, Undergraduate School, or GED (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

If currently working, place of employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Focus of Study \_\_\_\_\_

What schools or training programs are you considering or applied to: \_\_\_\_\_

Outline your goals for achieving full time employment within the next five years: \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_