



NLHA Education Fund

Neil Churchill Memorial Scholarship (all applications must be completed in English)

A true Section 8 advocate, Neil Churchill served at HUD working with the state agencies that were financing the program. In the private sector he was a developer, bond underwriter and FHA specialist. Before his death in 2003 he served as a Vice President with GMAC and was a past President of NLHA. Neil's entire career was devoted to affordable housing.

Goal: *To establish a scholarship program for graduate level study.*

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, room and board 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 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 and verifiable proof of identity (driver's license) to be provided with the application*
- ❖ *College graduate, college senior or student already enrolled in an accredited graduate program*
- ❖ *Acceptance for full or part-time programs with a minimum class schedule of 2 classes*
- ❖ *Minimum B average.*
- ❖ *Demonstrated sound community leadership through volunteer work in the community or at college/university.*



INSTRUCTIONS: (all applications must be completed in English)

The Neil Churchill Memorial scholarship is directed to residents of Section 8 or other federally assisted rental housing to assist current undergraduates or graduating college seniors with tuition for graduate level studies. Applicants must demonstrate both 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.**

Eligibility and Instructions:

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 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 2010 enrolling in a minimum of 3 classes. Applicants need to:

1. Complete the attached application form.
2. Provide a one page essay on how your graduate work will further your career development.
3. Provide two (2) letters of recommendation from teacher(s) or faculty advisors in sealed and signed envelopes.
4. Provide copies of their official college/university transcripts indicating their GPA and date of graduation.
5. Provide letter from a non relative confirming their participation as a volunteer either within the community or at the college/university.
6. Provide 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.
7. Provide proof of citizenship or legal status.



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(please do not fold or staple documents)

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Name: _____ Phone Number _____

Address: _____
Street City/Town State Zip

Cell Number: _____ Email address: _____

GPA _____ College Graduation Date _____

Focus of Graduate Study _____

What graduate programs/schools have you applied and been accepted to: _____

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

List extracurricular activities _____

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: _____

Did you attach the required proof of residence in federally assisted rental housing or participation in Section 8 voucher program? _____yes_____no

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

Signed: _____ Date: _____