

## ELIGIBILITY

The following individuals are eligible for HAHMA Scholarship Program provided they meet the additional criteria outlined in this document.

- High school seniors or individuals holding a GED that are planning to begin post-secondary studies in the 2010 school year.
- High school graduates currently enrolled in college, university, community college, or trade/professional schools.
- Adults holding a high school diploma or GED pursuing additional educational opportunities.

All high school seniors who plan to begin post-secondary studies at colleges, universities, community colleges, or trade/professional schools are eligible for these scholarships provided he/she resides at an HAHMA member "affiliated property."

High school graduates (including those holding a GED) residing at HAHMA sites who are currently enrolled in college, university, community college, or trade/professional school and plan to return to post-secondary studies for the 2010 school year are also eligible, and may apply for a HAHMA Scholarship. Matriculated boarding students may apply provided his/her primary residence is with a parent/guardian (listed as part of the household on the tenant certification form) residing at an HAHMA member "affiliated property."

The applicant/family must be in good standing with the rules and regulations of Department of Housing and Urban Development, applicant's respective state HAHMA, and the specific HAHMA member "affiliated property" lease requirements where they reside.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

The selection criteria used to select the scholarship recipients includes academic performance, character, and/or potential in a chosen field of study. Each of these three criteria carries equal weight in determining who will receive scholarships. Academic performance is determined by evaluating high school and/or college grade transcripts released to HAHMA by the student.

ALL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS APPLYING MUST POSSESS A MINIMUM OF A 2.5 GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA) ON A 4.0 SCALE OR ITS EQUIVALENT. ALL MATRICULATED COLLEGE STUDENTS APPLYING MUST POSSESS A MINIMUM OF A 2.3 GPA ON A 4.0 SCALE OR ITS EQUIVALENT. College students applying for scholarship, who have attained sufficient credits at their institution of higher learning to be considered as a junior, must provide documentation of a declared major. HAHMA values student efforts in working toward a degree.

Character and proficiency in a chosen field of study will be evaluated through examination of an essay of 400 words, written by the student. As an alternative to the essay, musical and/or dramatic presentations may be provided on videotape or DVD. These presentations may not exceed five (5) minutes. Submission of a portfolio of artistic work, and/or composition, is also a suitable alternative to the essay. Two personal character references provided by the applicant will also be evaluated.

## DETERMINATION OF FINANCIAL NEED

Since the parent/guardian or student residing at a HAHMA member, "affiliated property" must provide a yearly updated financial statement demonstrating their eligibility for continued residency at a HAHMA site. This form will be utilized to determine financial need.

# SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS AND PARENTS

## DESCRIPTION OF AWARDS

Each award will represent a scholarship provided to the selected students. These scholarships should not be mistaken in any way for student loans. While a high school student may apply for consideration for a scholarship prior to being accepted at a college, university, community college, or trade/professional school, they must provide documentation in the form of an admissions acceptance letter to HAHMA before the scholarship will be finalized. The exact number of scholarships and the total amount of money to be awarded in 2010, will be determined during the selection process. HAHMA anticipates minimum individual awards to begin at \$500.00 for the 2010 school year.

## PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIPS

All scholarships are payable to the post-secondary institution the recipient will attend during the 2010 school year. As was previously mentioned, the student must provide HAHMA a copy of an admissions acceptance letter from an accredited school. It is the intent of HAHMA that the full amount of these scholarships be applied to the recipient's school expenses (tuition, standard student fees, on-campus room and board or school approved off campus room and board, books and other required student materials). We strongly suggest that the recipients contact HAHMA before accepted a scholarship from HAHMA, if there is any doubt about the continuance of other financial aid, especially need-based scholarships.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURES

There are five (5) essential parts of this application, and all must be received in order for HAHMA to consider an application.

The deadline for complete applications is May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010, please mail all relevant application information to HAHMA, 9290 Bond, Suite 220, Overland Park, KS 66202.

1. The completed application form that contains basic information about the applicant, as well as the applicant and parent/guardian statement with signature must be provided.
2. An official grade transcript that shows the

courses the applicant has taken and the grades awarded through the fall school year must be submitted. Any applicant who is a first year college student at the time of application must provide both a current college transcript and their high school grade transcript. These transcripts will allow us to evaluate academic performance. College students should request their transcripts no later than April 15, 2010, in order that they arrive by the deadline.

3. Two completed references forms must be submitted. These references should come from people who have first-hand knowledge of the applicant's functioning as a student on a regular basis. HAHMA assumes that recommendations from teachers, guidance counselors, principals, deans, and other school administrators are better indicators of a student's future performance in school than personal recommendations. **AS A RESULT RECOMMENDATIONS SHOULD COME FROM THE AFOREMENTIONED TYPE INDIVIDUALS.** References from employers and clergy people would also be acceptable. **REFERENCES FROM RELATIVES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

4. The selection committee wants to get to know you on a personal level and gain insight into your character and chosen field of endeavor. In an essay of approximately 400 words, typed or neatly printed in your best style, identify and describe what you feel are your most positive personal qualities. Also, inform the selection committee of your chosen field of endeavor. Please list co-curricular activities (civic, educational, family responsibilities, job experiences, religious, social, and/or sports) which reflect your interest in the field you have chosen to pursue through your post-secondary studies. We encourage you to elaborate on the length of time of your involvement and describe any projects that reflect your interest in your chosen field of study.

Creative alternatives to this essay are also acceptable. Musical and/or dramatic presentations may be provided. This presentation should be five (5) minutes or less in length, submitted on videotape or DVD. Submission of a portfolio of artistic work, not to exceed 25 pieces, is also a suitable alternative to this essay.

5. HAHMA will require a form certifying an applicant's good standing in residency from their site management company. The form is self-explanatory and will require the signature of the resident's property manager of the HAHMA Member "Affiliated Property" Site Management Company. This statement will ensure that the resident applicant is in good financial standing and not in violation of any lease requirements where they reside. It should also be noted that HAHMA will make a follow-up contact with the recipient's property manager prior to the actual payment of any scholarship money in order to ensure that the recipient/resident has maintained their good standing status.

#### NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE

The selection committee will meet during the month of June. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application by June 30, 2010.

**Mail to: (before May 1<sup>st</sup>)**  
**HAHMA**  
Scholarship Program  
**6701 W. 64<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 120**  
**Overland Park, KS 66202**

**Mail to: (after May 1<sup>st</sup>)**  
**HAHMA**  
Scholarship Program  
**9290 Bond, Suite 202**  
**Overland Park, KS 66202**

Phone: 913.722.1999 Fax: 913.248.0882

Email: [info@hahma.org](mailto:info@hahma.org) Website:  
hahma.org

#### IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

April 1, 2010 Application forms available to all HAHMA member sites at [www.hahma.org](http://www.hahma.org) (click on education)

April 9, 2010 Suggested deadline for college students to request grade transcriptions from their registrars in order to assure that this part of the application will be received by HAHMA prior to May 30, 2010. The official grade transcript must show the courses the applicant has taken and the grades awarded through the fall semester of the 2009/2010 school year.

May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010 FINAL DEADLINE for all parts of the application for a 2010 HAHMA scholarship. Mail the application form, references, essay, grade transcript (s), and residency in good standing forms to address above.

June 15, 2010 All applicants notified

July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 Acceptance forms must be returned by this date if the scholarship recipient wishes to accept the offer of the scholarship. Scholarships not accepted by this date will be awarded to other applicants.

July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Scholarship checks made payable to post-secondary institutions, will be sent directly to the post-secondary institution on behalf of the scholarship recipient to help pay for the student's 2010/2011 school year costs.