



County of Sacramento DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN ASSISTANCE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



BACKGROUND

Employees of Sacramento County's Department of Human Assistance raise funds annually to award college scholarships to graduating high school seniors living in Sacramento County. This collaborative college scholarship program is available to encourage graduating seniors from low-income families to pursue an education at an accredited college, university, technical or trade school.

Eligibility for scholarships is without regard to race, gender, ethnicity, religion, or political affiliation. **Employees of Sacramento County and their families, except for employees working in the classification of student aide, are not eligible.**

PURPOSE OF SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is awarded each year to promote:

- Higher Education
- Economic Resilience
- Stronger Communities

Scholarship recipients will be notified by Monday, April 27, 2009. Cash awards will be presented at a ceremony to be held in the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors Chambers at 700 H Street (downtown Sacramento) on Friday, May 15, at 6:00 p.m.

ELIGIBILITY (All applications are subject to verification and proof of eligibility)

- ✓ **Must** be a U.S. citizen or legal resident and resident of Sacramento County.
- ✓ **Must** be a graduating high school senior from the class of 2009 entering a two- or four-year accredited college, university, or technical, trade school.
- ✓ **Must** have a minimum Cumulative Grade Point Average (G.P.A.) of 2.5.
- ✓ **Must** be on public assistance or low income. Submit current verification of public assistance or if not on public assistance, IRS tax form 1040 (2008).

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- 1) All applications **must** include the following:
 - ✓ Official sealed high school transcript(s) - copies will not be accepted.
 - ✓ Two letters of recommendation from a non-relative.
 - ✓ Acceptance letter or proof of enrollment - scholarship check will not be issued until proof of acceptance is provided.
- 2) Essays **must** be typed and have at least 500 words.
- 3) Students **must** title their essay to indicate the essay question they are answering.
- 4) Applicant and parent/guardian **must** sign application.
- 5) Application **must** be postmarked by **new extended deadline**: Friday, March 20, 2009.

DHA Scholarship Program Income Limits 2008/09	
Number of People in Household	Income Limits
2	\$33,995
3	\$38,646
4	\$43,297
5	\$47,948
6	\$52,599
7	\$59,799
8	\$66,999
9	\$74,199
10	\$81,399
Add per person	\$7,200

** The posted income limits are based on Earned Income Tax Credit Limits and the 200% Federal Poverty Guidelines.

Applications are available from: ♦ School/Counselor's Office ♦ All DHA Bureaus ♦ Online, at: <http://www.dhawebsaccounty.net>

NOTE: The online application is a PDF file and requires a special reader application, which may be downloaded from the Adobe Acrobat® site.

USE OF SCHOLARSHIP

The DHA Scholarship shall be applied toward any field of study at an accredited college, university, technical, or trade school.

- Incomplete applications will **NOT** be accepted, please answer *all* questions.
- All information will remain confidential and will not affect the household's financial assistance.

YOU MAY HAVE POTENTIAL ENTITLEMENT TO BENEFITS UNDER A PROGRAM KNOWN AS THE COLLEGE FEE WAIVER PROGRAM. PLEASE CLICK ON THE RESOURCE LINK @ www.dhawebsaccounty.net OR CONTACT DHA VETERANS SERVICES FOR ASSISTANCE AT (916) 874-6811.