

## Program Description & Guidelines:

The Choice Neighborhood Scholarship Program is an initiative of the Choice Neighborhood Implementation Grant Program, which was awarded to the Atlanta Housing Authority and the City of Atlanta in September 2015 by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. This scholarship award is for students in the following categories:

- 1) Residents of the former University Homes who reside inside the City of Atlanta
- 2) Graduating seniors at Washington High School who reside in the designated Choice Neighborhoods (CN) boundaries - that include the neighborhoods of Ashview Heights, Vine City, and the Atlanta University Center Neighborhood (the CN Boundaries)
- 3) Graduating seniors who reside in the neighborhoods of Ashview Heights, Vine City of the Atlanta University Center, but attend high school outside of the CN area
- 4) Prior CN scholarship recipients who reside inside the CN boundaries
- 5) Post-secondary students who graduated from a high school in the Atlanta area

All applicants must be in the process of applying to enter into or already accepted to an accredited two- or four-year college or university. Scholarship awards are for students between the ages of 16-24, and can be applied to undergraduate studies only.

The creation of the Choice Neighborhood Scholarship Program fulfills a CN goal for educational achievement by assisting eligible individuals to achieve postsecondary education goals. Scholarships will be awarded without regard to race, religion, sex, color, national origin, disability or familial status. All candidates for the scholarship must complete the attached application and meet established eligibility criteria. Award amounts will be determined by a selection committee based upon the review of student merit and need. If awarded, funds will be disbursed directly to the educational institution, and can be used for tuition or any school or student-related costs and fees.

## Eligibility Criteria:

The applicant must:

- ✓ Meet one of the (5) five categories described in the paragraph above.
- ✓ Have attained a minimum cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale at the time of application submission, or have a GED.
- ✓ Use scholarship proceeds at an accredited two- or four-year college or university (includes technical/vocational schools).

## Additional Information:

- ✓ The CN Scholarship Selection Committee will evaluate submitted scholarship applications and select awardees based on completed application and attachments. Awards will be determined based on merit and need.
- ✓ The CN Scholarship Selection Committee reserves the right to conduct an interview with finalists.

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- ✓ Scholarship Eligibility Criteria apply only to scholarships to be awarded in 2018 and are subject to change in future years.
- ✓ The number and amount of scholarship awards will vary based on the number of qualified applicants and the amount of funds available.

### Required Documents:

**Completed Application** – A typed application must be submitted on or before the application deadline of April 13, 2018 at 5:00 pm. **Late submissions will not be accepted. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed by the CN Scholarship Selection Committee.**

**NOTE: Electronic submissions (email and/or fax) are accepted; however, original transcripts must be submitted in unbroken, sealed envelope and be hand-delivered or sent via mail.**

- Two letters** of recommendation (select from the following):
  1. One letter from an academic or civic source - **on letterhead**:
    - **Academic:** Principal, teacher, counselor, or other school official.
    - **Civic:** Employer, civic leader, pastor, community service official, etc.
  2. One letter from an adult (not a relative / 21 years or older) who can attest to applicant's achievements, qualifications, and aptitude. **Letters from relatives will not be accepted.**
- Official High School Transcript** or GED certificate.
- Two Completed Essays:**
  1. What are your educational/academic goals? What are your future career plans? How do you plan to use your studies to achieve your future career plans? (250 words max)
  2. What affect has the neighborhood in which you live or go to school (Ashview Heights, Atlanta University Center or Vine City) had on you? Describe what you will contribute to the neighborhood in the near future? (100 words max)
  3. Please describe your financial need for this scholarship, and how this scholarship will help you to accomplish your career goals. (250 words max)
- Letter(s) of Acceptance** from chosen institution(s) if available by application date.

### Additional Documents to be Submitted:

If an applicant is selected in the first review round for further consideration to receive a CN Scholarship, applicant must also submit:

- Award letter from chosen institution's financial aid office.
- Copy of Federal Application Form for Student Aid (FAFSA).



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## Restrictions:

The CN Scholarship Selection Committee reserves the right to revoke any award for reasons including, but not limited to:

- Candidate does not enroll for Fall 2018 semester classes.
- Candidate is not accepted by an educational institution.
- Application information determined to be late, incomplete or includes false information

## Submission Information and Additional Questions:

**Application with supporting documentation due no later than 5:00pm, Friday April 13, 2018.** For electronic submissions, email application and all supporting documentation to [cneducation@atlanthousing.org](mailto:cneducation@atlanthousing.org). You may also drop-off your application to the address below:

**ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS:**  
[CNEDUCATION@ATLANTHOUSING.ORG](mailto:CNEDUCATION@ATLANTHOUSING.ORG)

**DROP OFF:**  
227 ROACH ST SW  
ATLANTA, GA 30314

**QUESTIONS?**  
**Britny Horton**  
**Operations Administrator**  
CNEDUCATION@ATLANTHAUSING.ORG  
**(404) 817-7485**

## APPLICATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First MI

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: Female \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number Street Apt. #

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Neighborhood (Ashview Heights, AUC, Vine City, Other): \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number Street Apt. #

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_



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## Education

\_\_\_\_\_ High School \_\_\_\_\_ GED

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a laptop that you can utilize for your college education? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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## List Colleges and/or Universities to which you have applied and /or been accepted

College or University w/ City and State	Acceptance Date (if received)
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	

## Activities, Awards & Honors

Please list all school activities in which you have participated during the past four years (e.g., student government music, sports, etc.), and note all special awards, recognitions, honors and offices held.

High School Activities	# of Years	Honors, Special Awards or Recognition	Offices Held
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			



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## Community Involvement

Please list community service organizations, volunteer organizations or special projects you are now active with or have previously been active with during the past four years, including employment and internships, etc.

Organization	# of Years	Service, Volunteer Organizations, Special Projects, Employment, Internships, etc.	Offices/Positions Held
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			

## Disclosure

By signing this disclosure, I understand that I am granting AHA permission to disclose and discuss the contents of this application with CN staff and the CN Scholarship Selection Committee or third parties such as schools, colleges, universities, and references for the purposes of evaluating my application and eligibility for the UCNS scholarship.

I hereby certify that the information provided in this application is to the best of my knowledge, true and correct. I have not knowingly withheld any facts or circumstances that could otherwise jeopardize consideration of this application.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(If under the age of 18)

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This application form consists of **five (5)** pages including the essays. If you are missing any page(s) please contact Britny Horton at 404-817-7485



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**Essay #1:** What are your educational/academic goals? What are your future career plans? How do you plan to use your studies to achieve your future career plans? (250 words max)

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**Essay #2: What affect has the neighborhood in which you live or go to school (Ashview Heights, Atlanta University Center or Vine City) had on you? Describe what you will contribute to the neighborhood in the near future? (100 words max)**



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**Essay #3:** Please describe your financial need for this scholarship, and how this scholarship will help you to accomplish your career goals. (250 words max)