

2024 Education Scholarship Program Information & Guide

The Housing Authority of the City of Oxnard is committed to helping students living in Public Housing or receiving Section 8 assistance pursue a higher education. Scholarships are only available to household members in the Oxnard Housing Authority's Public Housing or Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) Program (please verify before applying). Please carefully review the following information and criteria:

<u>Application Deadline</u>: Applications must be submitted no later than <u>Friday, June 21, 2024</u> @ 5:00pm. Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted.

Criteria and Required Documents:

- 1. Submit application online at https://www.oxnard.gov/housing
- 2. Applicants must be new or continuing students enrolled full-time or part-time in a community college, a 4-year university, a vocational/trade school, or an apprenticeship program for the FALL 2024 semester/ quarter. Please submit proof of enrollment by providing an unofficial transcript, acceptance letter, or school schedule.
- 3. Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.5. Please provide an unofficial transcript.
- 4. Submit a letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, or organization/community leader.
- 5. Essay: Applicants must type an essay using font size 12, font Times New Roman, and 1" margins. Grammar and essay structure will be considered. Use the following essay prompt and answer the following in order:
 - a. <u>Housing/Rental Assistance Experience</u>: Describe how living in Public Housing or receiving Section 8 rental assistance has impacted your upbringing and educational experience.
 - b. <u>Resiliency</u>: Describe the most significant challenge you have faced and the steps you have taken to overcome this challenge. How has this challenge affected your academic achievement?
 - c. <u>Leadership/ Extracurricular Activities</u>: Please answer <u>one</u> of the following questions to the best of your ability. Additionally, please indicate which question you are responding to.
 - i. Describe any school/community volunteer service, and/ or extracurricular activities at your school, employment, or home. Please share details of any leadership experience or commitments. OR
 - ii. Please describe a time when you positively impacted someone by leading as an example in your community, family, school, or workplace.
 - d. <u>Goals and Aspirations</u>: Brief statement or summary of your plans and goals as they relate to your educational and career objectives and long-term goals.
- All required documents (proof of school enrollment, essay, and letter of recommendation) may be scanned and emailed to <u>ohascholarship@oxnard.org</u>. You may also deliver all documents in person at the Oxnard Multi-Service Center: 1500 Camino Del Sol, Room 22 Oxnard, CA 93030.