

Program Description & Guidelines

The Atlanta Community Scholars Award (ACSA) is an initiative of the Atlanta Housing Authority (AH); and the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) is the program's fiscal agent. As one of the nation's oldest and most successful education assistance organizations, UNCF is committed to increasing opportunities for minority students, and AH strongly encourages lifelong learning as an integral component of its vision of building vibrant communities and encouraging individual self-sufficiency.

The purpose of ACSA is to provide scholarships to eligible AH-assisted individuals in support of their post-secondary education options. Scholarships will be awarded without regard to race, religion, sex, color, national origin, disability, or familial status. All candidates for the scholarship must participate in the AH scholarship application process and meet established eligibility criteria.

Eligibility Criteria

The applicant must:

- ✓ Be a member of an AH-assisted household.
- ✓ Be between the ages of 16 and 30.
- ✓ Be enrolled, accepted, or plan to attend an accredited two- or four-year college, university, or technical school, **OR** a college student currently enrolled in an accredited undergraduate program.
- ✓ Have attained a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0 or better at the time of application submission. This does not apply to GED applicants. Additionally, recipients must remain in good standing with their chosen institution and maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5 or better thereafter.
- ✓ Demonstrate financial need as documented by the chosen institution.
- × **Graduate level students are not eligible to apply.**

In addition:

- ✓ Scholarship applicants selected for award consideration will participate in a personal interview process with the ACSA Scholarship Selection Committee.
- ✓ Scholarships are subject to revocation by the Selection Committee for cause, including, but not limited to, non-compliance, performance, and lease violations.
- ✓ Scholarships are renewable annually for a total of four awards – provided that funds are available. Renewals require submission of an official college transcript, **40 hours of documented community service at the time application is submitted**, and an interview with the Selection Committee. All other eligibility criteria requirements must also be met.

Upon completion, return application with all supporting documentation no later than Friday, March 22, 2019 to:

Elon Osby
Atlanta Housing
Community, Governmental, & External Affairs
230 John Wesley Dobbs Avenue
Atlanta, GA 30303

Required Documents to be Submitted

- Completed General Information Application - **NOTE: This form can be completed electronically. Every effort should be made to submit a typed application.**
- Two letters of recommendation (selected from the following):
 1. **On letterhead:** One letter from an academic or civic source:
 - **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 the applicant's achievements, qualifications, and aptitude. Letters from relatives will not be accepted.
- **Official** high school transcript, GED certificate, or college transcript.
- Letter(s) of acceptance from chosen institution(s) - if received by application deadline.
- Copy of applicant's SAT or ACT scores (if applicable).

Omission of any of the required documents will render the application incomplete and ineligible for scholarship consideration.

Additional Documents to be Submitted

If an applicant is selected to receive an ACSA award, applicant must also submit:

- Verification of unmet financial need from institution's Financial Aid Office.
- Copy of Federal Application Form for Student Aid (FAFSA).

For Information & Questions

Call (404) 817-7329

Restrictions

AH reserves the right to revoke any award for reasons including, but not limited to:

- Non-compliance with AH's Work/Program Requirement.
- Candidate does not enroll for Fall 2019 semester classes.
- Candidate is not accepted by an educational institution.
- Application information is determined to be false.

List Colleges/Universities/Technical Institutions you are currently attending or to which you have applied and /or been accepted.

| College/University/Technical Institution w/ (City and State) | Acceptance Date (if received) |
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Activities, Awards & Honors

Please list any current or past school activities in which you have participated during high school or college (e.g., student government, music, sports, etc), and note all special awards, recognitions, honors and offices held.

| School-related Activities | # of Years | Honors, Special Awards or Recognition | Offices Held (if any) |
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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 six years, including employment and internships, etc.

| Organization | # of Years | Service, Volunteer Organizations, Special Projects, Employment, Internships, etc. | Offices/Positions Held (If any) |
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Disclosure

By signing this disclosure, I understand that I am granting AH permission to disclose and discuss the contents of this application with UNCF staff and the ASCA Scholarship Selection Committee or third parties such as schools, colleges, universities, and references for the purposes of evaluating my application and eligibility for the ACSA 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: _____

This application form consists of three (3) pages. If you are missing any page(s) please contact AH’s Community, Governmental, and External Affairs Team at (404) 817-7329.