

2020 Choice Neighborhood Scholarship Program Renewal Application



Program Description & Guidelines

The Choice Neighborhood (CN) Scholarship Program is an initiative of the Choice Neighborhood Implementation Grant Program, which was awarded to Atlanta Housing and the City of Atlanta in September 2015 by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The scholarship program 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 only the neighborhoods of Ashview Heights, Vine City, and the Atlanta University Center Neighborhood (the CN Boundaries); **3)** graduating seniors who reside in the designated CN boundaries, but attend high school outside of the CN area; **4)** prior CN scholarship recipients who reside inside the CN boundaries; or **5)** postsecondary students whose primary residence (as per GA ID) is within the CN boundaries. All applicants must be in the process of applying to enter into or already accepted to an accredited two- or four-year college, university, or technical school. 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.
- ✓ Carry a course load that qualifies as full-time student status.
- ✓ Use scholarship proceeds at an accredited two- or four-year college or university (includes technical/vocational schools).

In addition:

- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Scholarship Eligibility Criteria apply only to scholarships to be awarded in 2020 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.



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Required Documents:

Completed Progress Reports – A typed report must be submitted on or before the deadline of **Monday, April 6, 2020**. **Late submissions will not be accepted. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed by the CN Scholarship Selection Committee.**

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

Official College Transcript

Completed Progress Report (attached)

Restrictions:

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

- Candidate is not enrolled for Fall 2020 semester classes.
- Application information determined to be late, incomplete or includes false information.

Submission Information and Additional Questions:

Progress Reports with supporting documentation due no later than 5:00pm, Monday, April 6, 2020:

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Progress Report

Name: _____
Last First MI

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: Female Male

Current Address: _____
Number Street Apt. #

City: _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Cell Number: _____ E-Mail: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____
Number Street Apt. #

City: _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Cell Number: _____ E-Mail: _____

Education

Name of Institution: _____

Financial Aid Office Telephone: _____ Fax Number: _____

Classification for Fall 2020: _____ GPA (on a 4.0 scale): _____

Major: _____ Minor (if applicable): _____

Full-Time Student Fall 2020: Yes _____ No. If "no," please explain: _____

Living Arrangement for Fall 2020: At Home On Campus Off Campus



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4. How has attending a postsecondary institution changed your outlook on life; and how can you use what you've learned to help your community. (100 words max)

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 CN 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 Progress Report consists of **six (6)** pages including the essays and affidavit.
If you are missing any page(s) please contact Angela Benjamin at
angela.benjamin@atlantahousing.org



O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1(f)(2) Affidavit

By executing this affidavit under oath, as an applicant for a(n) [Choice Neighborhood Scholarship](#) [*type of public benefit*], as referenced in O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1, from The Housing Authority of the City of Atlanta, Georgia, the undersigned applicant verifies one of the following with respect to my application for a public benefit:

- 1) I am a United States citizen.
- 2) I am a legal permanent resident of the United States.
- 3) I am a qualified alien or non-immigrant under the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act with an alien number issued by the Department of Homeland Security or other federal immigration agency.

My alien number issued by the Department of Homeland Security or other federal immigration agency is:_____.

The undersigned applicant also hereby verifies that he or she is 18 years of age or older and has provided at least one secure and verifiable document, as required by O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1(f)(1), with this affidavit.

The secure and verifiable document provided with this affidavit can best be classified as:
_____.

In making the above representation under oath, I understand that any person who knowingly and willfully makes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation in an affidavit shall be guilty of a violation of O.C.G.A. § 16-10-20, and face criminal penalties as allowed by such criminal statute.

Executed in _____(city), _____(state).

Signature of Applicant

Printed Name of Applicant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN
BEFORE ME ON THIS THE
___ DAY OF _____, 20___

NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires: