

2021 PHADA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



Scholarships for high school seniors living in public or assisted housing at a PHADA member agency

**Applications are due to Atlanta Housing by:
January 11, 2021**

Three Scholarships Will Be Awarded

Stephen J. Bollinger Memorial Scholarship	\$7,000
Freedom & Civil Rights Scholarship*	\$5,000
Nan McKay Pathway to Achievement Scholarship	\$5,000

**Additional Essay Required*

For the latest information, visit: www.phada.org/Scholarship

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PHADA'S SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

In order to encourage academic excellence and community responsibility among high school students, PHADA has implemented a scholarship program for graduating seniors who are preparing to enter college. PHADA will award three (3) scholarships to deserving youth currently residing in a PHADA member agency.

Stephen J. Bollinger Memorial Scholarship (One scholarship available: \$7,000)

Steve Bollinger (April 11, 1948–June 18, 1984) was a taskmaster to himself, a human dynamo to those who knew him. He was a natural leader, a person who could rally people around him with wit, satire, and vocal exercises. Steve's knowledge of and dedication to housing those in need was never absent, especially after he was appointed Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development at HUD. His experience at the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority and the associations he had with colleagues, mayors, and others afforded him the opportunity to deal with the bureaucracy in a style that we strive to attain. To the members of PHADA, he was a friend. His belief in the housing profession motivated him to become a founding member of PHADA, for which he served as Vice President. He accomplished much in a short time and we are all thankful for his achievements. PHADA created this scholarship to memorialize Stephen J. Bollinger.

This scholarship will be formally presented at PHADA's Annual Convention & Exhibition on May 18, 2021, in San Antonio, TX. The winner will receive a trip for him/herself and one parent/guardian to attend the convention.

Freedom & Civil Rights Scholarship (One scholarship available: \$5,000)

Additional Essay Required (see below)

In 2005, PHADA's Board of Trustees met in Montgomery, AL. Inspired by historical sites they chose to give personal donations for the inception of a PHADA scholarship to honor the work of Rosa Parks and the achievements of the civil rights movement. PHADA's Annual Commissioners' Conference Golf Outing was established in 2007 to provide continuous funding to the Freedom Scholarship.

To be considered for the Freedom & Civil Rights Scholarship, include an additional personal essay (350–500 words) demonstrating your efforts and achievements in furthering the values of the civil rights movement. Explain why the cause is still relevant in communities today and how they relate to your educational goals. Include any relevant volunteer experiences and community involvement activities relating to advancing the cause of civil rights.

Nan McKay Pathway to Achievement Scholarship (One scholarship available: \$5,000)

Nan McKay has offered significant financial support to PHADA's scholarship program and has elected to reward one deserving youth with a \$5,000 scholarship. PHADA appreciates their commitment to serving the needs of public housing residents and the community.

The scholarship fund will be administered by the PHADA Scholarship Committee. The money will go directly to the school that the recipient will be attending. The school will deposit the money into the student's account. The money may only be used to pay for tuition, books, and activities directly related to the student's education. If the student discontinues his or her education, the unused portion of the scholarship will be returned to PHADA.

REQUIREMENT CHECKLIST

Submit the following documents to the Executive Director of your housing authority. All documents must be typewritten in English. Please do not fold or staple documents.

1. APPLICATION

Include the printed application (left panel) in the packet of materials that you submit to your Executive Director.

2. VERIFICATION PAGE

- **Grade Point Average Verification** (must be completed by your school counselor)
- **Certification** (sign this portion of the document before submitting it to your Executive Director)

3. SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT

You must provide an original and official copy of your high school transcript.

4. TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

You must submit one teacher or guidance counselor recommendation and one personal, NON-Family, recommendation.

5. ESSAY

You must submit a typewritten essay in English addressing the following topic: How my public housing and high school experiences have influenced my life. (350–500 words)

Additional Essay for the Freedom & Civil Rights Scholarship

To be considered for the Freedom & Civil Rights Scholarship, include an **additional personal essay (350–500 words)** demonstrating your efforts and achievements in furthering the values of the civil rights movement. The full list of requirements are on page 1.

6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- a. Student must be recommended by the Executive Director of the housing authority in a letter signed by the Executive Director for the application to be considered complete.
- b. The Executive Director is responsible for verifying all application requirements.
- c. Application Fee – A \$25 non-refundable application fee is required and must be paid by the sponsoring housing authority. All proceeds from the fees will be added to the scholarship award. Check should be made payable to PHADA.
- d. Deadline – **All application materials must be received by Atlanta Housing no later than Monday, January 11, 2021.** No Faxes will be accepted.
- e. Local promotion of the scholarship program is the responsibility of the housing authority. Each housing authority may submit up to two applications.

Note: One scholarship awarded per student. Winner (and parent) will be required to sign a “Scholarship Agreement Contract” prior to receiving scholarship.

Applications must be completed in their entirety. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

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All documents must be typewritten in English. No handwritten applications will be accepted.

You can email completed applications to: Elon Osby at elon.osby@atlantahousing.org

ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST

Please complete checklist. **All documents must be typewritten in English. Please do not fold or staple documents.**

- STATUS** – Applicant must be a high school senior and reside in a PHADA member agency owned or managed unit throughout his/her entire senior year. Public housing residents, Section 8 participants or other low-income housing residents are eligible, as long as the agency at which they reside is a PHADA member.
- MINIMUM GRADE POINT AVERAGE** – Student must have at least a “B” average (or 3.0 GPA) on his/her school’s applicable scale during his/her high school career, cumulatively, to be considered for the scholarship. *Note: School counselor must complete the Grade Point Average Verification form on the verification page of this application.*

VERIFICATION PAGE

GRADE POINT AVERAGE VERIFICATION

(Must be completed by school counselor)

Counselor Name _____ Phone _____

Type of Grading Scale* used by school (ex. 4 pt., 6 pt., 100 pt., etc.) _____

**Please convert GPA to 4.0 scale or 100 point system when completing the section below:*

9th Grade _____ 11th Grade _____ Cumulative GPA _____

10th Grade _____ 12th Grade _____

The student’s official and original transcript must also be submitted with the application.

CERTIFICATION

(Must be signed -- can be electronically signed) by student and Executive Director)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Please verify all information is provided. Incomplete applications will be rejected.

I certify that all information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I further certify the application is complete and contains all items from the “Requirement Checklist,” including the Housing Authority’s non-refundable \$25 application fee.

Signature _____ Signature _____
Student *Executive Director*

Date _____ Date _____