



## 2026 James Allen Community Scholars Awards Graduating High School Senior Application



### Program Description & Guidelines

The James Allen Community Scholars Award (JACSA) is an initiative of the Housing Authority of the City of Atlanta (Atlanta Housing) designed to support education advancement for Atlanta Housing assisted residents. The United Negro College Fund (UNCF) serves as the program's fiscal agent. As one of the nation's oldest and most successful education assistance organizations, UNCF is committed to expanding access to higher education for minority students. Through this partnership, Atlanta Housing continues to promote lifelong learning as an integral component of its mission to build vibrant communities and support pathways to individual and family self-sufficiency.

The purpose of JACSA is to provide scholarships to eligible Atlanta Housing-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 Atlanta Housing scholarship application process and meet established eligibility criteria.

### Eligibility Criteria

The applicant must:

- ✓ Be a member of an Atlanta Housing-assisted household.
- ✓ Be between the ages of 16 and 18.
- ✓ Be accepted, enrolled, 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.

### Selection Process

- ✓ The JACSA 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 JACSA Scholarship Selection Committee reserves the right to conduct interviews with finalists.
- ✓ Scholarship Eligibility Criteria applies only to scholarships awarded in 2026 and is 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 funding reserves.
- ✓ JACSA Scholars are only eligible to re-apply and receive the scholarship for up to four years, based on funding availability.
- ✓ Scholarships are subject to revocation by the Selection Committee for cause, including, but not limited to, non-compliance, performance, and lease violations.



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### Required Documents to be Submitted:

✓ **Completed General Information Application:**

Every effort must be made to submit a **typed** application via email or postmarked on or before the deadline of **Friday May 8, 2026 (see submission information on the next page)**. **Late submissions will not be accepted.** Incomplete applications will not be reviewed by the JACSA Scholarship Selection Committee.

✓ **Official Transcripts (high school transcript, GED certificate, or college transcript):**

Applicants must request their official transcript and ensure it is sent directly to Atlanta Housing by the application deadline. No cell phone screenshots will be accepted.

Official transcripts can be submitted one of two ways:

1. Electronic submissions must be sent directly from the school to [frank.white@atlantahousing.org](mailto:frank.white@atlantahousing.org)

or

2. Hard copy must be sent directly from the school in an unbroken, sealed envelope to:

**ATTN: Frank White**

**Atlanta Housing**

**230 John Wesley Dobbs Ave. NE, Atlanta, GA 30303**

✓ **Two letters of recommendation** (selected from the following):

1. On letterhead: One (1) 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 (1) 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.

✓ **Copy of applicant's SAT and/or ACT scores (if applicable).**

✓ **Letter(s) of Acceptance** from chosen institution(s) if received by application deadline.

✓ **SAVE Affidavit:**

All applicants **must** verify their status by completing and submitting a SAVE Affidavit, as part of the application. Please find attached the affidavit. Applicants can have the affidavit notarized at their own expense or bring it to Resident Empowerment staff at Roosevelt Hall at 660 Atlanta Student Movement Blvd. Atlanta, GA 30314 to have it notarized at no cost.



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### Restrictions:

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

- Non-compliance with Atlanta Housing's Work/Program Requirement.
- Candidate is not enrolled for **Fall 2026** semester classes.
- Candidate is not accepted by an educational institution.
- Application information is determined to be late, incomplete or includes false information.

### Additional Documents to be Submitted:

If an applicant is selected to receive a JACSA 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) or Student Aid Report (SAR).

### Submission Information and Additional Questions:

Scholarship Application with supporting documentation **due no later than 5:00pm, Friday, May 8, 2026**

**By email:**

Frank White [frank.white@atlantahousing.org](mailto:frank.white@atlantahousing.org)

or

**By mail:**

**ATTN: Frank White**

**Atlanta Housing**

**230 John Wesley Dobbs Ave. NE**

**Atlanta, GA 30303**

**Questions:** Email [frank.white@atlantahousing.org](mailto:frank.white@atlantahousing.org); or by phone: 404-406-8634



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## 2026 Scholarship Application

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

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_ M \_\_\_ F

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

High School Diploma Year: \_\_\_\_\_ GED Certificate Year: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ on a 4.0 Scale

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



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

College/University/Technical Institution with City & State	Acceptance Date (If received)

## 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 Completed	Honors, Special Awards, or Recognition	Office 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 Served	Service, Volunteer Organization, Special Projects, Employment, Internships, etc.	Offices/Positions Held

### Disclosure (Electronic signatures will not be accepted. You must print and sign this page.)

By signing this disclosure, I understand that I am granting Atlanta Housing permission to disclose and discuss the contents of this application with UNCF staff and the JASCA Scholarship Selection Committee or third parties such as schools, colleges, universities, and references for the purposes of evaluating my application and eligibility for the JACSA 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 consists of three (3) pages. If you are missing any pages, please email: [Frank.white@atlantahousing.org](mailto:Frank.white@atlantahousing.org) or phone 404-406-8634

**O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1(f)(2) SAVE Affidavit**

By executing this affidavit under oath, as an applicant for a(n) JASCA 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: