



2026 The James Allen Community Scholar's Award Scholarship Program Renewal 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 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 Atlanta Housing scholarship application process and meet established eligibility criteria.

Eligibility Criteria

The applicant must:

- ✓ Be a prior recipient of the JACSA between 2022 and 2025.
- ✓ Have attained a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale at the time of application submission.
- ✓ Carry a course load that qualifies as a full-time student status.
- ✓ Use scholarship proceeds at an accredited two- or four-year college or university (includes technical/vocational schools).
- ✓ 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 funds available.
- ✓ JACSA Scholars are only eligible to re-apply and receive the JACSA scholarship for up to four (4) years.
- ✓ Those seeking a graduate degree are NOT eligible to receive the JACSA scholarship.
- ✓ 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:

- ✓ **Completed Progress Reports** – A typed report must be submitted on or before the deadline of **Friday, May 8th, 2026. Late submissions will not be accepted. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed by the JACSA Scholarship Selection Committee.**

NOTE: Electronic submissions (email) are accepted; however, original transcripts must be submitted in unbroken, sealed envelope and mailed to Frank White: **230 John Wesley Dobbs Ave. NE, Atlanta, GA 30303**

Official College Transcript

Completed Progress Report (attached)

Restrictions:

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

- Candidate is not enrolled for Fall 2026 semester classes.
- Non-compliance, performance, and lease violations.
- 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, Friday, May 8, 2026**

By email: Frank White 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 or by phone 404-406-8634



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2026 Progress Report

Name: _____
Last First MI

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: _____

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: _____ Email Address: _____

Classification for Fall 2026: _____ GPA (on a 4.0 scale): _____

Major: _____ Minor (if applicable): _____

Full-Time Student Fall 2026: _____ No. If "no," please explain: _____

On Campus Off Campus

Living Arrangement for Fall 2026: _____



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1. **How has attending a postsecondary institution changed your outlook on life; and how can you use what you've learned to help your community. (500 words max).**

2. **Have there been any changes in your major or educational plans since last year, and what are your academic goals for next year?**



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3. Do you anticipate any unusual or new expenses during the next school year? If so, please explain.

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

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

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

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