



**HOUSING ALLIANCE OF VALLEY EMPLOYEES
SOUTH TEXAS REGION**



2024 Scholarship Application

**DEADLINE: Must be postmarked by April 19, 2024
or
Hand-Delivered by 3:00 p.m. to:
McAllen Housing Commission
1200 N. 25th St., McAllen, TX 78501**

HOUSING ALLIANCE OF VALLEY EMPLOYEES:

Background:

The Housing Alliance of Valley Employees South Texas Region (HAVE-STR) is a professional membership organization consisting of agencies and individuals who administer housing and community development in the South Texas Region and is the leading advocate for the provision of adequate and affordable housing and strong, viable communities for families, particularly those with low and moderate incomes. HAVE-STR provides annual scholarships to deserving students graduating from high school whose families are Public Housing or Section 8 Program residents of HAVE-STR members in good standing.

Scholarship Awards:

This year, we will be awarding a total of **15 scholarships**, three (3)-\$1,000 scholarships and 12-\$600 scholarships.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants for HAVE-STR Scholarship must:

1. Be a Public Housing or Section 8 Program Resident of a HAVE-STR member in good standing
2. Be a 2024 Graduating High School Student
3. Demonstrate exceptional school attendance
4. Demonstrate high academic achievement
5. Demonstrate leadership and/or high level of motivation

APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

Applicant **MUST** submit a SEALED PACKET consisting of one (1) Original and six (6) copies of the following information:

- ___ Wallet-Sized Senior Photo (optional)
- ___ Completed Scholarship Application
- ___ HAVE-STR Scholarship Local Housing Agency’s Certification signed by Executive Director
- ___ High school transcript or certified copy grades
- ___ Two (2) Letters of Recommendation:
 - One personal, NON-family or a community leader, AND
 - One high school teacher or guidance counselor

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:

One (1) original and six (6) copies of your HAVE-STR Scholarship Application packet must be sealed and postmarked by **April 19, 2024**. Hand-Delivered application packets should be sealed and submitted by **3:00 p.m.** Please send to: **McAllen Housing Commission**
1200 N. 25th St., McAllen, TX 78501

NO LATE OR FAXED APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED

Your Local Housing Agency should provide assistance in completing your application. Examples of assistance include:

- * Making copies of the application packet
- * Providing postage
- * Providing one of the recommendations
- * Providing senior photo

In addition, your Local Housing Agency **MUST** certify that any scholarship applicant is an eligible Public Housing or Section 8 Program Resident. To be eligible to receive a scholarship, the student's family income cannot exceed HUD's low-income limit for that family size. The Local Housing Agency must also be a member in good standing with the HAVE-STR.

Local Housing Agency's Certification must accompany the Scholarship Application.

<p>HAVE-STR Scholarship Local Housing Agency's Certification</p>			
<p>I hereby certify that _____ is a resident or participant in:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Applicant's Name)</p>			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Section 8 Program (check one)
<p>administered by this agency. The Housing Agency is also a member in good standing of the Housing Alliance of Valley Employees-South Texas Region.</p>			
<p>Name of Housing Agency: _____</p>			
_____ Signature of Executive Director		_____ Date	



**HOUSING ALLIANCE OF VALLEY EMPLOYEES
SOUTH TEXAS REGION
2024 Scholarship Application**



**DEADLINE: Must be postmarked by April 19, 2024
or
Hand-Delivered by 3:00 p.m. to:
McAllen Housing Commission
1200 N. 25th St., McAllen, TX 78501**

SECTION I- APPLICANT'S PERSONAL INFORMATION:

_____	_____	_____
Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial
_____	_____	_____
Address	City	Zip Code
_____	_____	
Telephone Number	Date of Birth	

SECTION II- LOCAL HOUSING AUTHORITY/HAVE-STR MEMBER:

Agency Name and City

Agency Contact Name and Phone Number (for questions about this application)

SECTION III- ACADEMIC: (Applicant must be a 2024 Graduating High School Student):

Name of School Currently Attending: _____

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

SECTION IV: POST SECONDARY SCHOOL/COLLEGE INFORMATION:

College/University/Vocation or Post-Secondary School you plan to attend

Anticipated College Major/Vocation: _____

Length of Program: _____

Applicant's Name: _____

SECTION V- OTHER INFORMATION:

The Scholarship Evaluation Committee will give extra consideration to students who have achieved a special level of distinction in their community because of their concern for humanity, who have responded to a local crisis during a time of need, or who have created a resource to address a need in their community.

Honors Received (i.e. Academic, sports, community service, etc.): _____

Extracurricular Activities (i.e. Band, clubs, drill team, athletics, etc.): _____

Employment/Community Service (Full, Part-Time or Summer Jobs/Community Service during High School. Provide job title, length of time, responsibilities and name and phone number of employer/point of contact):

List of Hobbies or Special Interests: _____

SECTION VI- ESSAY QUESTIONS:

All applicants must answer the following questions with 125 words or less (use additional paper).

1. How has your public housing experience influenced your life and future planning?
2. Why are you pursuing your particular college degree or vocational training program?
3. What achievements or events occurred in your life that have been especially significant?
4. What are your goals for the next four years?

Applicant's Name: _____

Place an Original Wallet-Sized Senior Photo Here (Optional):

