



## HOUSING ALLIANCE OF TEXAS

### 2026 Scholarship Application Announcement

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#### About Us

The Housing Alliance of Texas (HAT) is a professional membership organization committed to supporting housing and community development throughout South Texas. As a regional advocate for affordable housing, HAT collaborates with partners to strengthen communities and expand housing opportunities for families, particularly those with low- and moderate-income households.

#### Scholarship Program Overview

HAT is proud to support the educational aspirations of students whose families are Public Housing or Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program residents through our annual scholarship program. This opportunity is open to students of 2026 HAT member agencies in good standing.

#### Scholarship Awards

This year, the Housing Alliance of Texas (HAT) will award **\$1,000 scholarships to 15 deserving students** in support of their educational goals.

#### Eligibility Criteria

All scholarship applicants must:

- Be a high school senior graduating this academic year;
- Be a Public Housing (PH) or Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program resident of a HAT member agency in good standing; **and**
- Intend to attend a college, university, trade school, or vocational school.

*NOTE: Applications will be reviewed and scored to determine award recipients. To be eligible for an award, students must be an active PH or HCV participant on April 30, 2026.*

#### Application Checklist

1. Completed Scholarship Application
2. HAT Scholarship Local Housing Agency's Certification signed by the Executive Director
3. High School Transcript or Certified Copy of Grades
4. Two (2) Letters of Recommendation
  - One Letter from a Community Leader: *This could be a coach, religious leader, employer, or other individuals active in the community.*
  - One Letter from a High School Teacher or Counselor
5. Wallet-Sized Senior Photo (Optional)

## Submission Instructions

- Your Local Housing Agency should help with printing, postage, and/or any other needs to meet the submission requirements.
- The complete application packet must include one (1) original copy of all documents listed on the Application Checklist and must be submitted in a sealed envelope.
- Sealed packet must be mailed or hand-delivered to:

**Hidalgo County Housing Authority  
1800 N. Texas Blvd.  
Weslaco, TX 78599**

- **SUBMISSION DEADLINE:**

**April 17, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.**

***Mailed application packets must be postmarked by April 17, 2026***

***NO LATE, EMAILED, OR FAXED APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED***

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**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 AGENCY/HAT MEMBER:**

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Agency Name and City

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

**SECTION III- ACADEMIC: (Applicant must be a 2026 Graduating High School Student):**

Name of School Currently Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA (unweighted): \_\_\_\_\_ GPA (weighted): \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION IV: POST SECONDARY SCHOOL INFORMATION:**

\_\_\_\_\_

Name of College/University/Trade School/Vocational School you plan to attend

Anticipated Major/Trade/Vocation: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Program: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION V- OTHER INFORMATION:**

Honors Received (i.e. Academic, Sports):

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Extracurricular Activities (i.e. Band, Clubs, Drill Team, Athletics):

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Employment and/or Unpaid Internship, Volunteer Service, or Community Service During High School. (Provide job title/position, organization/employer name, length of time, responsibilities and name and phone number of point of contact):

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*Applicant's Name:* \_\_\_\_\_



**CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

- Certification of Residency: The Local Housing Agency must complete the section below.

**HAT Scholarship  
Local Housing Agency's Certification**

I hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_ is a resident or participant in:  
(Applicant's Name)

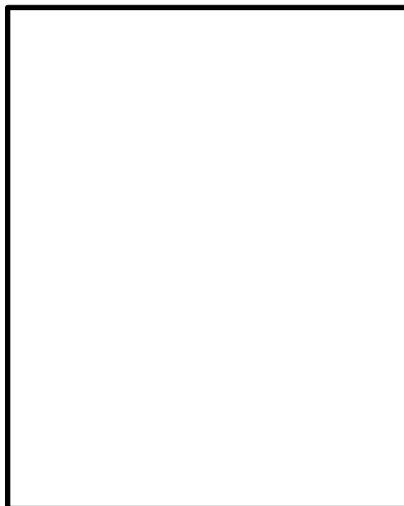
Public Housing                       HCV                      (check one)

administered by this agency and meets the income eligibility requirements. The Local Housing Agency is also a member in good standing of the HAT.

Name of Housing Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Executive Director                      Date

**Place Wallet-Sized Senior Photo Here (Optional):**



*Applicant's Name:* \_\_\_\_\_