

2026 MAHRO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- A. Complete and sign the attached application form. Use extra sheets for responses, if needed. Turn in your application along with other required documents to the Executive Director of the Housing Authority in which you reside.
- B. The following must be submitted with the application:
1. An unofficial copy of your high school transcript. Students must have at least a “B” average on his/her school’s applicable scale during his/her high school career, cumulatively, to be considered for the scholarship. (See attached Grade Point Average Verification Form)
 2. Minimum ACT score of 19.
 3. Two letters supporting the character, achievements, and potential for educational and career advancement of the applicant. At least one of the letters must be from a school official (principal, counselor, teacher, etc.). The other letter must be a personal, non-family recommendation (i.e., minister, employer, etc.)
 4. A sponsorship letter from the Executive Director of the Housing Authority managing the development in which the applicant resides. The agency supporting the applicant must be an active member of MAHRO at the time of the application.
 5. Essay of no more than 500 words addressing the topic: *How my assisted housing and high school experiences have influenced my life.*
 6. Documentation that applicant is a resident of Public Housing or Section 8 (includes RAD PBV/PBRA) in the State of Mississippi. Please submit 50058, family listing or lease to provide proof and length of residency.

All applicants must expect to graduate in May or June 2026.

Funds are to be utilized beginning with the 2026-2027 school year.

The scholarship will be administered by the 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 to be used only to pay for tuition, books, and activities directly related to the student’s education. If the student discontinues his/her education, the unused portion of the scholarship will be returned to MAHRO.

The Scholarship grantee will be notified by the Scholarship Committee of their selection.

2026 MAHRO EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____
First Middle Last

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone Number _____ Home _____ Cell _____

Email _____

Executive Director's Name _____

Housing Authority _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Name and Address of High School

Graduation Date _____

List the school(s) to which you have applied for admission and/or accepted:

SCHOOL	ADDRESS	STATUS OF APPLICATION
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_____	_____	_____
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Summarize your academic achievements (i.e., scholarships, awards, etc.)

List extra-curricular school or community activities and achievements which provide evidence of personal motivation and initiative (i.e., clubs activities, church activity, sports participation, work activity, family assistance, etc.)

List any jobs which you are currently holding or held in the past:

List hobbies or special interests:

Describe your objective in continuing your education beyond high school. Relate this to any specific career interest you may have.

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 as requested.

It is understood that award of the Scholarship shall be governed by any and all conditions established by the Committee.

Applicant Signature

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Executive Director Signature

Grade Point Average Verification
ACT Verification
(This must be completed by school counselor)

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

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

9th Grade _____

10th Grade _____

11th Grade _____

12th Grade _____

Cumulative GPA _____

ACT Score(s) _____

The student's unofficial transcript and ACT score(s) must be submitted with the application.

Name of Counselor

Phone

Signature of Counselor

Date

**ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED
NO LATER THAN MAY 1, 2026**

NO EXCEPTIONS!

All documents must be typewritten. No handwritten applications will be accepted. No fax or email submissions will be accepted. For consideration of the scholarships, applications must be completed in their entirety. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

**MUST SEND AN ORIGINAL AND ONE (1) COPY OF
ALL DOCUMENTS.**

Mail all required application materials to:

**MAHRO
Denise Dobbs
P. O. Box 69
Aberdeen, MS 39730
ATTN: MAHRO Scholarship Committee**

Thank you and good luck!

MAHRO Scholarship Checklist

1. _____ **Status** – Applicant must be a high school senior and reside in housing of a MAHRO member agency.
2. _____ **Minimum Grade Point Average** – Student must have at least a “B” average.
3. _____ **Application** – Must be completed in its entirety
4. _____ **Grade Point Average Verification** – Must be completed by school counselor
5. _____ **School Transcript/ACT Score(s)** – Must provide an unofficial copy of high school transcript
6. _____ **Two Letters of Recommendation** – Must submit one (1) teacher/guidance counselor recommendation and one (1) personal, non-family recommendation
7. _____ **Essay** – Must submit a typewritten essay addressing the following topic: *How my assisted housing and high school experience have influenced my life*
8. _____ **Sponsorship Letter from Executive Director** – Student must be recommended by the Executive Director in a letter signed by the Executive Director for the application to be considered complete. Documentation must be provided that student is a current resident of public or assisted housing.
9. _____ **Number of Documents** – Must submit an original and one (1) copy of all documents
10. _____ **Deadline** – All application materials must be received by MAHRO no later than May 1, 2026.

ATTACHMENT

If awarded a MAHRO scholarship, the recipient will need to complete the attached **REQUEST FOR PAYMENT** form and provide proof of enrollment/billing statement. Please read the request for payment form in its entirety and follow its instructions.

MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF HOUSING & REDEVELOPMENT OFFICIALS

REQUEST FOR PAYMENT

Fall Semester 2026

Scholarship Award *(please check the scholarship you were awarded)*

☐ MAHRO Scholarship

☐ Michael A. Robertson Scholarship (Employee Dependent)

Name: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Home: _____

Email: _____

College Name & Address: _____

Major and/or degree you are seeking _____

Anticipated Graduation date: _____

Proof of Enrollment/Billing Statement: Please attach some form of acceptance/enrollment to college/university along with a copy of the billing information for the semester showing your student ID number.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

For Use by MAHRO Secretary-Treasurer

Approved: _____ Date: _____

Amount of Award: _____ Check# _____ Date Paid: _____