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Is excited to announce a

Scholarship Opportunity

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Scholarship Deadline: April 20, 2026

Applications may be submitted via email to:

ochacontact@occr.ocgov.com

A scholarship incentive program for graduating high school seniors and continuing college students who reside in public housing or Section 8 housing through a PSWRC-NAHRO member agency in good standing. Awarding one \$1,000 scholarship each year, renewable for up to four years based on the recipient's academic performance.



Visit PSWRC NAHRO for more info
<https://www.pswrc-nahro.org/resources>

Scholarship Application Information

Applicants must submit:

- Completed Scholarship Application
- Signed Release Form
- Any required supporting documents

Please ensure all materials are complete before submitting your application.

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Applicants may submit their completed scholarship applications in one of the following ways:

Email Submission:

ochacontact@occr.ocgov.com

In-Person Submission:

Orange County Housing Authority
1501 E. St. Andrew Place, 1st Floor
Santa Ana, CA 92705

Business Hours: Monday–Thursday, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Please review all application materials carefully before submitting.

If you have any questions, contact us at ochacontact@occr.ocgov.com.



Pacific Southwest Regional Council of the National Association of Housing & Redevelopment Officials Scholarship Application

Application instructions:

- To be considered for the Pacific Southwest Regional Council of the National Association of Housing & Redevelopment Officials (“PSWRC-NAHRO”) scholarship, all sections of the application must be completed. If a section is not applicable write N/A in the section; do not leave any sections blank. Any application that has blank sections, or that is missing appropriate submittals or signatures will be disqualified.
- A letter of character recommendation: Please attach a letter of recommendation from a non-relative. Letters of recommendation will be accepted from a representative from the local housing authority or community organization, an employer, or a school professional such as a teacher, principal, or guidance counselor. Recommendations from family members will not be considered. All recommendations should include the writer’s name, relationship to the applicant, and the length of time the writer has known the applicant.
- A transcript from high school and/or the academic institution the applicant is currently attending. A digital copy or scanned in hard copy are both acceptable.
- Attach a summary of activities (i.e. resume) outlining past and current employment, internships, honors, awards, sports, clubs, and/or other recent school or community engagement.
- An essay (750-1,000 words) written by the applicant. Essay prompt: Please tell us about yourself and how this scholarship will help you achieve his/her goal of attending and graduating from college.
- A clear, high-resolution headshot photo of the applicant



Application terms and conditions. By submitting this application, I hereby agree to the following terms and conditions:

- The County of Orange including the Orange County Housing Authority (collectively, “County”) is merely performing ministerial functions related to collecting and transmitting applications to PSWRC-NAHRO. The County is not evaluating application, granting any scholarship, and is not responsible for any acts or omissions related to any application for a scholarship.
- In no event shall the County be liable for consequential, incidental, special or indirect damages; or for any claims or liability arising from or related to the photos, videos, or audio recordings, application content, or other personal information described herein or related to this application, all to the maximum extent allowed by law.
- The County is no response for lost, late, or incomplete or corrupted applications.
- Submitting an application does not guarantee an award.

Applicant Information

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Housing Agency Contact

Housing Agency Contact Name: _____

Housing Agency Contact Email: _____

Housing Agency Contact Phone Number: _____

Current Student Status (Check one)

- High School Senior
- HS Graduate or GED Recipient
- Post-Secondary Student

Current School (if applicable)

Current School: _____

Campus: _____

City: _____

State: _____

2025-2026 Education Plans

Name of School or Institution: _____

Campus: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Major or Program of Study & Length of Programs:

Application Status (Check one):

- Applied, but not yet accepted
- Accepted

Estimated cost for 2025-2026 school year (tuition, meals, fees, books, supplies):

List all other scholarships: _____

Required Uploads / Attachments

Attach each required file to your email and submit your full application package to: ochacontact@occr.ocgov.com. Applications missing attachments may be considered incomplete.

- Summary of Activities (Attach file)
- Essay (Attach file)
- Letter of Recommendation (Attach file)
- High School Transcript or GED certificate (Attach file)
- High-resolution headshot photo (Attach file)
- Signed Consent to Photograph/Video Record and Publish Photographs, Video Recordings and Personal Information Consent (Attach file)

Applicant Certification

The information I have provided is true to the best of my knowledge.

- I will maintain satisfactory educational progress.
- I will inform NAHRO or its designee of any changes in schools or enrollment status.
- I will respond to NAHRO's requests for updates while receiving scholarship funds.
- I consent to the use of my photo, profile, progress, and testimonial for marketing.
- I authorize my institution to release grades and scholarship information to NAHRO.
- I authorize the release of my contact information to NAHRO designees.

Date: _____

Your Signature: _____

If under 18 years:

Parent/Guardian Name (Print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____



Consent to Photograph/Video Record and Publish Photographs, Video and Personal Information

OC Community Resources
601 N. Ross St., 6th Floor
Santa Ana, CA 92701

I hereby grant the County of Orange, including OC Community Resources and the Orange County Housing Authority (collectively, "County of Orange"), permission to use my voice, name, personal information and/or likeness without compensation. I specifically waive all rights I may have to any claims for payment or royalties in connection with the use of any photo, video, or audio recording, personal information, and application contents submitted by me as part of the Pacific Southwest Regional Council of the National Association of Housing & Redevelopment Officials ("PSWRC-NAHRO") Application or provided to the County of Orange for the purpose of any scholarship nomination or program participation.

By signing this form, I consent to the release, publication, exhibition, or reproduction of my voice, name, personal information and/or likeness for news, webcasts, marketing and publicity purposes, inclusion on websites, social media platforms, or any other purpose by the County of Orange and its representatives including, but not limited to, instances where the County of Orange submits any such materials or information to third-party organizations on my behalf or in connection with the PSWRC-NAHRO Application. I waive, release, and forever discharge the County of Orange, its officers, employees, designees, and all other persons involved from any liability connected with the receipt, handling, submission, publication, or use of interviews, photographs, computer images, video, personal information, application content, and/or sound recordings that I have provided as part of the PSWRC-NAHRO Application or provided to the County of Orange for the purpose of any scholarship nomination or program participation.

I understand and agree that the photos, videos, personal information, application contents, and/or audio recordings will become part of the public domain, made public, and made accessible on the internet and possibly any website or platform thereon, and the County shall not be responsible or liable for any unauthorized or subsequent use of the photos, videos, or audio recordings by any third party.

In no event shall the County be liable for consequential, incidental, special or indirect damages; or for any claims or liability arising from or related to the photos, videos, or audio recordings, personal information, or application content described herein or this agreement, all to the maximum extent allowed by law. This agreement shall be binding upon me and my heirs, legal representatives, and assigns.

I am at least 18 years of age and competent to contract in my own name. I have read this release before signing below and I fully understand the contents, meaning, and impact of this release.

Participant's Name (Print): _____

Participant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

If under 18 years:

Parent/Guardian Name (Print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____