

Affordable Housing Association of Indiana, Inc.

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TO: All AHAIN Members
FROM: AHAIN Scholarship Fund
DATE: December 21, 2011
SUBJECT: Ralph E. Biggs Scholarship

The Affordable Housing Association of Indiana (AHAIN) Board of Directors has established a scholarship fund that will be awarding a scholarship to an individual who resides in an AHAIN-Member Apartment Community. The Scholarship Fund will help to promote education and expand the opportunities for residents living within affordable housing throughout Indiana. **The Manager of the Apartment Community from which the scholarship winner is selected will receive \$250.** Special acknowledgment will be given to the Manager at our annual meeting for the help and encouragement given to the applicant and their work in making the scholarship fund a success.

The original scholarship application and instructions on completing the application can be found on our website <http://www.inaha.org/news.asp>

Please print the follow:

- **Application for Traditional Student**
- **Application for Non-Traditional Student**
- **Residency Certification Forms**

Next, share the AHAIN scholarship opportunity with your residents. Applications will be accepted starting January 1, 2012. The application must be complete and received by the AHAIN Scholarship Fund no later than Friday, March 30, 2012. The Scholarship Committee will notify applicants and Managers of the award winner by May 1, 2012.

We want to thank you in advance for your help in assisting us in awarding this scholarship. If you have any questions, please call Charyl Luth at 1-866-546-7742 toll free or by email at cluth@inaha.org

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RESIDENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. All applications must be received by **Friday, March 30, 2012** by the AHAIN Scholarship Fund.
2. All applicants must meet the following criteria:
 - A. Have a minimum of a **“B” average or 3.0 GPA** in high school or college.
 - B. Expect to graduate in the spring of 2012 from High School or have already graduated from High School.
 - C. Must be accepted or currently enrolled at an accredited vocational or technical school, college, or university if not already enrolled.
 - D. Cannot already have an associates degree or higher.
 - E. Must be listed as a resident on the current tenant certification at an AHAIN-Member Community, live in an income restricted unit and have lived at that Community for at least six months. The only exception would be a community that is less than six months old.
 - F. Must be in good standing with both the management company and the community in which you reside.
 - G. Any member of a Resident Manager household, including the Resident Manager, is also eligible to apply provided that the entire household is income eligible under general requirements.
3. The scholarship award will be made only to qualified residents or resident family members who meet the above criteria, living at AHAIN-Member Apartment Community.
4. Funds are to be utilized beginning with the 2012 school year.
5. The applications will be judged on standardized test scores, high school grade point average, personal statement, extracurricular activities, awards and honors, and other achievements. Extenuating circumstances and financial need may also be considered. Success in core curriculum courses, in particular, will be considered in evaluating academic achievements. The AHAIN Scholarship Committee will select the awardee from all applicants in its sole and absolute discretion. The AHAIN Scholarship Committee or its designee may choose to interview the applicants.
6. The scholarship recipients and their respective Manager will be notified by May 1, 2012.
7. The scholarship will be administered by the institution attended by the recipient. Funds may be used for books and/or tuition for one year or longer, if approved by AHAIN Scholarship Fund. Recipient's failure to continue required course of study or **maintain a “B” average (3.0 GPA)** will cause the unused portion of funds to revert back to the Scholarship Fund.
8. The scholarship is renewable for up to four years of funding if the awardee continues to meet the scholarship guidelines.

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AHAIN Scholarship Instructions

1. Complete and sign the attached application form. Use extra sheets for responses, when necessary.
2. Please have your **High School Guidance Counselor** complete and sign the relevant portion of the attached application. Use extra sheets for responses, when necessary. **(This may be disregarded by college students but must be substituted with college transcripts showing courses completed, current courses enrolled in, and grades for each course. This may also be disregarded by applicants who are not presently attending high school or college but a high school transcript will be required.)**
3. The following **MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE APPLICATION:**
 - A. Attach a typed, two-page personal statement with the theme, "Housing is an Essential Right." Is housing an essential right? How has housing affected you?
 - B. Attach **two (2)** or more recommendation letters supporting the academic record, school attendance, character, work experience, achievements, and potential for education and career advancement of the applicant. At least one should be **professional**. An example of this would be an employer, school official, etc. The second letter should be **personal**. An example of this would be a coach, pastor, etc. **(If you are presently in college, letters of reference from professors, organizational leaders, pastors, etc. would greatly enhance your application; although they are not required.) The letters should not be from any person related by blood or marriage to the applicant.**
 - C. Attach a photo copy of the applicant's ACT or SAT score report.
 - D. Attach a copy of an acceptance letter to the chosen college or university.
 - E. College students must submit a current transcript from their college including courses completed to date, courses currently enrolled in, grades, and signature from registrar's office, or applicable governing office.
 - F. Attach the completed Residency Certification Form and the Good Standing Certification Form.
 - G. Attach a 3 X 5 current photograph (taken within the last three months.) This photo will be used for promotional purposes if applicant is awarded the scholarship.

Completed applications and other required documents must be received on or before Friday, March 30, 2012.