



## HOUSING ALLIANCE OF VALLEY EMPLOYEES SOUTH TEXAS REGION



### 2025 Scholarship Application

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#### About Us

The Housing Alliance of Valley Employees - South Texas Region (HAVE-STR) is a professional membership organization dedicated to advancing housing and community development in South Texas. As the region's leading advocate for affordable housing, we work to build strong, viable communities for families, particularly those with low and moderate incomes.

#### Scholarship Program Overview

HAVE-STR is proud to support the educational aspirations of students whose families are Public Housing or Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Section 8 Program residents through our annual scholarship program. This opportunity is open to students of 2025 HAVE-STR member agencies in good standing.

#### Scholarship Awards

This year, HAVE-STR will award a total of **15 scholarships**:

- **Three (3)** scholarships of **\$1,000 each**
- **Twelve (12)** scholarships of **\$600 each**

#### Eligibility Criteria

- Applicants must be high school seniors graduating this academic year.
- Applicants must be a Public Housing or HCV Section 8 program resident of a HAVE-STR member agency in good standing.
- Demonstrate exceptional school attendance.
- Demonstrate high academic and leadership achievement.

#### Application Checklist

1. Completed Scholarship Application
2. HAVE-STR 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

- The complete application packet must contain one (1) original and six (6) copies of all the above documents and must be sealed.
- Sealed packet must be mailed or hand-delivered to:

**McAllen Housing Commission  
1200 N. 25th St.  
McAllen, TX 78501**

- **SUBMISSION DEADLINE:**

**April 17, 2025 – 3:00 p.m.**

***Mailed application packets must be postmarked by April 17, 2025***

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

Your Local Housing Agency should help with printing, copies, postage, and/or any other needs to meet the submission requirements.

## Certification Requirements

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

<b>HAVE-STR Scholarship Local Housing Agency's Certification</b>			
I hereby certify that _____ is a resident or participant in:			
(Applicant's Name)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	HCV/Section 8 (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 HAVE-STR.			
Name of Housing Agency: _____			
_____ Signature of Executive Director		_____ Date	



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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/HAVE-STR MEMBER:**

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Agency Name and City

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

**SECTION III- ACADEMIC: (Applicant must be a 2025 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 prioritizes students who demonstrate exceptional community impact and concern for humanity. Extra consideration will be given to candidates who:

- Have achieved a notable level of distinction in their community.
- Responded proactively to a crisis.
- Created or initiated a resource to address a specific need within their community.

These criteria highlight the scholarship's focus on recognizing students who have made meaningful contributions to the well-being of others.

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

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

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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):

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List of Hobbies or Special Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## **SECTION VI- ESSAY QUESTIONS:**

All applicants must answer the following questions with 150 words or less (use additional paper).

1. **Why are you applying for this scholarship?**

- Explain your reasons for seeking financial assistance and how the scholarship will support your education and goals.

2. **Why are you pursuing your college degree or vocational training program?**

- Share your motivation for furthering your education and how it aligns with your career aspirations.

3. **What are your goals for the next four years?**

- Describe your academic, personal, and professional objectives during this period.

4. **What achievements or events occurred in your life that have been especially significant?**

- Highlight key experiences or accomplishments that have shaped who you are and your future plans.

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

