



National Association of Housing
and Redevelopment Officials

Pacific Northwest Regional Council

2012 CHALLENGE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

In 2012, the Pacific Northwest Regional Council-NAHRO will award **one** 4-year Challenge College Scholarship for tuition and fees in addition to the Jesse Epstein Scholarship. **The amount of the Challenge College Scholarship is \$4,000 (\$1,000 per year).** The sponsoring agency is asked to contribute an additional \$250 the first year. The **Jesse Epstein Scholarship**, named for the founder of the Seattle Housing Authority and subsidized housing programs in the Pacific Northwest, will be awarded to the Challenge College Scholarship applicant who is highest-ranked from among the Challenge College Scholarship applicants by the Scholarship Jury. **The Jesse Epstein Scholarship is \$10,000 (\$2,500 per year).** The sponsoring agency will be asked to contribute an additional \$250 to the Epstein Scholarship recipient for the first year.

Recipients of the Challenge College Scholarships, including the Jesse Epstein Scholarship, must attend an accredited college or university full time and maintain at least a 2.50 GPA. These scholarships are not offered for post graduate degree applicants. Applicants must be a resident or participant in a housing program administered by a sponsoring housing agency that is a member of PNRC-NAHRO and must have a minimum of a 2.80 grade point average. Preference will be given to graduating high school seniors. Applicants will be judged according to the following point system: Academic achievement (grades & college entrance exam scores) 50 points; Community Involvement & Service/Citizenship/Extra Curricular activity; 25 points, and the Written Motivational Essay; 25 points. Applications will also be judged on neatness and format. **(Deadline for submission to the local sponsoring agency (Housing Authority or other) is February 17, 2012.)**

INSTRUCTIONS :

Complete and attach the following documents in the order listed below *(Use additional pages if necessary to complete questions.):*

To be completed by student:

- Completed application with signed drug-free certification.
- Documentation of SAT and/or ACT scores.
- Most recent high school transcript (including current grades).
- Two letters of recommendation from high school teachers or administrators.
- One letter of recommendation from a community leader.
- A motivational essay of no more than 500 words on "Why I wish to pursue a college education."

To be completed and attached by recommending agency:

- Local agency certification (page three of this application).
- One letter of recommendation from sponsoring agency Executive Director or staff person.

Name: _____ Telephone: (____) _____
area code

Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____ Soc. Sec. #: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Date of Birth: _____ (____)
age

Sponsoring Agency: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

High School: _____ Grade point average: _____

Address: _____ Expected graduation date: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Test scores: SAT (____) and/or ACT(____)

Honors received:

Awards received:

Summarize your academic accomplishments by year (e.g. scholarships, academic awards, honor society, etc.)

Freshman: _____

Sophomore: _____

Junior: _____

Senior: _____

Community or volunteer activities in which you have taken part (e.g. church groups, community service organizations, etc.):

Citizenship/Leadership activities in which you have taken part (e.g. clubs, councils, or committees etc.)

List and describe any part-time or full time jobs you have had:

List hobbies and special interests: _____

List the colleges/universities to which you have applied and your preference: _____

Academic major(s) you plan to pursue: _____

DRUG-FREE CERTIFICATION:

I certify that I do not use illegal drugs, nor do I partake in the unlawful consumption of alcohol. As an applicant for a NAHRO Scholarship, I hereby certify that I am and will remain drug-free for the duration of this scholarship. Remaining drug-free means that I will refrain from using any illegal drug or controlled substance capable of altering mood, perception, pain level, or judgment, other than prescription drugs prescribed specifically for me by a licensed medical physician. I understand that any violation of this certification or any drug-related conviction or violation occurring as a result of my involvement in the use, possession, illegal manufacture or distribution of an illegal drug or controlled substance means that I will voluntarily relinquish any and all claim to this scholarship.

Signed this ____ day of _____, _____.

(Signature of scholarship applicant)

(Print name of scholarship applicant)

THIS SECTION FOR HOUSING AGENCY ONLY

I Certify that this scholarship applicant _____ is currently a resident or participant of
Name
the _____ housing program administered by the _____
(Public Housing, Section 8, other) (Housing Agency)

I also certify that the family income of the applicant is equal to or less than 80% of the area median income as established by HUD for their family size, and that this Agency is a member in good standing of the Pacific Northwest Regional Council of NAHRO (dues current). This agency agrees to provide a \$250 matching scholarship for one year, to be paid to the applicant by September 7, 2012 if the applicant receives a NAHRO Regional Scholarship.

Signed this ____ day of _____, _____.

By: _____
(Signature of Housing Agency Executive Director)

Housing Authority Contact Person: _____ Telephone #: _____

E-mail Address: _____