**County of Sacramento**

**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN ASSISTANCE / HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION**



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**BACKGROUND**

Employees of Sacramento County’s Department of Human Assistance raise funds annually to award college scholarships to graduating high school seniors living in Sacramento County. This collaborative college scholarship program is available to encourage graduating seniors from low-income families to pursue an education at an accredited college, university, technical or trade school.

Eligibility for scholarships is without regard to race, gender, ethnicity, religion, or political affiliation.

Employees of Sacramento County and their families, except for employees working in the

classification of student aide, are not eligible**.**

**PURPOSE OF SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship is awarded each year to promote:

 Higher Education

 Economic Resilience

 Stronger Communities

Scholarship recipients will be notified mid-April 2017. Cash awards will be presented at a ceremony to be held in the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors Chambers at 700 H Street (downtown Sacramento) on Thursday, May 11th at 6:00 p.m.

**ELIGIBILITY (All applications are subject to verification and proof of eligibility)**

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| **DHA Scholarship Program Income Limits****2016-17** |
| Number of People in Household | Income Limits |
| 2 | $39,617 |
| 3 | $45,007 |
| 4 | $50,397 |
| 5 | $55,787 |
| 6 | $61,177 |
| 7 | $69,497 |
| 8 | $77,817 |
| 9 | $86,137 |
| 10 | $94,457 |
| Add per person | $8,320 |

✓**Must** be currently living in Sacramento County.

✓ **Must** be a graduating high school senior from the class of 2017.

 entering a two- or four-year accredited college, university, or technical/trade school.

✓ **Must** have a minimum Cumulative Grade Point Average (G.P.A.) of 2**.**5.

✓ **Must** be on public assistance or low income. Submit current verification of public

 assistance or if not on public assistance, IRS tax form 1040 (2016).

# APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. **All** applications **must** include the following:

✓ Official sealed high school transcript(s) - copies will not be accepted.

✓ Two letters of recommendation from references who can comment on students

 Leadership/academic abilities (at least one must be from a teacher).

✓ Acceptance letter or proof of enrollment - scholarship check will not be issued

 until proof of acceptance is provided.

1. Essays **must** be typed and be at least 700 words.

\*\*The posted income limits are based on Earned Income Tax Credit Limits and the 200% Federal Poverty Guidelines.

1. Students **must** title their essay to indicate the essay question they are answering.
2. Applicant and parent/guardian **must** sign application.
3. Application **must** be postmarked by Friday, March 3, 2017.

**Applications are available from:** ⧫ School/Counselor’s Office ⧫All DHA Bureaus ⧫Online, at[: http://www.dha.saccounty.net](https://ha.saccounty.net/)

**NOTE:** The online application is a PDF file and requires a special reader application, which may be downloaded from the Adobe Acrobat® site.

# USE OF SCHOLARSHIP

The DHA Scholarship shall be applied toward educational expenses in any field of study at an accredited college, university, technical, or trade school.

* **Incomplete applications will *NOT* be accepted. Please answer *all* questions.**
* **All information will remain confidential and will not affect the household’s financial assistance.**

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| YOU MAY HAVE POTENTIAL ENTITLEMENT TO BENEFITS UNDER A PROGRAM KNOWN AS THE COLLEGE FEE WAIVER PROGRAM. PLEASE CLICK ON THE RESOURCE LINK [@ www.dha.saccounty.net](https://ha.saccounty.net/) OR CONTACT DHA AT (916) 875-3285. |