



## **Scholarship Awards Program Application Information**

Helping the Homeless Scholarship Awards Program is designed to highlight the incredible potential of Colorado's young people as well as the challenges which prevent too many of them from succeeding. Helping the Homeless Colorado awards multiple, \$1,000 scholarships to higher education-bound, Colorado public high school seniors who have shown incredible performance in high school by succeeding in school despite daunting obstacles. Our program also supports individuals who are seeking to attain a higher level of education.

The committee will be looking for individuals who have excelled and shown their willingness to put in hard work considering their circumstances. If you are selected you will be notified and you may be asked to come in for an interview. If you are not selected you will be notified as well.

### **Students should have:**

1. A minimum unweighted GPA of 2.0
2. Have succeeded in spite of hardships such as poverty or homelessness
3. Have participated in activities that are helpful to others.

Financial need must be demonstrated as well. For more information or to apply, please visit the scholarship provider's website.

**Applicants will be asked to write multiple essays, provide a minimum of 1 letter of recommendation, provide their official high school transcript, and proof of their household income.**

Please note: Your endorsers will be contacted personally along with your school. Please make sure all of the information you provide is correct. Applications with incorrect information will be removed from the process. There are no exceptions unless notified by Helping the Homeless Colorado. **If you are submitting the written application, it must be mailed to P.O. Box 370094 Denver, Colorado 80237. Please notify us of this in advance through either email or phone.** Contact information is listed below. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have ANY questions. Our goal to help make the application process run smoother.

Thank you for applying and best of luck to you! Helping the Homeless Colorado admires all individuals who are attempting to prosper in this difficult time of their life.

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You can find the online version of the application on our website or here: <https://goo.gl/forms/ROQNNHmgKbrdQMgs1>

### Application Form: General Information

Please fill out the ALL the following information. If there is something that you must leave blank, please explain why. Please write LEGIBLY. You are welcome to type your application as well.

#### Personal Information:

Email Address:	
Full Name (First, Middle, Last):	
Date of Birth:	
Gender:	
Cumulative High School GPA (unweighted):	
Cumulative High School GPA (weighted):	

#### Household Information:

Estimated Annual Household Income:

- \$0-\$15,000
- \$15,000- \$30,000
- \$20,000- \$30,000
- Over \$30,000
- Other:

**We MUST see some sort of proof of household income.** Here is a list of types of paperwork that are the most preferred to prove household income: *Pay stub, Bank Statements, a copy of last year's federal tax return, wages and tax statement (W-2 and/ or 1099 including 1099 MISC, 1099G, 1099R, 1099SSA, 1099DIV, 1099SS, 1099INT), Self-employment ledger documentation, Social Security Benefits Letter, Unemployment Benefits Letter.* **Please attach one of these documents to your application. You may be asked to provide more proof if selected.**

Number of Persons in Household:	
What is the highest level of education completed by parent 1?:	

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What is the highest level of education completed by parent 2?:	
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What is the best phone number and email to contact you?: (These MUST be accessible, this is how we will try to communicate with you)	Phone #:  Email:
What is the second best phone number to contact you?: (this can be a trusted individual as well)	
Your Full Address (include City, State, and Zip Code):	
Your High School Full Address (include City, State, and Zip Code):	
Name of Principal at your High School:	
Principal's Email Address:	
How did you hear about this Scholarship?:	

## Application Form: Writing

### Personal Statement

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Please write a personal statement essay. This personal statement is your opportunity to show our selection committee who you are and what you are about. **This is your chance to show why you deserve this scholarship.** Your essay should:

- 1) Have a minimum of 500 words, but no more than 2,500 words.
- 2) Address the role that education has played in helping you overcome hardships such as poverty, disability, homelessness or personal tragedy.
- 3) Explain your future educational and career goals.
- 4) Elaborate on any volunteer work, community service, and extracurricular activities that you are involved in and why they are important.
- 5) Reflect on your personality and include anything that you would like us to know.

Please write your essay on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to your application. It is not required but preferred that it is typed.

### **Funding Fulfilment**

Please explain how you are going to produce funds for your education. Considering, this scholarship will NOT cover your entire tuition, rather, a small portion, how will you allocate funds for the rest of your tuition? Please be very specific, this will improve your chances of being selected. Please write your essay on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to your application. It is not required but preferred that it is typed.

### **Optional Information Essay**

This is optional. But, if you would like, please write anything else you would like us to know about you. You can elaborate on anything that you would like or anything that we should know.

### **Application Form: Required Documentation**

**High School Transcript:** You MUST provide your high school transcript for your application to be reviewed. Please attach it to this application.

**One letter of recommendation:** You MUST provide at least one letter of recommendation for your application to be reviewed. Please attach them to this application. Your letters of recommendation must not be a family member. Your endorser should elaborate on what makes you an excellent Scholarship candidate and why he/she believes you will be successful in college.

### **Application Form: Notes or Comments**

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This is also optional. But, if you feel you need to explain any part of your application, please do so in an essay format as well. Additionally, if you have left something blank, this is a good section to explain why. Contact us if you have ANY questions! We are here to help.

### **Application Form: Signature**

-I accept that the following information that I have presented on this form is true to the best of my knowledge.

-I understand that this form is only one part of the application and I may be asked to elaborate more on the information that I have presented above; whether through an in-person interview or more forms.

Full Name:
Signature:
Date:

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