



HOUSING ALLIANCE OF VALLEY EMPLOYEES SOUTH TEXAS REGION



2021 Scholarship Application

DEADLINE: **Must be postmarked by April 1, 2021**
or
Hand-Delivered by 3:00 p.m. to:
Mercedes Housing Authority
306 W. 5th Mercedes, TX 78501

HOUSING ALLIANCE OF VALLEY EMPLOYEES:

Background:

The Housing Alliance of Valley Employees South Texas Region (H.A.V.E. S.T.R.) is a professional membership organization consisting of agencies and individuals who administer housing and community development in the South Texas Region and is the leading advocate for the provision of adequate and affordable housing and strong, viable communities for families, particularly those with low and moderate incomes. H.A.V.E. S.T.R. provides annual scholarships to deserving students graduating from high school whose families are Public Housing or Section 8 Program Residents.

The Scholarship Evaluation Committee will give extra consideration to students who have achieved a special level of distinction in their community because of their concern for humanity. Students who have responded to a crisis or who have created a resource to address a need in their community are good candidates for this scholarship.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants for H.A.V.E. S.T.R. Scholarship
Must:

1. Be a Public Housing or Section 8 Program Resident
2. Be a Graduating High School Student
3. Demonstrate exceptional school attendance.
4. Demonstrate high academic achievement.
5. Demonstrate leadership and/or high level of motivation.
6. Be a Resident of a Public Housing Authority/CD Agency that is a member in good standing with H.A.V.E. S.T.R.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

Applicant **MUST** submit a packet consisting of one (1) Original and One (1) Copy of the following information:

_____ Wallet Sized Senior Pictures (optional)

_____ Scholarship Application

_____ H.A.V.E. S.T.R. Scholarship Local Housing Agency's Certification signed by Executive Director

_____ Transcript or Certified Copy of Grades

_____ Two (2) Letters of Recommendation:

- One must be from a community Leader
- Other must be from a High School Instructor

The Scholarship Evaluation Committee may waive formalities in scholarship application review and award.

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:

An Original and One (1) copy of your H.A.V.E. S.T.R. Scholarship Application packet must be postmarked by **April 1, 2021**. Hand-Delivered Applications should be submitted by **3:00 p.m.** Please send to: **Mercedes Housing Authority**
306 W. 5th St., Mercedes, TX 78570

NO FAXED APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Your local Housing Agency should provide assistance in completing your application. Examples of assistance include:

- * Making copies of the application packet
- * Providing postage
- * Providing one of the recommendations
- * Providing Senior Photos

In addition, your Local Housing Agency MUST certify that any scholarship applicant is an eligible Public Housing or Section 8 Program Resident. To be eligible to receive a scholarship, the student's family income cannot exceed HUD's low-income limit for that family size. The Housing Agency must also be a member in good standing with the Housing Alliance of Valley Employees South Texas Region.

Local Housing Agency's Certification must accompany the Scholarship Application.

H.A.V.E. S.T.R. Scholarship Local Housing Agency's Certification	
I hereby certify that _____ is a resident or participant in:	
(Applicant's Name)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Public Housing	<input type="checkbox"/> Section 8 Program (check one)
administered by this agency. The Housing Agency is also a member in good standing of the Housing Alliance of Valley Employees South Texas Region (H.A.V.E. S.T.R.)	
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	Social Security Number	Date of Birth

SECTION II- H.A.V.E. S.T.R. MEMBER:

Agency Name and City

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

SECTION III- ACADEMIC: (Applicant must be a 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:

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

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

Employment (Full, Part-Time or Summer Jobs during High School; provide job title, length of employment, responsibilities and name and phone number of employer):

List of Hobbies or Special Interests: _____

SECTION VII- ESSAY QUESTIONS:

All applicants must answer the following questions with 125 words or less (use additional paper).

1. What are your goals for the next four years?
2. Why are you applying for this scholarship?
3. Why are you pursuing college degree or vocational training program?
4. What achievements or events occurred in your life that has been especially significant?

Applicant's Name: _____

Place an Original Wallet Sized Senior Photo Here (Optional):

