



**2026
Scholarship
Application**



TAAHP Foundation Scholarship Application — 2026

Purpose:

The Texas Affiliation of Affordable Housing Providers (TAAHP) Foundation, in partnership with the TAAHP Scholarship Committee, awards scholarships to support students who actively reside in eligible affordable housing properties owned or operated by TAAHP members. Scholarships are intended to help student residents pursue their educational and career goals and are funded through TAAHP member support and fundraising activities.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Reside in an affordable housing community owned or operated by a TAAHP member (residency in a restricted unit will be verified).
- Have a household income below 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI).
- Be one of the following:
 - A high school senior planning to attend a vocational, trade, technical school, community college, or university ([*acceptance letter required*](#)), or
 - A GED holder planning to attend a vocational, trade, technical school, community college, or university ([*acceptance letter required*](#)), or
 - A currently enrolled student at a vocational, trade, technical school, community college, or university ([*proof of enrollment required*](#)).

Note: Students are encouraged to apply regardless of GPA, provided they are in good academic standing. Applications are reviewed holistically.

Important Dates & Submission Instructions

- **Deadline:** Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and must be *postmarked by April 1, 2026*.
- Incomplete or late applications will ***NOT*** be considered.
- Please keep one copy of your completed application for your records.

Mail completed applications to:

TAAHP Foundation
Attn: Scholarship Committee
2401 East 6th Street, Suite 3037, PMB 153
Austin, TX 78702



Application Checklist

Requirements:

- ☐ Completed application form
- ☐ Two (2) signed Letters of Recommendation from a teacher, counselor, administrator, professor, academic advisor, coach, community leader, or job supervisor. Relative letters of recommendation will **NOT** be accepted!
- ☐ Email or statement from property manager confirming residency, good standing, and whether unit is income restricted
- ☐ Typed Essay (see essay guidelines)
- ☐ Headshot photograph (headshot only)

Academic Documentation (submit one)

- ☐ Official high school transcript (including first-semester senior grades)
- ☐ Copy of GED certificate
- ☐ Current official vocational, technical, or college transcript

Applications received without an official transcript will not be considered.

Expected Course Load (check one):

- ☐ Part-time — Expected courses per semester: _____
- ☐ Full-time — Expected courses per semester: _____

Currently Enrolled:

- ☐ Yes — Courses per semester: _____
- ☐ No

Educational Expenses (check all that apply):

- ☐ Tuition
- ☐ Lab or Mandatory Program Fees
- ☐ Textbooks & Required Course Materials
- ☐ On-Campus Housing (Dormitory Only) *Off-campus housing, private rentals, or family housing expenses are not eligible under this category*
- ☐ On-Campus Meal Plans
- ☐ Computer / Laptop
- ☐ Licensing, Certification, or Exam Fees
- ☐ Other: _____



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Student Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone Number: _____

Property/Apartment Name: _____

Property Management E-Mail: _____

Address

Line 1: _____

Line 2: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip code:** _____

Parents'/Guardians' Names: _____

Parent/Guardian E-mail: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: _____

Academic Information

Current GPA: _____ **out of** _____ (example: 3.2 out of 4.0)

School Attending or Accepted to (2026-2027):

Intended Major/Minor: _____



Letters of Recommendation

Submit **two (2)** signed letters of recommendation from someone familiar with your character, service, and achievements such as a teacher, professor, counselor, administrator, principal, coach, community member, professor, academic advisor, supervisor for recent or current job etc.

Requirements:

1. Letters must be written, dated, and signed by the recommender.
2. Letters must be current and prepared specifically for the 2026 TAAHP Foundation Scholarship; previously used or generic letters will not be accepted.
3. Letters must be written by individuals who are familiar with the applicant's character, academic effort, work ethic, leadership, or community involvement
4. Letters may not be written by a relative, guardian, or member of the applicant's household.
5. Letters must include the recommender's name, title/role, and contact information
6. Letters must be signed by the recommender (digital or handwritten signatures are acceptable)
7. Letters must be confidential and may not be edited or altered by the applicant.

Essay Topic & Guidelines

Essay Prompt:

Please describe the achievements or experiences that have been most meaningful to you and explain how receiving this scholarship would support your educational and career goals. As part of your response, you are encouraged to reflect on how living in affordable housing or maintaining stable housing has shaped your educational journey, opportunities, or responsibilities. Your essay should help the Scholarship Committee understand who you are, what you have worked toward, and how this award would make a difference in your academic journey.

You may choose to discuss academic accomplishments, work experience, leadership roles, community involvement, personal challenges you have overcome, caregiving responsibilities, or other experiences that have shaped your goals and motivation. Applicants are encouraged to share any special circumstances that have influenced their educational path or required them to balance school with work, family, or other responsibilities. You may also choose to describe any challenges or hardships you have experienced, such as financial hardships, housing instability, balancing school with work or caregiving, or other circumstances that have influenced your path.

Applicants who have previously received a TAAHP Foundation Scholarship and are applying again should also describe how prior scholarship support impacted their education and progress toward their goals.



Supplemental Questions

Have you previously applied for the TAAHP Scholarship?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If so, when did you apply?

Did you receive the scholarship?

How did you hear about this scholarship application?

Do you currently receive financial aid?

If so, check all that apply:

- ☐ Pell Grant
- ☐ State Grant
- ☐ Scholarships
- ☐ Student Loans
- ☐ Work-Study

Do you currently work while attending school? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you answered yes, average hours per week: _____

Will this scholarship reduce your need to take on student loans? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure



Activities, Employment & Community Involvement

Please list any school activities, sports, community or volunteer organizations, and paid or unpaid work you have participated in. Examples can include clubs, teams, part-time jobs, internships, church or cultural groups, or community service.

Organization / Employer:

Years Active:

Supervisor / Advisor:

Leadership Role (if applicable):

Organization / Employer:

Years Active:

Supervisor / Advisor:

Leadership Role (if applicable):

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Caregiving Responsibilities

Are you a primary caregiver for someone who depends on you for regular care or support? This may include caring for a child, sibling, parent, grandparent, or another loved one who is unable to fully care for themselves.

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please briefly describe your caregiving responsibilities. You may include who you care for, the type of support you provide, and how this responsibility affects your time, school, or work commitments. Sharing this information is optional and is intended only to help the Scholarship Committee better understand your experiences and responsibilities.



Applicant Certification & Acknowledgements

- ☐ I certify that all information provided in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.
- ☐ I certify that I've been **accepted** into a college, university, or trade school for the 2026-2027 school year or that I'm **currently enrolled** in a college, university, or trade school for the 2026-2027 school year.
- ☐ I understand that scholarship funds must **ONLY** be used for qualified educational expenses.
- ☐ I understand that scholarship awards are one-time and not guaranteed for renewal.
- ☐ I certify that I've reviewed & submitted **ALL** requirements for this application
- ☐ I consent to the use of my name, likeness, and story for nonprofit recognition and promotional purposes by the TAAHP Foundation.

* Please note - scholarship awardees may be invited to provide a video recorded interview for scholarship promotion at various TAAHP events.

Privacy & Data Use Statement

The Texas Affiliation of Affordable Housing Providers (TAAHP) Foundation respects the privacy of all scholarship applicants. Information collected through this application is used solely for the purpose of determining scholarship eligibility, evaluating applications, and administering scholarship awards. Applicant information will be reviewed only by authorized TAAHP Foundation staff and Scholarship Committee members involved in the scholarship review process. Personal data will not be sold or shared with third parties for commercial purposes. By submitting this application, applicants acknowledge and consent to the collection and use of their information as described above. All applicant information will be kept confidential.

If you have any questions regarding this application, please contact TAAHP at info@taahp.com or at (512) 476-9901.