



REGINA A. FIGUEROA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS MAY 23 – JUNE 23, 2018



Established in 2011, the **Regina A. Figueroa Memorial Scholarship** honors the memory of a remarkable NYCHA resident, employee, and student of The City University of New York (CUNY). This scholarship for NYCHA residents with disabilities is being offered as part of the NYCHA-CUNY Resident Scholarship Program, which encourages residents to attend and remain in college by providing vital financial assistance that can be used to defray college-related expenses.

Regina A. Figueroa was an employee of NYCHA's Department of Communications for 10 years, and was also a resident of Throggs Neck Houses in the Bronx. Regina attended CUNY's John Jay College of Criminal Justice, where she studied law in pursuit of a career

that would allow her to fight for the rights of disabled citizens like herself. After a valiant fight with cancer, Regina passed away on August 10, 2010, at the age of 32.

In honor of her memory and contributions to the Housing Authority, NYCHA established the **Regina A. Figueroa Memorial Scholarship** to recognize the academic and civic achievements of disabled NYCHA residents who are enrolled at CUNY colleges. Annually, NYCHA awards \$1,000 scholarships to qualifying public housing residents with disabilities who are enrolled at CUNY senior and community colleges.

Regina A. Figueroa Memorial Scholarship Documentation

All applicants for the Regina A. Memorial Scholarship must submit documentation to substantiate proof of disability. Any one of the following are acceptable means of documentation:

- Proof of receipt of federal disability benefits
- Proof of receipt of reasonable accommodations
- Letter on official letterhead from the CUNY Office of Disability Service/ Accessibility Services

For the purposes of proving eligibility for the Regina A. Figueroa Memorial Scholarship, medical records or detailed information about the nature of your disability are **NOT** necessary. Any documentation provided will be used for the sole purpose of evaluating eligibility for the Regina A. Figueroa Memorial Scholarship and will not be used in making any housing eligibility determinations. **NYCHA will safeguard all documentation as required by law.**

Questions?

If you have questions or need assistance, visit NYCHA's website for a list of answers to Frequently Asked Questions (on.nyc.gov/nycha-cuny) or email scholarships@nycha.nyc.gov.

Eligibility Requirements

Scholarship applicants must:

- Be an authorized NYCHA resident
- Have earned a minimum of 30 credits by the time of application
- Have a minimum 3.0 G.P.A.
- Be enrolled full-time or part-time
- Submit a 750-word essay (see last page of application for essay question)

Documentation Requirements

Applicants are required to submit the following as part of the application package:

- Proof of disability
- College transcript (unofficial transcripts including spring 2018 grades are acceptable)
- Resume of work experience and community service
- 750-word essay (essay must be typed and double-spaced; please include name and page numbers on all pages)

Application Submission Info

- **DUE BY JUNE 23, 2018, 11:59PM**
- Completed applications must be submitted to NYCHA by email or postal mail only
- Mailed submissions must be **POSTMARKED BY JUNE 23, 2018**

Email: scholarships@nycha.nyc.gov

OR

Mail: NYCHA-CUNY Scholarship Program
Office of the EVP for CEP
New York City Housing Authority
250 Broadway, 12th Floor
New York, NY 10007



NYCHA-CUNY RESIDENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION

PLEASE TYPE/PRINT ALL ANSWERS

Please select a scholarship:

- NYCHA-CUNY Scholarship, Regina A. Figueroa Memorial Scholarship, The Levine Family Scholarship, The Kofi Hormeku Scholarship

First Name Middle Initial Last name

Address Apt. #

City State NY Zip

Home Phone Cell phone Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy)

E-mail address

How did you learn about this opportunity? (check all that apply):

- Email, Facebook/Twitter, or other social media (specify), Flyer/Poster, Word of Mouth, Other (specify)

Print the name of your NYCHA development

Name of NYCHA Lease Holder Relationship to Lease Holder

Gender:

Race/Ethnicity* (check all that apply):

- Alaskan Native, East Asian/Central Asian, Black/African-American, American Indian, Hispanic/Latino, White/Caucasian, Pacific Islander, Mixed Race/Other, Middle Eastern/North African, South Asian/Indian

*(Disclosing your race/ethnicity is optional and will not impact your application)





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EDUCATION BACKGROUND

CUNY College (Please select the name of your college)

Total number of credits
at time of application

Major and/or Minor

Cumulative Grade Point Average
(attach transcript)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Please list any organizations that you currently volunteer with or have volunteered with in the past two years, and in what capacity (specify any leadership roles held, if applicable):





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ESSAY QUESTION

NYCHA and CUNY, as public institutions, are committed to helping low-and-moderate-income] New Yorkers realize their full potential through higher education. As a member of both communities, we invite you to write an essay that describes how being a resident of public housing **AND** attending a CUNY college is helping you to achieve your professional goals. Please include how your education and experiences as a NYCHA-CUNY Scholar will inform your future contributions to your community and/or communities like yours throughout your career. Your essay should not exceed 750 words.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that all of the information I have provided in this application and in the supporting documents is true and accurate.

Print Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

