



NYCHA-CUNY RESIDENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION JUNE 1 – JUNE 30, 2017

Introduction

The New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) in partnership with The City University of New York (CUNY) is committed to helping low-and-moderate-income New Yorkers realize their full potential through higher education. The NYCHA-CUNY Resident Scholarship Program supports the educational advancement of NYC public housing residents through scholarships, mentorship and access to professional development opportunities.

The Scholarships

Four scholarship programs provide financial support to qualified NYCHA residents, to help pay for related college education expenses at a CUNY senior or junior college:

1. **NYCHA-CUNY Resident Scholarship:** Established in 2005 by NYCHA, the program annually awards up to ten \$1,000 scholarships to qualifying NYCHA residents who are enrolled full-time at City University of New York (CUNY) colleges. These scholarships are generously funded by members of the New York City Council.
2. **The Regina Figueroa Memorial Scholarship:** Established in 2011 by NYCHA, honors the memory of a remarkable NYCHA resident, employee and student of The City University of New York. This scholarship annually awards a \$1,000 scholarship to NYCHA residents with a disability, who are undergraduates at a CUNY college.
3. **The Levine Family Scholarship:** Established in 2016 by Jeffrey Levine, Chairman of Levine Builders, Douglaston Development, and Clinton Management. Mr. Levine is a former NYCHA resident and an alum of CUNY's City College of New York. This scholarship annually awards up to ten \$1,000 scholarships to NYCHA residents who are enrolled at City College.
4. **The Kofi Hormeku Scholarship:** Established in 2017 by Nehemiah Economic Development, Inc. This scholarship will annually award up to five \$1,000 scholarships to NYCHA residents living in Brownsville, East New York, or Ocean Hill, Brooklyn, who are undergraduates at a CUNY college.



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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.
- Submit a 750 word essay (See last page of application for essay question)

For applicants of the Regina A. Figueroa Memorial Scholarship only:

- Students must provide proof of disability

Application Process

Please review the following application instructions carefully. Incomplete application packages that do not meet the requirements will not be considered. If you have questions or need assistance, please email at scholarships@nycha.nyc.gov.

Application packages can be downloaded from NYCHA's website:

www.tinyurl.com/nychascholarships. Completed applications can be submitted to NYCHA by email or postal mail and must be **POSTMARKED BY JUNE 30, 2017** to be considered.

How to Submit an Application

Email: scholarships@nycha.nyc.gov

Mail:

NYCHA-CUNY Resident Scholarship Program
REES Department, Adult Education & Training Unit
New York City Housing Authority
787 Atlantic Avenue, 2nd Floor
Brooklyn, NY 11238

Please do not drop off/submit applications in person.



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Documentation Requirements

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

- College Transcript – (unofficial transcripts will be accepted)
- Resume of work experience and community service
- 750-word essay: (Essay must be typed, double-spaced – please include your name in the header and number all pages)

For applicants of the Regina A. Figueroa Memorial Scholarship only:

- Students must provide proof of disability (See Regina A. Figueroa Memorial Scholarship Instructions)

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.”

Selection Process

The NYCHA-CUNY Resident Scholarship Program Selection Committee, which is comprised of representatives from NYCHA and CUNY, will review all application packages and select eligible applicants. Selection is based on scoring in three key areas:

- Completeness of application and supporting documents (5 point maximum)
- Extracurricular/Community Involvement (15 point maximum)
- Essay (30 point maximum)

NYCHA residency and a grade point average of 3.0 or higher will be verified at the time of selection. Students who are selected as scholarship recipients will be notified during the summer of 2017. Scholarships will be awarded at a ceremony in September 2017. Participation in the award ceremony is mandatory for all scholarship recipients.



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Award Amount

Each scholarship recipient will receive an award of \$1,000.00. Scholarships may be made payable to the recipient's college, in which case, the funds would be credited to the student's college account to satisfy any balance the student may owe. Any remaining monies may be paid to the student in the form of a refund. Scholarships may be distributed in two installments for fall and spring enrollment for continuing students. Proof of enrollment may be required. This is a one-time, non-renewable grant.

Questions

If you have questions or need assistance, visit NYCHA's website for a list of answers to Frequently Asked Questions, www.tinyurl.com/nychascholarships; or email scholarships@nycha.nyc.gov.



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Instructions for Applicants of the Regina A. Figueroa Memorial Scholarship - Only

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 ten 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.

Eligibility Requirements

Regina A. Figueroa Memorial Scholarship applicants must:

- Be an authorized NYCHA resident
- Have a documented disability
- Be a sophomore, junior or senior student enrolled in a CUNY associate or baccalaureate degree program
- Have a minimum 3.0 GPA
- Submit a 750-word essay



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Documentation

All applicants for the Regina A. Memorial Scholarship must submit documentation to substantiate proof of the disability. 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 CUNY Office of Disability Service

For the purposes of proving eligibility for the Regina A. Figueroa Memorial Scholarship, medical records or detailed information about the nature of your disability is **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.**



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PLEASE TYPE/PRINT ALL ANSWERS

Please select a scholarship:

- NYCHA-CUNY Scholarship
- The Levine Family Scholarship
- Regina A. Figueroa Memorial 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
- American Indian
- Pacific Islander
- South Asian/Indian
- East Asian/Central Asian
- Hispanic/Latino
- Mixed Race/Other
- Black/African-American
- White/Caucasian
- Middle Eastern/North African

*(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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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 _____

