



City of Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority

2023

Melody Stovall Scholarship

GUIDELINES AND INSTRUCTIONS

The City of Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority (RRHA) is pleased to announce its annual Melody Stovall Scholarship Competition for 2023. Scholarships will be awarded in amounts up to \$1,000.00. Selection will be based on grades, community service, the strength of career goals, articulation, and need. Remember, neatness counts. If your application is incomplete or illegible, it will not be considered.

You must be accepted, or have an acceptance pending, to an accredited college, university, or accredited business school to be considered. **The firm deadline for submission of completed applications is Friday, May 05, 2023, at 5:00 PM.**

Instructions for High School Seniors Submitting Applications:

1. Complete and sign the application form. Please type your responses.
 2. The following **MUST** be submitted with the application. Only complete applications will be considered.
- A copy of high school transcripts listing Grade Point Average (GPA) and Class Ranking.
(Applicant must have a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA to be considered.)
 - Two letters support the applicant's character, achievements, and potential for education and career advancement. One letter **MUST** be from a school official (principal, counselor, teacher, etc.). The other letter may be from a minister, coach, employer, or any person with significant knowledge of the applicant.
RRHA staff members are not eligible to provide letters of reference.

Instructions for Returning College Students Submitting Applications:

1. Complete and sign the application form. Please type your responses.
 2. The following **MUST** be submitted with the application. Only complete applications will be considered.
- A copy of college transcripts listing Grade Point Average (GPA) and Class Ranking. (Applicant must have a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA to be considered.)
 - Two letters support the applicant's character, achievements, and potential for education and career advancement. The letters may be from a minister, coach, employer, or any person with significant knowledge of the applicant.
RRHA staff is not eligible to provide letters of reference.

Instructions for Adults Submitting Applications:

- 1. Complete and sign the application form. Please type your responses.
- 2. The following **MUST** be submitted with the application. Only complete applications will be considered.
 - 1. Two letters supporting the character, achievements, and potential for education and career advancement of the applicant.
 - a. The letters may be from a minister, coach, employer, or any person with significant knowledge of the applicant. **RRHA staff is not eligible to provide letters of reference.**

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- Each applicant’s household **must be a resident in good standing of public housing or Section 8 housing and must have maintained their residence for six months before the application deadline of Friday, May 05, 2023.**
- Funds may be utilized as early as the fall semester of 2023.
- Scholarship recipients must be **FULL-TIME** students pursuing a degree and have been accepted to or are attending an accredited college, university, or business school.
- Scholarship money will be sent directly from the City of Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority to the school. Eligible uses of funds include tuition, books, supplies, fees, and study aids.

2023 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
(Please return this portion of the application)

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR _____ RETURNING COLLEGE STUDENT _____
ADULT _____
(Please check one of the above)

Please print clearly or type (You may use additional paper if necessary):

- 1. Name: _____
- 2. CurrentAddress: _____ City _____
State: _____ Zip _____

3. Phone Number _____ Last four digits of SSN# _____

4. Years lived at present address _____ Email Address _____

5. I am a resident of (Please check one)

Public Housing _____

Section 8 Program _____

6. High School attended _____ Date of Graduation _____

7. List colleges, universities, or business schools that you have applied for admission to or currently attend:

School

State

Status of Application

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

Directions: Please type the answers to questions 8 through 11 on a separate sheet of paper and attach them to your application.

8. Describe extracurricular school or community service activities and achievements that prove personal motivation and initiative. (Examples: community service, civic club activities, volunteer work, church activities, etc.)

9. Describe your educational objective and career goals.

10. What qualities do you possess that make you an ideal scholarship candidate?

11. How do you plan to finance your education? (Include employment, assistance from family, loans, other scholarships, etc.).

By submitting this application, I authorize my high school/or college to make available to the Scholarship Committee of the City of Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority information concerning my academic record and class ranking. It is understood that the scholarship award shall be governed by all conditions established by the City of Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority. I verify that all information I stated in this application is true and accurate.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Mail or drop off this application, current year's transcripts (if currently attending), and two letters of recommendation to:

Melody Stovall Scholarship
City of Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority
2624 Salem Turnpike N.W.
Roanoke, Virginia 24017

A completed application must be received by 5:00 p.m., Friday, May 05, 2023.