



City of Roanoke Redevelopment  
and Housing Authority

2026

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 2026. This scholarship will be awarded in amounts up to \$1,000. Selection will be based on grades, community service, 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 an accredited business school to be considered. **The firm deadline for submission of completed applications is. Monday, May 4, 2026, 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. Incomplete applications will not 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 supporting the applicant's character, achievements, 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. Incomplete applications will not 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 supporting the applicant's character, achievements, 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. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
  - Two letters supporting the applicant's character, achievements, 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.**

### 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 prior to the application deadline of Monday, May 4, 2026.**
- Funds may be utilized as early as the fall semester of 2026.
- Scholarship recipients must be **FULL-TIME** students who are pursuing a degree and have been accepted to or are attending an accredited college, university, or an accredited 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.

**2026 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. Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_ 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 or currently attend:

<u>School</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Status of Application</u>
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 which provide evidence of 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 any and all conditions established by the City of Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority. I verify that all information stated by me in this application is true.

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

**Completed application must be received by 5:00 p.m.,  
on Monday, May 4, 2026.**