



# Opportunity Rising Ascend Scholarship Application

The Ascend Scholarship is for a returning college student preparing to enter his/her second year in an institution of higher learning with no lapses in semester to help offset some of the cost of the student's education.

## Ascend eligibility requirements are:

- Student must reside in DHA supported housing
- Student must be preparing to enter his/her second year in an institution of higher learning
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.75
- Complete eight (8) hours of Community Service with DHA (*must be approved*)
- Complete eight (8) hours of Community Service with an agency of applicant's choice
- Must complete this application

## To apply for this scholarship, students submit the following:

- Completed scholarship packet
- Proof of registration
- An official transcript
- Proof of Community Service (*documented on agency letterhead with contact name and number*)
- Address & telephone number of the institution of higher learning
- Address & telephone number of the department that the scholarship will be disbursed
- Student's address & telephone number on campus

- Two letters of recommendation
- Complete the "Let's Talk About You" section
- A typed 500-word essay (*no longer than 550 words*)

## Each Essay will be judged on:

- Quality of content
- Ability to captivate the reader
- Originality
- Correct grammar usage (*punctuation and spelling*)
- Overall presentation

Date of Application \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last, First MI*

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
*Number Street Apt/Unit#*

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate which type of DHA supported housing you reside in: Public Housing Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8)

Home Tel. # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

What is your preferred method of communication? Phone Email Text messages

Emergency Contact

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last, First MI*

For questions or to learn more about Opportunity Rising Scholarships, contact the Educational Programs & Development Coordinator at 214-224-3622 (7-1-1 for Relay Texas assistance) or write to: Opportunity Rising, 3939 N. Hampton Road, Dallas TX 75212.

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1. Gender (*check one*):      Male      Female
  
2. What is the name of the institution that you attend? \_\_\_\_\_  
*(college, vocational, or technical school)*
  
3. Grade Point Average (GPA) \_\_\_\_\_
  
4. What is your classification? (*check one*)      Freshman      Sophomore      Junior      Senior
  
5. Were you previously a DHA CRYSTAL Awards Scholarship recipient?      Yes      No      If YES, what year? \_\_\_\_\_

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### Let's Talk About You...

Summarize your academic achievements (*i.e. scholarships, awards, etc.*)

Special talents (*i.e. sing, dance, public speaking, etc.*)

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All checks are mailed directly and payable to the institution. The student's identification number is on the check for proper crediting. If a student is not enrolled in school when the scholarship award is made, the institution will return the check to the DHA.

**Special Note:** Community service with our office does not guarantee a scholarship award. DHA reserves the right to deny an individual a scholarship based on fund availability and criterion.

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Use the space below to type or copy and paste your 500-word essay.

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