



Melody S. Stovall Scholarship
2009

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**Roanoke Redevelopment and
Housing Authority**

GUIDELINES AND INSTRUCTIONS

The Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority (RRHA) is pleased to announce its annual Melody S. Stovall Scholarship Competition for 2009! To date, 112 scholarships have been awarded by RRHA which have enabled residents to pursue a college education. Scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$1,000. Selection will be based upon need, grades, community service, career goals, and in-person interview results.

To be considered, applicants must be accepted, or have an acceptance pending, to an accredited college, university or an accredited business school.

DEADLINE for completed applications is Monday, June 1, 2009 at 5:00 P.M.

Scholarship applications are available in the Public Housing Manager's Office, Section 8 department and on the RRHA website – www.rkehousing.org. Previous recipients of this scholarship are eligible to apply.

Applicants may call Deborah Davoll at 983-9224 ext. 19 with questions.

Instructions for High School Seniors submitting applications: *(Remember, neatness counts. If your application is incomplete or illegible, it will not be considered.)*

1. Print legibly or type.
2. Use extra paper for responses, if needed.
3. Complete and sign the application form.
4. The following **MUST** be submitted with the application:
 - a. 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.)*
 - b. Two letters supporting the character, achievements and potential for education and career advancement of the applicant. 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: *(Remember, neatness counts. If your application is incomplete or illegible, it will not be considered.)*

1. Print legibly or type.
2. Use extra paper for responses, if needed.
3. Complete and sign the application form.
4. The following **MUST** be submitted with the application:
 - a. A copy of college transcripts listing Grade Point Average (GPA) and Class Ranking. *(Applicant must have a minimum of 2.0 cumulative GPA to be considered.)*

- b. Two letters supporting the character, achievements and potential for education and career advancement of the applicant. The letters 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 Adults submitting applications: *(Remember, neatness counts. If your application is incomplete or illegible, it will not be considered.)*

1. Print legibly or type.
2. Use extra paper for responses, if needed.
3. Complete and sign the application form.
4. The following **MUST** be submitted with the application:
 - a. Two letters supporting the character, achievements and potential for education and career advancement of the applicant. The letters 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.)*

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Each applicant **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 June 1, 2009.**
- Funds may be utilized as early as the Fall 2009 school year.
- 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 Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority to the school. Eligible uses of funds include: tuition, books, supplies, fees and study aids.

2009
MELODY S. STOVALL SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION

(Please return this portion of the application)

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR _____
RETURNING COLLEGE STUDENT _____
ADULT _____

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

1. Name: _____

2. Current Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

3. Phone Number: _____ Social Security #: _____

4. Years lived at present address: _____ Email Address: _____

5. I am a resident of (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>
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A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

Directions: Please answer questions 8 through 11 on a separate sheet of paper (typed or printed) and attach 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 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 Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority. I verify that all information stated by me in this application is true.

Applicant Signature: _____

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

Melody S. Stovall Scholarship
Attn: Ms. Deborah Davoll
Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority
2624 Salem Turnpike NW
Roanoke, VA 24017

Application must be received by 5:00 p.m, Monday, June 1, 2009.