Thank you for your interest in the CARH Scholarship Foundation! The Foundation was established by the Council for Affordable and Rural Housing (CARH) to promote education and expand opportunities for residents of affordable housing in rural America.

In 2015, the CARH Scholarship Foundation will award a total of four scholarships – one James L. Poehlman Scholarship, one Gordon L. Blackwell Scholarship, one Jack Godin, Jr. Scholarship and one CRHD Founders Scholarship. Each scholarship will be $1,000 per semester for educational expenses, with a maximum four years of funding.

**Traditional Student Applicants Must:**

- Be a candidate for high school graduation, or in the past five years earned a high school diploma or equivalent;
- Be accepted at or enrolled as a full-time student at an accredited 2- or 4-year college, university or an accredited vocational educational school;
- Currently reside in a CARH-member property;
- Be a United States citizen or permanent legal resident;
- Demonstrate scholastic achievement; and
- Demonstrate financial need.

**Scholarship Recipients Expectations:**

If you are selected as one of the four scholarship winners, the CARH Scholarship Foundation will provide you with a one-time cash payment of $2,000 per year (or $1,000 per semester) (or $500 per quarter) to assist you in paying for expenses related to your enrollment at the accredited school. Pursuant to the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code §117(b), the funds you receive from the Scholarship Program must be used:

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• to pay tuition and fees required for enrollment at an educational institution; or

• to pay for fees, books, supplies and equipment required for courses of instruction at such educational institution.

In addition, you will be required to agree:

• That any funds not expended or committed for the purposes of the scholarship set forth above will be returned to the Foundation;

• To provide a copy of proof of tuition payment at a college or university for the term for which the scholarship is awarded;

• By January 1st and June 1st of each year, you will submit evidence of continuing eligibility, including evidence of tuition billing and continued occupancy of you and/or your family in a residence owned or managed by a CARH member company.

• Evidence of continuing eligibility must include a grade report showing that a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0 each semester was maintained, while taking at least 12 credits. If in any semester you do not maintain this standard, then the CARH Scholarship Foundation may terminate the scholarship or may, in its sole discretion, place you on probation for one semester. In such case, failure to achieve this standard in the next applicable semester will result in termination of the scholarship.

Completed applications only will be considered if received by the Scholarship Foundation on or before the deadline of April 30, 2015. Please be sure to:

1. Submit only completed applications. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

2. Clearly label all application attachments with applicant name and information, and submit electronically with the application.

3. Send all supporting documents, including academic transcripts and letters of recommendations, to the CARH Scholarship Foundation.

4. ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION IS PREFERRED. Please submit all application materials via email to carh@carh.org. Official test scores, transcripts, and letters of recommendations may be mailed to the CARH Scholarship Foundation office.

SUBMISSION ADDRESSES

E-mail: carh@carh.org
Mailing Address: CARH Scholarship Foundation
1112 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Note: All decisions concerning selection of scholarship recipients are made by a Scholarship Selection Committee with the help of CARH staff members, who are solely responsible for the final selections and the awards of scholarships to individuals so selected. The CARH Scholarship Foundation prohibits the awarding of any scholarship to a relative of any member of the Selection Committee and, further, prohibits giving consideration of any such award. “Relatives” include ancestors, spouses, siblings, children and the spouses, siblings and children of such individuals. Adopted children and stepchildren are included in this definition.
The information below must be fully completed in order for your application to be considered by the Scholarship Selection Committee. Please ensure that you either e-mail or mail all appropriate documentation to the Scholarship Foundation in order for it to be received by the application deadline date, April 30, 2015.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name: __________________________________________
  Last      First     Middle

Address: __________________________________________
  Street Address         Apartment or Unit Number

  City                                               State    Zip Code

Home Phone: ________________________________       Cell Phone: ________________________________

E-mail: ______________________________________       Date of Birth: ____________________________

Social Security #: _____________________________

CARH MEMBER HOUSING INFORMATION

Name of CARH-Member Property: ________________________________       Length of Time in
  CARH-Member Housing: ____________________________

Property Manager’s Name and Phone Number: ________________________________

Name of CARH-Member Management Company/Owner/Developer: ________________________________

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Type a two-page statement/essay using the following subject:

“Describe your own unique, personal life experiences that have led you to believe that affordable housing should be a vital component of communities throughout the county.”

Please be sure to include your name on this statement.
# CURRENT SCHOOL & TEST INFORMATION

**High School**  
Or College: _____________________________

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Anticipated Graduation Date: _____________________________  
Type of Diploma/Degree: _____________________________

GPA*: High School = _____________________________  
College = _____________________________  

*Send your official transcripts to the Scholarship Foundation. If currently enrolled in college, write both your high school and college GPA scores in the space provided and forward official transcripts for both. In the space provided, please indicate your GPA scale.  
Examples: 4.0 scale: 4=A, 3=B, 2=C  
100 scale: 100=A, 90=B, 80=C  
5.0 scale: 5=highest proficiency, 3=proficient

ACT and/or SAT*: _____________________________  

*Send your official scores to the Scholarship Foundation. You may send one or both scores. If you have not yet taken either test, please write the date when you will take the test and have the scores forwarded as soon as possible.

****PLEASE NOTE: The Essay, GPA and Test Scores may count toward as much as 75% of the determining factors during the selection process.

# COLLEGE GOALS

Please list all colleges/universities/vocational schools to which you have applied.  
Which one do you plan to attend? What do you plan to study?  
Include copy of acceptance letter and/or proof of enrollment.

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List all Extracurricular Activities (school and community) in which you have participated in the past four years. List all leadership positions and offices held. Check academic years during which you participated. If necessary, include additional sheets, using the format shown below.

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List all Awards and Honors which you have received in the past four years. If necessary, include additional sheets, using the format shown below.

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LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Two or more letters of recommendation should be submitted with application. At least one should be professional (e.g., employer, school official, etc.) and at least one personal (e.g., coach, pastor, etc.). The number and quality of recommendations are determining factors for scholarship selection. Below, list the names of the recommenders. If necessary, include additional sheets using the format below:

1. Name     Title      Relationship
2. Name     Title      Relationship
3. Name     Title      Relationship

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Attach a statement/letter of financial need. This statement may be used as one of the determining factors for scholarship selection.

SIGNATURE*

I hereby certify that all information and supporting documentation are true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any knowingly false information may disqualify me from consideration for any CARH scholarship or be grounds for an offered scholarship to be rescinded.

Date: ___________________________  Signature: ___________________________________

*ELECTRONIC TRANSMITTAL: Electronic transmittal of application and supporting documentation to the CARH Scholarship Foundation is certification that all information and supporting documentation are true to the best of your knowledge. In addition, transmittal provides your agreement that any knowingly false information may disqualify you from consideration for a CARH scholarship, or be grounds for an offered scholarship to be rescinded. Actual electronic transmittal will be used as an electronic signature and date. Application and all required supporting documentation must be received by the Scholarship Foundation by the Application Deadline of April 30, 2015, to be considered.