## STEVE FALEK SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION WISCONSIN ASSOCIATION OF HOUSING AUTHORITIES (WAHA)

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** Two scholarships will be awarded by WAHA: One scholarship in the amount of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) for one full-time student; and one scholarship in the amount of One Thousand Dollar (\$1,000) for one part-time student. Additional scholarships are available from agencies which are members of the North Central Regional Council (NCRC) of National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO). Separate applications will need to be completed for the NCRC/NAHRO for consideration of additional scholarship opportunities. The top winner of NCRC scholarships will be forwarded to National NAHRO for yet another opportunity to win additional scholarship money.

### **BASIC INSTRUCTIONS:**

- 1. Application forms are available at <u>www.wahaonline.org</u>. Completed applications shall be printed and/or typed.
- 2. Complete all questions. Failure to complete all questions will result in your application not being accepted.
- Return completed application, preferably in an electronic format, to your local Public Housing Authority (PHA), Community Development or Redevelopment Authority by **January 7.** (Inquire with your Housing Authority for an email address at which to submit your application.)
- 4. Winning applicant will be notified by **March 1**.
- 5. Applicant must be a participant or household member of subsidized housing (Public Housing tenant or Housing Choice Voucher, etc.) of a WAHA Housing Authority.
- 6. Previous WAHA scholarship recipients are ineligible to apply again.

### **REQUIREMENTS CHECK LIST:**

- Applicant must be in attendance (or be a graduating High School Senior) at any two (2) year or higher accredited Public or Private institution offering an associate or undergraduate degree.
- Applicant must meet full-time student requirements as defined by having 12 or more credits per semester or part-time student requirements as defined by having 6 or more credits per semester.
- Applicant must have a Cumulative Grade Point Average of 2.75 or higher. A transcript of grades is required with this application.
- Applicant must submit the following:
  - Application Form;
  - Unofficial Transcript;
  - Two (2) Letters of Recommendation One from an educator; one from your public housing authority (letter from housing authority must indicate if you are a resident/client in good standing). All letters of recommendation must include the recommenders' name, address, phone number, relationship to you and length of time you have known them. Letters must be dated within 10 months of current scholarship award;
  - Essay (see instructions below);
  - Signed Certification and Release.

# WISCONSIN ASSOCIATION OF HOUSING AUTHORITIES (WAHA) SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial
Address	City & State	Zip Code
Telephone Number	Email Address	
Date of Birth (month, day, and year)	Name of Housing/CD Au	thority
Is your Housing/CD Authority a member of :	NCRC: Yes□ No□	NAHRO Yes□ No□
EDUCATION HISTORY (Check one) High School Graduate 🗆	High School Senior□	GED Recipient□
High School attended or currently attending:_		
Colleges Attended / Dates Attended / Hours C	Completed / Degrees Received /	′ Most Recent GPA:
EDUCATION PLANS AND ENROLLMENT ST	ATUS	
What college, university, vocational, or post-se	econdary school do you plan to	attend the next school year
(include city, state, and date of enrollment):		
Plan to apply $\Box$		
Applied but not yet accepted $\Box$		
Applied and accepted $\Box$		
Anticipated major or vocational goal:		
Average length of program (2 years/4 years, e	tc.):	
Expected date of graduation:		

#### **FINANCIAL NEED**

Please provide an annual statement of estimated cost of education (include tuition, student fees, books, and school supplies only)

#### **EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION**

If employed, please list the name of your employer, your position, and the number of hours worked per week.

Are y	ou the Head of Household?	Yes 🗆 🛛 No 🗆	If no, relationship to the he	ead:

List leadership roles, summarize extracurricular activities you have participated in at school, college, church, community, etc.; honors and awards you have received, including dates; jobs you have held; and any special circumstances or challenges you have overcome which you believe should be taken into consideration in evaluating your application:

### <u>ESSAY</u>

Submit a brief typed essay explaining your reasons for applying for this scholarship and your educational and career goals. Why is this scholarship essential to your future? If you have any unusual circumstances that you would like the scholarship committee to consider, please include them in your essay. Please clearly showcase your community service and engagement activities. MAXIMIUM ONE-PAGE (8.5 X 11 INCHES).

## STEVE FALEK WAHA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT CERTIFICATION AND INFORMATION RELEASE

By my signature I hereby agree to and authorize the following:

- My application may be forwarded to the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) and/or its local chapters, for consideration of additional scholarship opportunities.
- The information I have given is true to the best of my knowledge.
- I will maintain satisfactory educational progress.
- I will keep WAHA and NAHRO informed of any changes in schools or enrollment status.
- I will provide or respond to WAHA or NAHRO requests for periodic updates on academic progress as needed for the duration of my receipt of scholarship funds.
- I consent to the use of my profile, progress and testimonials by WAHA and/or NAHRO and its subsidiaries for marketing and fundraising purposes.
- I authorize the office of financial aid to release my grades and pertinent information to WAHA and/or NAHRO.
- I authorize release of my contact information to contractors for the college program, if funded.
- Any person, educational institution, or company I have listed as a reference on my scholarship application to disclose in good faith, any information they may have regarding my qualifications and recommendation for eligibility.
- I will not hold my PHA, WAHA, NAHRO, any current or former employers, educational institutions and any other persons giving references liable for the exchange of this information and any other reasonable and necessary information incident to the scholarship selection process.

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature:\_\_\_\_\_

Date:\_\_\_\_\_