



The Frank L. Wilcox Rising Scholars Academic Scholarship Fund

Application Form

Monroe Housing Authority invites graduating seniors and recent high school graduates, who are enrolled to attend or are attending any accredited institution for higher education, to apply for a Frank L. Wilcox Rising Scholars Academic Scholarship. One one-time \$1,000.00 scholarship will be awarded to a qualifying applicant selected by the Scholarship Committee.

<p>To be considered for these scholarships a student must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be a graduating high school senior or a recent high school graduate. 2. Be a current resident of Monroe Housing Authority's public housing program at the time of application and award. 3. Must have shown continued academic achievement by maintaining a 2.9 grade point average. 4. Complete the required Application Packet: Application Form, essay, high 	<p>school transcript, list of awards and achievements, description of community and social activities, and letters of recommendation from teachers, advisors, employers, etc.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Mail or hand-deliver your scholarship application packet to Monroe Housing Authority, 300 Harrison Street, Monroe, LA 71201 or to your public housing community's management office. Packets must be received by July 31st.
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Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of the applicant essay, application quality, scholastic excellence, community service and activities, and letters of recommendation.

APPLICANT PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name	High School
Date of Birth	Telephone Number
	Email address
Home Address	Name of MHA Public Housing Community
Cumulative High School Grade Point Average (GPA)	Social Security Number
Intended College	College Address
	Intended Major

What other scholarships have you received for the coming school year

I AFFIRM THAT ALL STATEMENTS INCLUDED IN THIS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKET ARE TRUE, COMPLETE AND CORRECT. I AUTHORIZE THE USE OF MY PHOTO AND THE INVESTIGATION OF ALL MATTERS THAT MONROE HOUSING AUTHORITY DEEMS RELEVANT TO MY APPLICATION, INCLUDING ALL STATEMENTS MADE IN THIS APPLICATION AND ANY ATTACHMENTS OR SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS. I AUTHORIZE MHA TO REQUEST AND RECEIVE SUCH INFORMATION AND RELEASE MONROE HOUSING AUTHORITY FROM ALL LIABILITY THAT MAY RESULT FROM MAKING SUCH AN INVESTIGATION.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

The Frank L. Wilcox Rising Scholars Academic Scholarship Fund

I. Purpose:

The purpose of the Frank L. Wilcox Rising Scholars Academic Scholarship Fund is to provide one-time financial aid for qualifying students who are current residents of Monroe Housing Authority's public housing communities to attend an accredited institution for higher education. The scholarship's main purpose is to award academic excellence and encourage high school students to pursue higher education upon graduation from high school.

II. Timeline:

The scholarship will be awarded once annually for the current academic year.

III. Duration:

One-time award per student.

IV. Terms:

\$6,000.00 annually to be distributed among six (6) qualifying applicant/recipients, (\$1,000.00 per recipient) from one of the MHA public housing communities): Lock-Breece Place, Johnson-Carver Terrace, Foster Heights, Burg Jones Lane, Robinson Place, and Miller Square.

V. Funding:

- a) Monroe Housing Authority, non-HUD funds, through the Monroe Housing Authority's Facilities Trust.
- b) Donations from corporate, community, educationally-based donors.
- c) An initial deposit of \$12,000.00 will be made by Monroe Housing Authority using non-HUD funds from the Monroe Housing Authority's Facilities Trust account.

VI. Selection Criteria:

- Open to graduating high school seniors and recent high school graduates.
- Must be a current resident of Monroe Housing Authority's public housing program at the time of application and award.
- Must have shown continued academic achievement by maintaining a 2.9 grade point average.
- Must submit a completed application and components prior to the deadline.

VII. Administration & Monitoring

- The Scholarship Committee – a scholarship committee consisting of five members of the community-at-large will be established to read applications, determine the best candidate(s), and then vote for approval.
- All recipients will be notified by U.S. mail at the address of record on the application within ten (10) business days of the committee's selections.
- A designated member of Monroe Housing Authority's staff will oversee the program and periodically review it to ensure it is serving its purpose. An annual report of the program's performance will be provided to the Executive Director and the Board of Commissioners.

VIII. Application Procedures

- Applications will be made available online at the Monroe Housing Authority's website, at each public housing community's management office, and at the main office.
- Applications will be made available each year between April 1st and June 30th. Monroe Housing Authority will post notices at each community promoting the scholarship and encouraging participation from all qualified residents.
- Deadline to submit applications will be July 31st of each year.

- Applications can be mailed to: The Monroe Housing Authority, 300 Harrison Street, Monroe, LA 71201 or hand-delivered to any public housing community's management office or the MHA administrative office.
- Deadline to submit applications is July 31st.
- Recipients will be notified in writing by U.S. Mail addressed to the recipient at the address of record listed on the application. *Note: Applicants must be a current resident of Monroe Housing Authority's public housing program at the time of application and scholarship award.*
- A public notice announcing the scholarship recipients will be posted on the Monroe Housing Authority's website each year.
- Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the accredited institution with a memorandum stating the recipients' name and student id#.

IX. The Application Packet (Application form and components)

The Application Packet must be complete and consist of the following:

- The Application Form (attached)
- An essay or personal statement telling about the applicant and the applicant's plans for after graduating college
- A list of awards and achievements
- A description of community and social activities
- Copies of high school transcripts
- Letters of recommendation from teachers, advisors, employers, etc.