



# District of Columbia Housing Authority Sustainable DC Scholarship Application Packet Powering a Sustainable DC



## 2013 Application Procedures and Checklist

---

### BACKGROUND

The District of Columbia Housing Authority (DCHA) is committed to ensuring that the District's public housing stock is both affordable and sustainable. Sustainable DC is a city-wide initiative of Mayor Vincent C. Gray aimed at transforming the District of Columbia into the greenest, most sustainable city in the U.S. by 2032. In 2012, DCHA was awarded a Sustainable DC grant to explore clean energy generation at the historic Langston Dwellings. Langston Dwellings, the first public housing site in D.C. and the second public housing site in the nation, was designed by notable African-American architect Hilyard Robinson as a coal-powered site. Langston Dwellings is uniquely positioned to power a sustainable DC by ushering in a new future built on clean, renewable energy.

In furtherance of Mayor Gray's vision and DCHA's endeavoring to engage its students who are interested in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (S.T.E.M.), this one-time academic scholarship is being offered. DCHA's mission is to provide quality affordable housing to extremely low- through moderate-income households, foster sustainable communities, and cultivate opportunities for residents to improve their lives.

### ELIGIBILITY

Applicant must:

- Graduate in June 2013 with a cumulative GPA of 2.8 or higher; have a high school diploma with a cumulative GPA of 2.8 or higher; have a GED; or be currently enrolled in a college, university, or trade/technical school.
- Confirm full-time admission to or enrollment in a two-year or four-year college, university, or trade/technical school.
- Reside on a DCHA property or have a Housing Choice Voucher (verified by the lease). Preference will be given to residents of Langston Terrace.
- Plan to pursue or currently pursue a degree or certification in Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math (S.T.E.M.). Majors and minors include, but are not limited to: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Architecture, Internet Technology, Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Chemical Engineering, and Statistics. Students majoring/minoring in Urban Agriculture and/or Sustainability are encouraged to apply as well.

### AWARDS

The \$10,000 in scholarships will be awarded as follows:

- One (1) \$5,000 scholarship will be awarded to a selected applicant with a GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Two (2) \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded to selected applicants with a GPA of 2.8 or higher

### SCHOLARSHIP PAYMENTS

Scholarship awards are to be used for **tuition, fees, room, board, books, and school supplies ONLY**. Payments will be made directly to the college, university, or trade/technical school. Payments will be processed once verification of enrollment is received.



## District of Columbia Housing Authority Powering a Sustainable DC



### APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please use the checklist below to ensure all items are submitted. Application must be typed or neatly printed in ink. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Completed applications must be postmarked to the address below by **Friday, May 31, 2013**.

- Complete and signed application (*Page 3 of this packet*).
- Official transcript from current or last school attended. Official transcript must be in an envelope sealed by a school official, with the official's signature or the school stamp across the sealed portion of the envelope. If you received a GED, please include a copy of GED certificate in lieu of a transcript.
- Five hundred (500) word essay (size 12 font, double spaced) on one of the following topics:
  1. Greening DC: Explain what you have done to make your community a greener and more sustainable place to live. Give examples of specific projects in which you have been involved such as urban farming and community clean-ups.
  2. Community service: Explain what you have done to make your community a better place to live. Give examples of specific projects in the past 18 months which you have been involved.
  3. Indicate a person who has had a significant influence on you, and describe that influence.

**NOTE:** Plagiarism is prohibited. If an applicant submits an essay from a previous application, the essay will not be scored.

- Three (3) letters of recommendation from a: teacher, school counselor, professor, advisor, or community service provider who can verify your service (include their contact information).

Include all six (6) components of this application packet (*signed application form, essay, official transcript, and three letters of recommendation*) into a large envelop. Application form may be found at [www.dchousing.org](http://www.dchousing.org). The application packet may be mailed or hand-delivered to the address below, no later than **Friday, May 31, 2013**:

District of Columbia Housing Authority  
Office of Resident Services  
Attn: SDC S.T.E.M. Scholarship  
1133 North Capitol Street, N.E., Suite 325  
Washington, DC 20002

For more information, please contact the DCHA Office of Resident Services at (202) 535-1517.



**District of Columbia Housing Authority  
Powering a Sustainable DC**



**2013 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Student's Name ( <i>Last, First, Middle Initial</i> )		Age	Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female		
Social Security Number		Birth Date		Ethnicity	
Permanent Address					
City	State	Zip Code	Name of DCHA Property	HCVP: Yes   No	Ward
Home Telephone Number			Cell Number		
E-Mail Address					
Name of Parent/Guardian ( <i>Head of Household or Leaseholder</i> )					

**EDUCATION**

Current Status ( <i>Select one of the following</i> ) <input type="checkbox"/> Graduating High School Senior <input type="checkbox"/> GED <input type="checkbox"/> Currently enrolled in a college, university, or trade school		
Name of High School/College/ University/Program	City/State	Zip Code
School Counselor's Name/Advisor's Name	Graduation Date	Cumulative GPA ( <i>on a 4.0 scale</i> )
Intended Major/Minor:		

**AWARDS, HONORS, AND ACTIVITIES**

Please list awards, honors, and school/community activities in which you have participated in the past five (5) years. *If necessary, utilize additional space on Page 4.*

**Please sign and date below. Your signature certifies that the information submitted is accurate and correct.**

**Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_**



## District of Columbia Housing Authority Powering a Sustainable DC



### AWARDS, HONORS, AND ACTIVITIES (continued)

Please list awards, honors, and school/community activities in which you have participated in the past five (5) years.



**District of Columbia Housing Authority  
Powering a Sustainable DC**



**2013 SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY**



**District of Columbia Housing Authority  
Powering a Sustainable DC**



**2013 SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY**