

# Public Housing Authorities Directors Association



## 2015 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS LIVING IN  
PUBLIC OR ASSISTED HOUSING AT A PHADA MEMBER AGENCY

### THREE SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE AWARDED

<b>30TH ANNUAL STEPHEN J. BOLLINGER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP</b>	<b>FREEDOM &amp; CIVIL RIGHTS SCHOLARSHIP</b>	<b>SACS SOFTWARE/ SCOTT ACCOUNTING &amp; COMPUTER SERVICES, INC. SCHOLARSHIP</b>
<b>\$7000.00</b>	<b>\$5000.00</b>	<b>\$5000.00</b>

**APPLICATIONS ARE DUE TO PHADA BY JANUARY 30, 2015**

# PHADA's Scholarship Program

In order to encourage academic excellence and community responsibility among high school students, PHADA has implemented a scholarship program for graduating seniors who are preparing to enter college. PHADA will award three (3) scholarships to deserving youth currently residing in a PHADA member agency.

## Stephen J. Bollinger Memorial Scholarship (One scholarship available: \$7,000.00)

Steve Bollinger (April 11, 1948-June 18, 1984) was a taskmaster to himself, a human dynamo to those who knew him. He was a natural leader, a person who could rally people around him with wit, satire, and vocal exercises. Steve's knowledge of and dedication to housing those in need was never absent, especially after he was appointed Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development at HUD. His experience at the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority and the associations he had with colleagues, mayors, and others afforded him the opportunity to deal with the bureaucracy in a style that we strive to attain. To the members of PHADA, he was a friend. His belief in the housing profession motivated him to become a founding member of PHADA, for which he served as Vice President. He accomplished much in a short time and we are all thankful for his achievements. PHADA created this scholarship to memorialize Stephen J. Bollinger.

**NOTE:** This scholarship will be formally presented at PHADA's Annual Convention and Exhibition on May 5, 2015 in San Francisco, CA. The winner will receive a trip for him/herself and one parent/guardian to attend the convention.

## Freedom & Civil Rights Scholarship (One scholarship available: \$5000.00) \*Additional Essay Required

In 2005, PHADA's Board of Trustees met in Montgomery, AL. Inspired by historical sites they chose to give personal donations for the inception of a PHADA scholarship to honor the work of Rosa Parks and the achievements of the civil rights movement. PHADA's Annual Commissioners' Conference Golf Outing was established in 2007 to provide continuous funding to the Freedom Scholarship.

**NOTE:** To be considered for the Freedom & Civil Rights Scholarship include a personal essay (350 - 500 words) demonstrating your efforts and achievements in furthering the values of the civil rights movement. Explain why the cause is still relevant in communities today and how they relate to your educational goals. Include any relevant volunteer experiences and community involvement activities relating to advancing the cause of civil rights.

## SACS Software/Scott Accounting & Computer Services, Inc. Scholarship (One scholarship available: \$5000.00)

SACS Software/Scott Accounting & Computer Services, Inc. has offered significant financial support to PHADA's scholarship program and has elected to reward one deserving youth with a \$5000.00 scholarship. PHADA appreciates their commitment to serving the needs of public housing residents and the community.

The scholarship fund will be administered by the PHADA Scholarship Committee. The money will go directly to the school that the recipient will be attending. The school will deposit the money into the student's account. The money may only be used to pay for tuition, books, and activities directly related to the student's education. If the student discontinues his or her education, the unused portion of the scholarship will be returned to PHADA. For further information, contact PHADA at (202) 546-5445.

### ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST

Please complete checklist. All documents must be typewritten in English. Please do not fold or staple documents.

- Status** – Applicant must be a **high school senior and reside in a PHADA member agency** owned or managed unit throughout his/her entire senior year. Public housing residents, Section 8 participants or other low-income housing residents are eligible, as long as the agency at which they reside is a PHADA member.
- Minimum Grade Point Average** – Student must have at least a **“B” average** on his/her school's applicable scale during his/her high school career, cumulatively, to be considered for the scholarship.  
**Note: School counselor must complete the Grade Point Average Verification form on the verification page of this application.**

**For consideration of these scholarships, applications must be completed in their entirety.  
Incomplete applications will not be considered.**


## REQUIREMENT CHECKLIST

Submit the following documents to the Executive Director of your housing authority.  
**All documents must be typewritten in English.** Please do not fold or staple documents.

Located on the  
PHADA website  
[www.phada.org!](http://www.phada.org)

### 1. Application

The application can be found on PHADA's website at [www.phada.org](http://www.phada.org). On the homepage, click the "PHADA Scholarship Application" link to fill out the online application form. You may also download a printed version, complete the form, save it to your computer and print a copy. Include this printed application in the packet of materials that you submit to your Executive Director.



The image shows a printed application form titled "2015 PHADA Scholarship Application". The form includes fields for Name, Phone Number, Address, City, State, Zip Code, Email, Parent's Cell Phone Number, Social Security Number, Grade in school, Graduation date, What is your desired Academic Major (if any), To which colleges have you applied?, To which colleges have you been accepted?, Describe your academic achievements (i.e., scholarships, awards, etc.), List extracurricular and/or volunteer activities in which you are currently participating (i.e., clubs, teams, etc.), Include the community activities in which you are currently participating (i.e., church, community service, etc.), Include extracurricular and community activities in which you have participated in the past, List any hobbies or special interests, and Include any jobs which you are holding or have held in the past. At the bottom, there is a note: "The housing authority must submit the application to PHADA. Thank you and good luck. In addition to the above information, you must provide the housing authority Executive Director with the items indicated on the 'Requirement Checklist' in the scholarship application packet." Below the form, there is a blue banner with the text: "Go to [www.phada.org](http://www.phada.org) and download the application."

### 2. Verification Page

(Located on the back of this information packet)

- **Grade Point Average Verification** (must be completed by your school counselor)
- **Certification** (sign this portion of the document before submitting it to your Executive Director)

### 3. School Transcript

You must provide an original and official copy of your high school transcript.

### 4. Two Letters of Recommendation

You must submit one teacher or guidance counselor recommendation and one personal, NON-Family, recommendation.

### 5. Essay

You must submit a **typewritten** essay in **English** addressing the following topic:

**How my public housing and high school experiences have influenced my life. (350–500 words)**

### 6. Would you like to be considered for the Freedom & Civil Rights Scholarship?

To be considered for the Freedom & Civil Rights Scholarship include a personal essay (350 - 500 words) demonstrating your efforts and achievements in furthering the values of the civil rights movement. Explain why the cause is still relevant in communities today and how they relate to your educational goals. Include any relevant volunteer experiences and community involvement activities relating to advancing the cause of civil rights.

### 7. Executive Director Responsibilities

- a. Student must be recommended by the Executive Director of the housing authority in a letter **signed** by the Executive Director for the application to be considered complete.
- b. The Executive Director is responsible for verifying all application requirements.
- c. **Application Fee** – A \$25.00 **non-refundable application fee** is required and must be paid by the sponsoring housing authority. All proceeds from the fee will be added to the scholarship award. Check should be made payable to PHADA.
- d. **Deadline** – All application materials must be received by PHADA **no later than January 30, 2015**. No Faxes will be accepted.
- e. Local promotion of the scholarship program is the responsibility of the housing authority. Each housing authority may submit up to two applications.

**VERIFICATION PAGE**

**Grade Point Average Verification**  
**(This section must be completed by school counselor)**

Counselor Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Grading Scale used by school (ex. 4 pt., 6 pt., 100 pt., etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

*\* Please convert GPA to 4.0 scale or 100 point system when completing the section below.*

9th Grade \_\_\_\_\_ 10th Grade \_\_\_\_\_ 11th Grade \_\_\_\_\_

12th Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_

*\*The student's official and original transcript must also be submitted with the application.*

**Certification**  
**(Must be signed by student and Executive Director)**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Please verify all information is provided. Incomplete applications will be rejected.**

I certify that all information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I further certify the application is complete and contains all items from the "Requirement Checklist," including the Housing Authority's non-refundable \$25 application fee.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Student Executive Director

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**2015 PHADA Scholarship Program**  
**Applications due to PHADA by January 30, 2015**

**NO EXCEPTIONS!**

**All documents must be typewritten in English. No handwritten applications will be accepted.**

**Mail** all required materials to:  
PHADA Scholarship Committee  
511 Capitol Court, NE  
Washington, DC 20002-4937