

Our Towns Habitat for Humanity Build Your Career Scholarship Program 2019-20

THE PROGRAM

The Kenney Family has established a scholarship program to assist students who have resided in a home secured by an Our Towns Habitat for Humanity mortgage for the past 12 months and who plan to continue their education in a college or vocational school program. Renewable scholarships may be offered for study at an accredited institution of the student's choice upon approval.

The purpose of this scholarship is to assist with the student's education for "building their career." This scholarship program is administered by the Scholarship Committee, of which the Kenney Family is a member. Awards are granted without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, age, gender, disability or national origin.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must:

- be high school seniors or graduates, students with a GED certificate, current postsecondary undergraduates or nontraditional students.
- be eligible and plan to enroll in a minimum of 3 credit hours (or equivalent) per term for the 2019-20 academic year in an undergraduate degree or certificate program of study at an accredited two-year or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school.
- be a full-time resident of a home secured by an Our Towns Habitat for Humanity mortgage for 12 months.
- be the mortgage holder, spouse, child, or someone in the legal guardianship of the mortgage holder. The mortgage holder must be in good standing with all terms of the Habitat for Humanity (HFH) mortgage agreement.
- provide proof of financial need by submitting the application and any college financial aid eligibility determination and/or award letter (*letter from your school's financial aid office*) with the application.

Only the first 5 qualified applications received will be considered for a scholarship award.

AWARDS

Scholarships for the 2019-20 academic year will be up to \$ 1,000. Award amounts will be based on the student's financial need, the annual comprehensive cost of attendance of the recipient's school of choice, and other gift aid (grants and scholarships) the student has been awarded. Scholarships are not to exceed tuition, fees, books and supplies.

Scholarships may be renewable with a new application each year for up to three years or until a diploma, degree or certificate is earned, whichever occurs first, on the basis of satisfactory academic performance (minimum 2.5 GPA or equivalent), minimum enrollment of 3 credit hours per term and the mortgage holder continuing to be in good standing with all terms of the Our Towns Habitat for Humanity mortgage agreement. Scholarships are for undergraduate study only.

APPLICATION

Interested students must complete the application and mail/email it along with their college financial aid eligibility determination and/or award letter and a current, complete transcript of grades to Our Towns Build Your Career Scholarship, postmarked no later than March 29, 2019. The Application must contain your name and your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) if applicable. Online transcripts must display student name, school name, grade and credit hours earned for each course, and term in which each course was taken. Grade reports are not acceptable.

Applicants are responsible for gathering and submitting all necessary information. Applications are evaluated on the information supplied; therefore, answer all questions as completely as possible.

Incomplete applications will not be evaluated. All information received is considered confidential and is reviewed only by the Scholarship Committee. The first 5 qualified applicants will be considered for a scholarship award.

SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS

Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of academic record, demonstrated leadership and participation in school and community activities, honors, work experience, statement of goals and aspirations, unusual personal or family circumstances, and an outside reference.

Selection of recipients is made by the Scholarship Committee. In no instance does the sponsor or any member of the Habitat for Humanity Family Services/Construction staff decide the finalists. All applicants agree to accept the decision of the Committee as final. Our Towns Habitat will inform all applicants of the decision. The first 5 qualified applicants will be considered for a scholarship award. Students may reapply to the program each year they meet eligibility requirements.

PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIPS

Our Towns Habitat for Humanity processes scholarship payments on behalf of the Scholarship Committee. Payments will be made on August 1 for the fall semester and December 30 for the spring semester (unless otherwise specified differently by the institution. *Checks are mailed and are made payable to the school for the student's benefit.* The Mortgage holder must continue to be in good standing with all terms of the Our Towns Habitat for Humanity mortgage agreement for the scholarship payment to be issued to the school.

OBLIGATIONS

Recipients have no obligation to the Kenney Family or Our Towns Habitat for Humanity. They are, however, required to notify the Scholarship Committee of any changes in address, school enrollment, or other relevant information and to send a complete transcript when requested.

REVISIONS

The sponsors reserve the right to review the conditions and procedures of this scholarship program and to make changes at any time, including termination of the program.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Questions regarding the scholarship program should be addressed to:

Our Towns Habitat for Humanity
Build Your Career Scholarship Program
PO Box 1088
Davidson, NC 28036
Phone: 704-896-8957
Email: scholarship@ourtownshabitat.org

APPLICATION CHECKLIST & INSTRUCTIONS

Your application submission should include the following:

- Application Form
- Typed essay, 900 words or less, responding to prompts below.
- High school or college/postsecondary transcript
- Documentation of financial need

ESSAY INSTRUCTIONS

In 900 words or less, submit a typed essay in response to one of the following prompts:

1. Explain how completing your intended program of study will enable you to positively contribute to society.
2. Lessons learned from life's obstacles can be fundamental to later success. Share a time when you faced a challenge, setback or failure, and explain how it affected you and what you learned from the experience.
3. Housing quality and stability can impact many areas of life, including educational outcomes, economic opportunity and health. Discuss how living in a Habitat home has made an impact on your life so far.

Applications may be submitted by mail, email or in person to:

Email: scholarship@ourtownshabitat.org (please attach all documents as PDF files)

Mail: Build Your Career Scholarship
Our Towns Habitat for Humanity
PO Box 1088, Davidson, NC 28036

In Person: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., at 20310 N. Main Street, Cornelius, NC 28031

APPLICATION QUESTIONNAIRE

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Applicant Name: _____

Have you lived in an Our Towns Habitat for Humanity-financed home for the past 12 months? _____

Name of Habitat Homeowner: _____

Relationship of Applicant to Habitat Homeowner: Child/Legal Dependent Spouse Self

Street Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

What is your current academic year? High School Senior Vocational Program

College/University: Freshman Sophomore Junior Other _____

Name of Current/Most Recent School: _____

School Address: _____

Graduation Date: _____ OR Date GED Awarded: _____
(use anticipated date if not yet graduated)

Current GPA: _____ Total SAT Score (if applicable): _____ Total ACT Score (if applicable): _____

Postsecondary School/Program you plan to attend: _____

Intended Major/Program of Study: _____

Are you currently enrolled? If not, what is anticipated enrollment date? (Month/Year only) _____

What is your anticipated program completion/graduation date? (Month/Year only) _____

ACADEMIC HONORS & EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY

Please list any academic awards/recognition you have received (please limit to 5): _____

Please list community service and extracurricular activities you participate in (please limit to 5): _____

Please list any employment or internship experiences (please limit to 5): (please limit to 5): _____

REFERENCES

Please provide the names and contact info for 3 personal references. These can be a teacher, coach, minister, mentor, employer, etc., who is not related to you.

Name: _____ Relationship to Applicant: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

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Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____