



Athens Area Human Relations Council, Inc.
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2026-2027 AAHRC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

I. BASIC INFORMATION: The Athens Area Human Relations Council, Inc. (AAHRC) will soon be selecting students for its annual scholarship. To qualify you must be a senior attending high-school in one of our member-represented counties: Clarke, Madison, Oconee, or Oglethorpe. **This year the AAHRC has established a scholarship portal and all documents and supporting material must be uploaded into the portal.** Students may create a username and password in the portal and complete the application online at their leisure. No documents or supporting information will be accepted by postal mail or email. The physical application is only intended as a guide so that the student will have an indication of the questions that will be asked in the scholarship portal. **The scholarship portal will open on Tuesday, September 1, 2026.** To access the portal, please visit our website at <https://www.humanrelationscouncil.org/general-scholarship>. Applications must be completed by 11:59 pm on **Friday, September 25, 2026.** Please direct all questions to scholarships@humanrelationscouncil.org.

The information provided on this page will be used for informational and statistical purposes only. Neither it nor student photographs will be used to score applications. The AAHRC does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, religion, nationality, handicap, etc. in the determination of scholarship recipients.

DATE:		HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT US?	
NAME:			
ADDRESS:		CITY/STATE/ZIP:	
CELL PHONE #:		HOME PHONE #:	
SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESS:			
EMAIL ADDRESS (NON-SCHOOL DISTRICT):			
SCHOOL:		CURRENT GRADE:	
DATE OF BIRTH:	GENDER: ☐ MALE ☐ FEMALE	RACE:	
PLEASE INCLUDE A CURRENT PHOTO. IS CURRENT PHOTO ATTACHED? ☐ YES ☐ NO			
NAME OF PARENTS/GUARDIANS:			
PARENTS/GUARDIANS PHONE NUMBER:			
PARENTS/GUARDIANS EMAIL ADDRESS:			

II. NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS: Need-based scholarships are awarded based on financial need (defined by AAHRC as low income and below) and meeting all other eligibility criteria. Please note that consideration for a needs-based scholarship will not exclude a student from also being considered for a merit-based scholarship. Would you like to be considered for a needs-based scholarship? ☐ YES ☐ NO If yes, please complete the information below. All income information will be kept confidential.							
# OF PEOPLE IN HOUSEHOLD:				YEARLY HOUSEHOLD INCOME:			
<i>I certify that the income provided on this form is true and correct as of the date set forth below. (Typed signature is acceptable for electronic submittals. Signature required for needs-based consideration only).</i> PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____							
YEARLY HOUSEHOLD INCOME LIMITS FOR NEEDS-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS							
1 person	2 people	3 people	4 people	5 people	6 people	7 people	8 people
\$56,100	\$64,100	\$72,100	\$80,100	\$86,550	\$92,950	\$99,350	\$105,750

III. Extra-Curricular School Activities (Please limit response to this page).

Extra Curricular School Activities	Position(s) Held	Length of Involvement (Ex: 1/2024-5/2025)

IV. Honors, Awards & Recognition While Attending High School

Honor, Awards & Recognition	Dates Received

V. Community Involvement (Civic, Religious, Social, Political, Athletic, or Other Activity)

Name of Organization	Position(s) Held	Length of Involvement (Ex: 1/2023 – 5/2025)

VI. Work Experience

Employer (including city/state)	Position(s) Held	Dates of Employment

VII. Future Plans

Educational and Career Goals:

VIII. Grades

You are required to have a copy of your transcript or other official document noting your G.P.A. emailed to the AAHRC at scholarships@humanrelationscouncil.org. Please request a copy of your transcript from your guidance counselor and have them email it to the address above. **Students may not email their own transcript.**

Grade Point Average:

IX. Recommendation Forms (See Attached)

Please ask two (2) adults to complete a recommendation form or write a recommendation letter for you. These individuals must be able to respond to questions about your academic ability, extracurricular activities, community involvement, or general character. They may not be related to you and they may not be members of the AAHRC. **The student may not email a form or letter on the recommender's behalf.** In the portal, enter the email address of the person who will be writing your recommendation. The system will send them a link to the recommendation.

X. Essay & Criteria

The essay must be between 400 – 500 words, type-written, double-spaced in 12-point black Times New Roman font. It should also contain your original thoughts and ideas. Plagiarism will not be tolerated and will result in your application being automatically disqualified.

"...I am cognizant of the interrelatedness of all communities and states. I cannot sit idly by in Atlanta and not be concerned about what happens in Birmingham. Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly affects

all indirectly. Never again can we afford to live with the narrow, provincial “outside agitator” idea. Anyone who lives inside the United States can never be considered an outsider anywhere in this country.”

– Martin Luther King, Jr. (Letter from a Birmingham Jail)

Essay Question (please note that the question has 2 parts): One of the legacies of the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was his deep commitment to justice for all people and his abhorrence for injustice. Identify two examples of injustices in the world today and discuss potential solutions to overcoming these injustices.

The following criteria will be used to score all 2026 - 2027 Scholarship Applications:			
Extra-Curricular School Activities	10 pts	Grades	10 pts
Awards/Honors/Recognition	5 pts	Recommendations (5 pts each)	10 pts
Community Involvement/Work Experience	10 pts	Essay	40 pts
Future Plans	5 pts	Overall Application (neatness, no errors, adherence to guidelines, etc.)	10 pts

XI. Miscellaneous

Application Due Date:

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If you have any problems or questions,

please call (706) 546-6799 or email scholarships@humanrelationscouncil.org

Authorizations & Agreements:

By submitting this application, you give the AAHRC permission to copy or recreate parts of your work for publicity purposes and to use your name and/or likeness for the same. You also acknowledge that the essay you are submitting is an original work. The AAHRC will not tolerate plagiarism. Plagiarism is defined as taking (ideas, writings, etc.) from another and passing them off as one's own. In order to avoid plagiarism, you must use quotation marks when citing all or part of another author's work and give proper credit to the appropriate person or source. Any applicant caught engaging in plagiarism will be automatically disqualified and have his/her application rejected and scholarship rescinded.