



Athens Area Human Relations Council, Inc.
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2025-2026 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. All documents and supporting materials must be submitted via email to scholarships@humanrelationscouncil.org. No materials will be accepted by postal mail. Applications must be received by 11:59 pm on Friday, September 26, 2025.

The information provided on this page will be used for informational and statistical purposes only. Neither it nor student photographs will be made available to the judges. Prior to scoring, the Scholarship Committee will give each applicant a numerical or alphabetical designation. 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:	
NAME OF PARENTS/GUARDIANS:			
DATE OF BIRTH:	GENDER: ☐ MALE ☐ FEMALE		RACE:
PLEASE INCLUDE A CURRENT PHOTO. IS CURRENT PHOTO ATTACHED? ☐ YES ☐ NO			

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:
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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).

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
\$52,850	\$60,400	\$67,950	\$75,450	\$81,500	\$87,550	\$93,600	\$99,600

APPLICANT DESIGNATION:

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

[illegible]

IV. Honors, Awards & Recognition While Attending High School

[illegible]

APPLICANT DESIGNATION:

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 recommendation form or letter must be emailed directly from the recommender to the AAHRC at scholarships@humanrelationscouncil.org. **The student may not email a form or letter on the recommender's behalf.**

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. You may type the essay in the space allotted at the end of the application or you may type it in a brand new document and submit it separately. (If you choose to submit the essay separately, you may put your name on an essay cover sheet but not on the essay pages themselves. The cover sheet will be removed prior to scoring).

"...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.

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The following criteria will be used to score all 2023 - 2024 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:

To be considered for a 2025-2026 scholarship, application, essay and supplemental materials must be completed and submitted by 11:59 pm on Friday, September 26, 2025. Supplemental materials include official transcript and recommendation forms/letters. The AAHRC will not accept any materials by postal mail. All applications, essays, and supplemental materials must be submitted to the Scholarship Committee by email to scholarships@humanrelationscouncil.org.

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.

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ESSAY (please begin typing below):



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RECOMMENDATION FORM 1

Please respond to the following questions thoroughly. Be sure to type your answers in the space provided. You may also respond to these questions in a letter of recommendation. This form or the letter of recommendation must be emailed to the Scholarship Committee at the following email address: scholarships@humanrelationscouncil.org by 11:59 pm on Friday, September 26, 2025. The Human Relations Council will not be accepting any materials by postal mail. The person completing the recommendation must email it directly to the Scholarship Committee. Thank you for your cooperation.

APPLICANT NAME: [Insert Applicant Name]

- 1. Please describe your estimate of the applicant's abilities and character; include work habits, punctuality, attitude, sense of commitment and responsibility.**

- 2. Please describe your estimate of the applicant's probable success in his/her chosen program of education or career goal.**

- 3. Other Comments...**

NAME:

DATE:

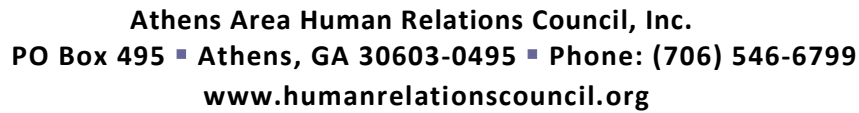
TITLE/SCHOOL OR ORGANIZATION:

RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT:

PHONE:

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE NOTIFIED IF APPLICANT IS AWARDED A SCHOLARSHIP?

IF YES, PLEASE PROVIDE EMAIL ADDRESS:



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3. Other Comments...

NAME:	DATE:
TITLE/SCHOOL OR ORGANIZATION:	
RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT:	PHONE:
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