



Building Our Community

BLUE RIDGE HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION

Work Force Development

Scholarship Fund Application Packet

The Blue Ridge Home Builders Association (BRHBA) is a 501(c)6, non-profit organization. The BRHBA mission is to serve as the advocate and resource for the area home building industry.

BRHBA has established this scholarship to assist our youth in focusing on a career in the construction industry. BRHBA has worked with local officials within our affiliation territory (Albemarle, City of Charlottesville, Fluvanna, Greene, Madison, and Nelson Counties) to bring notice for the pressing need for a better educated and trained construction industry workforce. Through our partnership with the Home Builders Association of Virginia (HBAV) and the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), BRHBA is working closely with Piedmont Virginia Community College (PVCC) and Charlottesville-Albemarle Technical Education Center (CATEC) to engage in construction-related educational activities that help young people understand and pursue rewarding careers in the construction industry.

Applications are available to anyone applying to an apprenticeship program that either lives in any of our city and county jurisdictions or attends High Schools and Technical Centers beginning in January of each year. There will be six up to \$1000 scholarships available in 2021. Awards will be given in August and be paid directly to the educational institution.

Applicants should be students in good standing at an area secondary education program or post-secondary education (community colleges) or trades program and recommended by their instructors with a strong interest in the construction industry or related trades who desire to pursue post-secondary training and/or education opportunities. An applicant should demonstrate an interest in obtaining employment in the construction industry upon graduation.

Applicants must live in either Albemarle county, the city of Charlottesville, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, Madison, or Nelson Counties to apply. They must be pursuing fields of real estate development and/or construction, including air conditioning, plumbing, and heating technology, electrical, carpentry, design-build, construction materials handling, job site supervision, estimating, construction planning, surveying, construction information management, business management, construction management or technology or technology and CAD drafting. For more information to apply, please visit the BRHBA website at www.brhba.org

Application Deadline	Applications should be received at the BRHBA office by April 30, 2021 . Applications received after the deadline may not be considered.
Eligibility	Applicant should be Virginia high school senior <u>OR</u> currently enrolled in a post-secondary program in Virginia, have a minimum 2.5 GPA and pursuing a construction industry related career.
Awards	The six scholarship award amounts will be up to \$1000 each.
Process	Applications are reviewed individually and objectively scored by an independent committee – criteria include academic performance, construction experience and/or desire to learn about the construction industry and building trades.

To be considered, the following **MUST BE INCLUDED** with application:

1. **School Transcripts**
2. **A minimum of ONE academic Recommendation is required – TWO recommendations would be helpful but is not necessary. Your recommender should return the form to you either in a sealed envelope, signed across the seal, for you to return with your application OR you can have your recommender email it to you and then you can submit it along with your application to info@brhba.org**
3. **Brief Essay by applicant explaining your interest in becoming a professional in the construction industry. Identify and describe your experience with the construction industry and career goals. (Please do not exceed one-page, minimum font size is 12 pt. If written, please print.)**

Submit Application and all supporting documents to:

**Blue Ridge Home Builders Association
Attn: Work Force Development Scholarship
2330 Commonwealth Drive
Charlottesville, VA 22901**

Or email to info@brhba.org



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ACADEMIC RECOMMENDATION FORM

(MINIMUM OF ONE REQUIRED ... Please print or type)

1. Applicant _____

Name

School

Instructions to Applicant: Complete sections 1 & 2 and give this form to the instructor or advisor who is familiar with your academic work. You should allow at least two weeks for completion of the form. Your recommender should return the form to you either in a sealed envelope, signed across the seal, for you to return with your application OR you can have your recommender email it to you and then you can submit it along with your application to info@brhba.org

2. Courses – provide courses taken from the person recommending you, if any:

Course Number	Course Title	When Taken	Grade

Please indicate any other personal association you have had with the person recommending you.

Instructions to Recommender: Please complete this form and return it to the applicant in a sealed envelope, with your signature across the seal. The applicant must submit your recommendation as part of his/her completed application by the RECEIPT deadline. If you do not know the applicant well or are unable to make a judgment in a category, please indicate this. Such frankness will not prejudice the candidate’s application for funding.

How long have you known the applicant? _____ In what capacity? _____

What contributions has the applicant made on campus and to the Community? _____

Please rate the applicant compared to a representative group of students you have known during your career:

	Superior (Top 1%)	Outstanding (Top 5%)	Excellent (Top 20%)	Good (Top 1/3)	Avg./Poor (Lower ½)	Unable to Judge
Intellectual ability						
Ability to work with others						
Leadership Ability						
Problem-solving skills						
Initiative						
Dependability/Maturity						
Overall potential						

Many talented individuals achieve marginal academic records. In your opinion, is the applicant’s academic record an accurate index of his/her academic ability? YES NO Don’t know

If your answer is NO, please explain on the back of this form, considering the applicant’s work schedule and other conflicts.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Recommender’s Name (Please print or type): _____

School: _____ Title: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

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BRHBA WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY

Essay by Applicant _____

Please explain why you are interested in becoming a professional in the housing industry. Identify and describe your experience with the construction industry and your career goals.

(Please do not exceed one-page, minimum font size is 12 pt. If written, please print. Use this sheet if handwritten or attach a sheet to this form if printed.)

Applicant must include their essay with their main application and mail to:

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BRHBA WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

(Please Print or Type)

APPLICANT INFORMATION		
Applicant's Name:		
Applicant's Address:	City:	Zip:
Email address:	Phone:	
Parent/Guardian Name:	Phone:	
School Currently Attending:		GPA:
Current Grade:	Field of Study:	
List any Extra-Curricular Activities:		
Full Name of School you will be attending:		
VOLUNTEER/WORK HISTORY (Additional Room on Pg. 2)		
Do you do volunteer work? Yes or No	Organization:	Avg Hrs/Wk:
Are you currently employed? Yes or No	Employer:	Avg Hrs/Wk:
Previous Employers:		
AWARDS/HONORS RECEIVED/ACCOMPLISHMENTS (Include Year Earned)(Additional Room on Pg. 2)		
Awards & Honors:		
Accomplishments:		

NOTE: Be sure to include your essay and a minimum of one instructor or advisor recommendation with your application. If any documentation is missing or spaces left blank, your application will NOT be considered.

By my signature below, I affirm that the information provided is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I authorize BRHBA to verify the correctness of these statements to appraise this application. I also authorize BRHBA to use information about and from my application for public relations purposes and for other scholarship or funding opportunities.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

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Applicant's Name:	
(Continued from Pg. 1) Companies or Organizations where you have volunteered	
(Continued from Pg. 1) Companies or Organizations where you have recently worked	
(Continued from Pg. 1) Awards, Honors & Accomplishments (INCLUDE Year)	

APPLICATION CHECK LIST:

Completed Application: _____ Current School Transcripts with GPA: _____ Student Essay: _____
 Academic Recommendation Form (Minimum of 1 required): _____
 List any association you may have with a member or members of BRHBA.

Signature of Applicant	Printed Name	Date
Signature of Parent/Guardian	Printed Name	Date

Questions? Please contact us at 434-973-8652 or via email at info@brhba.org

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