

# Salisbury-Rowan COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY, INC.

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To Whom It May Concern,

We are pleased to inform you of an exclusive scholarship opportunity tailored specifically for graduating seniors who are former Head Start students. This initiative aims to support the educational aspirations of individuals who have previously benefited from the Head Start/Early Head Start program.

The scholarship provides financial assistance for post-secondary education, offering a valuable opportunity for eligible candidates to pursue their academic and career goals. As a former Head Start participant, you possess unique experiences and qualities that make you an ideal candidate for this scholarship.

This initiative reflects our commitment to empowering individuals like yourself to achieve academic success and make meaningful contributions to their communities.

Details regarding eligibility criteria, application procedures, and deadlines are provided in this communication. **Please be advised all applications will need to be submitted no later than 5:00pm Est on Monday March 4, 2024 to ensure the Grantee has time to submit the final document to the North Carolina Head Start Association.** We encourage you to seize this opportunity and embark on the next phase of your educational journey with confidence.

For any inquiries or additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Chandrika Cozart at [chandrikacozart@srcaa.com](mailto:chandrikacozart@srcaa.com) or 7042162465.

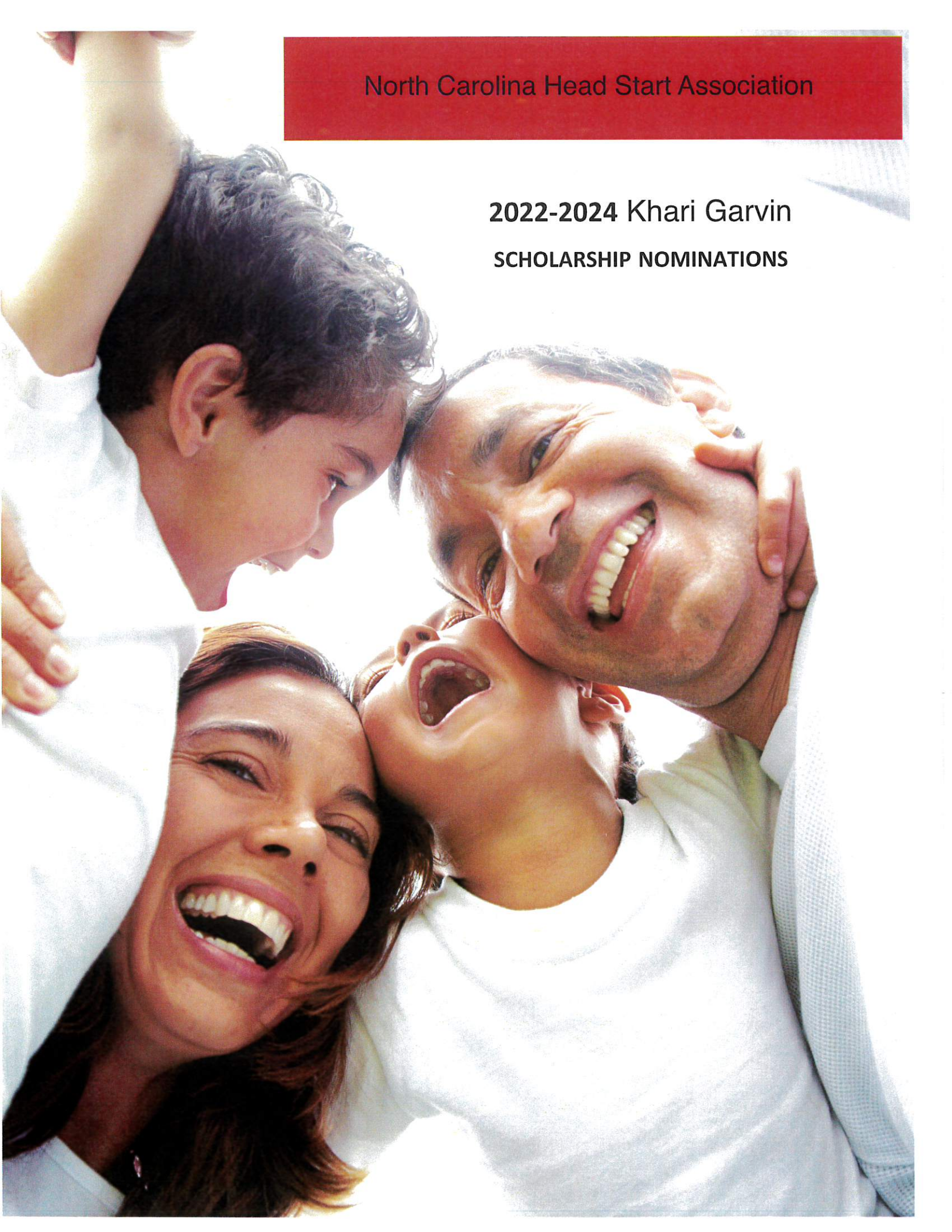
We look forward to supporting you in your pursuit of higher education.

Warm regards,

Carolyn Curry,

Head Start/Early Head Start Program Director





North Carolina Head Start Association

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SCHOLARSHIP NOMINATIONS**

# Guidelines & Applications for NCHSA Scholarships

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## Scholarship for Head Start Alumni, High School Senior

### Description

This scholarship is designed to recognize a Head Start graduate who is making significant contributions to their community and to encourage their continuing education at an institution of higher learning. Two recipients are selected for this scholarship. The scholarship recipient will receive a commemorative plaque and is eligible to receive a one-time scholarship award of \$1500 to be applied to an institution of higher learning for the attainment of an undergraduate degree. The recipient must send NCHSA proof of eligibility (acceptance or enrollment at an institution of higher learning, class schedule and 2.5 cumulative GPA) to receive the scholarship award.

### Criteria

1. Applicant must be a former student and graduate of Head Start.
2. The local program must be a current member of NCHSA
3. Applicant must submit proof of acceptance or enrollment in an institution of higher learning.

This application is due to

**Due to chandrikacozart@srcaa.com by March 4.**

### NCHSA General Rules and Regulations:

1. Applications submitted on incorrect forms will not be considered.
2. Local programs are responsible for all expenses related to the application process. NCHSA is not responsible for expenses related to the attendance of regional nominees or recipients at the annual awards gala.
3. Send 5 high-resolution digital images in jpg format along with your submission for inclusion in the awards ceremony program.

### APPLYING FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP

#### Questionnaire (70 points)

On a separate sheet, respond to each question in 500 words or less. The maximum point value is indicated in parentheses. Judges will rate specific, not subjective, information.

1. (30 points) Financial need: Include a brief statement of the need for financial assistance.
2. (40 points) Educational and Personal Goals: Discuss your goals and an aspiration for furthering your education and the role Head Start/Early Head Start has played in your education. Include the years that you attended Head Start/Early Head Start.

#### Letters of Reference (30 points)

Include three letters of reference from people who can verify the nominee's work, volunteer service, and other activities. Letters will be judged on specific information and should be no longer than one typewritten page. Judges will rate the overall effectiveness of the letters. Applications that do not include all three references will not be considered for this award.

## Celebrating Head Start Heroes

### Scholarship for Head Start Alumni, High School Senior

Be sure to complete the form below in its entirety.  
All fields are required. Please type or print clearly.

**For Administrative Use Only:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Local Program Director  
*initial here before submitting to the state association.*

\_\_\_\_\_ State Association President  
*initial here before submitting to RIVHSA*

**Nominee**

Nominee		Social Security #		Date	
State		Program Member #		Individual Member #	
Mailing Address of Nominee					
City		State		Zip Code	
Telephone		E-Mail			

**Head Start/Early Head Start Director**

Name					
Telephone		Fax			
E-mail					

**Nominating Grantee** (Use agency information not the local center. Indicate the formal grantee name; no abbreviations)

Name					
Grantee Mailing Address					
City		State		Zip Code	
Telephone		Fax			

**Submission Checklist:** Check each box to indicate that required materials are attached.

- Application Form
- Proof of acceptance at or enrollment in an institution of higher learning
- Letters of reference

Statements:

- Financial Need
- Educational and Personal Goals

**Application Process:** Nominations will be processed by phase as indicated below:

- **NOMINEE:** Submit all items listed above to your local Head Start/Early Head Start grantee
- **GRANTEE:** Submit local recipients to your state association. Contact your state association for filing deadline.
- **STATE ASSOCIATION:** Submit state recipients to **NCHSA by March 12, 2024** filing deadline.