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Scholarships for Assisted Residents

The Pacific Northwest Regional Council of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (PNRC-NAHRO) is pleased to announce its Scholarship Program for 2011. The Scholarship Program provides opportunities for graduating high school seniors, and those wishing to continue their education, who are residing in housing assisted by public housing agencies. PNRC-NAHRO will award scholarships to eligible applicants within the Pacific Northwest region (including Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Alaska):

Challenge College Scholarship

The Challenge College Scholarship is for graduating high school seniors who will be going on to attend a four year accredited college or university. Two scholarships are awarded in this category:

- ▶ One \$10,000 scholarship for a graduating high school senior attending a 4-year college program of study. (awarded to the highest-ranked Challenge College Scholarship applicant as determined by the PNRC-NAHRO Regional Jury.)
- ▶ One \$4,000 scholarship for graduating high school seniors attending a 4-year college program of study.

Continuing Education Scholarship

One \$4,000 scholarship awarded to an individual who has been out of high school for at least four years and wishes to pursue either a college education or other professional training.

Community College Scholarship

One \$2,000 scholarship awarded to a graduating high school senior attending a 2-year community college program of study.



Applicants will be judged based on their academic achievement (grades & college entrance exam scores), community involvement and service, extracurricular activities or work experience, their written motivational essay, and the neatness and format of the application. Eligible applicants must attend an accredited institution full time and maintain a GPA of at least 2.50.

For more information about the PNRC-NAHRO Scholarships, [contact Melanie Fletcher](#), or download an application:

[Challenge Scholarship Application](#)
[Continuing Education Scholarship Application](#)
[Community College Scholarship Application](#)

Mail completed applications to: Washington County Department of Housing Services, ATTN: Melanie Fletcher, 111 NE Lincoln Street #200-L, Hillsboro OR 97124.

Completed applications for any of the scholarships listed must be received by the Department of Housing Services no later than February 18, 2013 to be considered for submission. Incomplete applications, and applications received after the due date, will not be considered.

School Spotlight: Proven Ways Parents can Help their Kids in School

You want your child or children to succeed. Have you ever wondered if there is more you can do at home to help your kids be successful in school?

Reading is Fundamental, the largest children's literacy non-profit in the United States, offers these tips:

Make Time Count: Use car time to talk with your children. There's no phone or television to interfere. No one can get up and leave. And kids know they really have your ear.

Reading to your Child: Help your child start a home library; paperback books are fine. Encourage your child to swap books with friends. Check used book stores. Give books as gifts.

Building Self-Esteem: Constantly look for ways to tell your children what you like about them, and that you love them. There is no age limit on this. "When I do something well, no one ever remembers. When I do something wrong, no one ever forgets." Those words were written by a high school dropout.

Discipline: For better discipline, speak quietly. If you speak in a normal tone of voice, even when you're angry, you'll help your child see how to handle anger appropriately. And if you don't scream at your kids, they're less likely to scream at each other or at you.

Solving School Problems: Make report cards a positive experience. Preparation: Ask, "What do you think your report card will tell us?" Getting ready is helpful. Perspective: Understand that a report card is just one small measure of your child. A child with poor grades still has plenty of strengths. Positive action: Find something to praise. Focus on how to improve.

Building Responsibility: Help children understand, and take responsibility for, the consequences of their choices: "I chose to do my homework; the result was that I got an 'A' on my math test." "I chose to get up 15 minutes late; the result was that I missed breakfast and nearly missed the bus."

Reinforcing Learning: Encourage kids to collect things. Whether they collect rocks, shells, leaves, or bugs is not important. By collecting, children are learning new ways to make sense of their world.

Homework: Look over your child's homework every day. Start at an early age and keep it up as long as you can. Praise good work. Your interest will encourage good work.



For more tips on ways you can help your children do better in school, [visit Reading is Fundamental](#).

Winter Safety

Winter is a wonderful time of year. Spending time with your family, the many holidays, the New Year, snow and the warmth from a fireplace all remind us of the upcoming season.

The National Safety Council would like to remind all of us:

Home fires are more prevalent in the winter months than any other season. Cooking is the leading cause of all winter residential building fires. Other winter fire hazards include space heaters, fireplaces and candles.

The cold weather increases your chances of getting frostbite or hypothermia. Between the years of 1999-2004, an average of 647 people died each year from hypothermia.

Winter sports can be risky! In 2009, over 16,000 Americans were treated for head injuries in emergency rooms because of playing winter sports (skiing, sledding, snowboarding, snowmobiling).

Fatal crashes were 14% more likely to happen on the first snowy day of the season than on days following. It takes drivers a few days to regain their sense of driving in this weather.

According to the CDC, most carbon monoxide poisonings happen in January; the second most in December. Carbon monoxide detectors save lives, but less than one-third of American homes have one installed.

For details about how to prepare for Winter weather, [visit the National Safety Council's Winter Safety page](#).

Homework Help (and more!) from your Local Library!

Parents: did you know that Washington County Cooperative Library Services offers homework help?

Teens can access newspaper and magazine articles to help with homework, college prep and job searches. Visit the [Teen Homework Help](#) page for more information.

Kids ages 6 - 12 can also find homework help, games, and story times on the [Big Kids](#) page.

There are also online [resources for children from birth to age 6](#), as well as [parents and caregivers](#). Get tips on getting kids ready to read, toddler and preschool story times, Internet safety and more.

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