

# **RISING STAR AWARD**



## **HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF HIGH POINT**

500 E. Russell Ave.  
High Point, North Carolina 27260

**Nomination Deadline: Noon – Friday, July 26, 2024**

## About the Rising Star Award

In 2014, the **Rising Star Award** was created to encourage and award exceptional accomplishments of high school students who are current Housing Authority of the City of High Point (HPHA) program participants. This award is intended to recognize an emerging leader whose record reflects ongoing and exceptional growth in academics, leadership and community responsibility.

The **Rising Star Award** is an extension of the Pillars of Fame Award that was established in 2005. The *Pillars of Fame* was modeled after the *Wall of Fame* in Columbia, South Carolina. The Housing Authority of the City of High Point has always been concerned for the well-being of youth in our communities and wanted a way to present positive, encouraging images and role models.

The **Rising Star** honoree will receive a \$500 Seeds-to-Success Endowment Scholarship that was established by the Executive Roundtable, comprised of HPHA's Public Housing Resident Council members.

*The 2024 honoree will be announced at the Annual Pillars of Fame ceremony on **September 18, 2024**.*

## Eligibility

**The Rising Star Award nominees should meet the following criteria:**

- must be a current junior or senior high school student or 2024 high school graduate and HPHA program participant
- must have a 3.5 or higher GPA (**NOTE:** HPHA may accept 3.0 GPA if no 3.5 GPA nominations are received);
- must provide documentation to include previous year's year-end report card AND most recent report card; two (2) letters of recommendation from teacher, principal or other high school faculty member (**NOTE:** letters from relatives are unacceptable); proof of extra-curriculum activities; and proof of community service involvement;
- must provide a response to one (1) of the following essay questions in 250 – 500 words:
  1. **Why is it important to have a strong community, what would you change about your community and how would you go about implementing that change?**
  2. **What do you consider to be the single most important societal problem? Why?**
- must consent to be interviewed by the selection committee if additional information is required;
- **must commit to attend the induction ceremony;** and
- must agree to periodically dedicate time and effort to the High Point community by serving as a role model to present and future HPHA program participants.

**NOTE:** *Current HPHA employees and/or Commissioners and their immediate family members are ineligible for consideration.*

## Nominations

**All nominations must follow the listed criteria and contain the requested information:**

- Nominees may nominate themselves or be nominated.
- There is no nomination fee.

**Please submit required criteria in the following order:**

- All nominations must be submitted in a three-ring binder or notebook with a clear plastic cover on the front.
- The ***Rising Star Award*** nomination form should be first in the notebook followed by the eligibility documentation.
- Sections should be divided by tabs.
- Include any certificates, awards and/or additional materials about the applicant.
- Front outside plastic cover should contain a sheet of paper with the applicant's name and a 5" x 7" or 8" x 10" professional photograph of the applicant. (Include a disc with a digital picture in high resolution, minimum 150dpi – 300dpi, to be used for publication, if selected.)

Please Print

## Nominee Contact Information

Name:

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Present Address:

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Street/Mailing Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip

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Home Phone Cell Phone

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Which program is the nominee a participant? Public Housing Section 8

Date nominee became a program participant of High Point Housing Authority: \_\_\_\_\_

Head of Household's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Head of Household's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## Education

CURRENT SCHOOL	CURRENT GRADE LEVEL	ANTICIPATED GRADUATION DATE

Nominator's Contact Information (if other than nominee):

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

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Home Phone Office Phone Cell Phone

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Community

Please list all clubs and/or community organization involvement:

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Please list all honors and awards:

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*Applications may be mailed or delivered to:*

**HIGH POINT HOUSING AUTHORITY**

**Attn: Rising Star Nomination**

**500 E. Russell Ave. ~ High Point, NC 27260**

**NO NOMINATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER THE DEADLINE**

*For more information contact (336) 878-2334*