

2023

SCHOLARSHIP PACKAGE

Scholarships and Awards Instructions for Region VI Applicants

TO Region VI Head Start Association State Presidents & State Collaboration DirectorsFROM Region VI Head Start Association

DATE April 3, 2023

RE: Region VI Head Start Association Scholarship Application Booklet

The Region VI Head Start Association Booklet of Awards and Scholarships is attached. This booklet will be e-mailed to each State President and Collaboration Director, to be shared with each Head Start/Early Head Start grantee. Grantees are asked to share the scholarship information with **staff, parents, former Head Start students, volunteers and friends of Head Start.**

The Region VI Scholarships and Awards are given annually; therefore, each local agency can begin its selection process early, to submit to your State Association prior to the due date. **PLEASE NOTE:** Grantees in each state can only submit ONE (1) SCHOLARSHIP/AWARD APPLICATION <u>PER CATEGORY</u>.

NOTE: Previous recipients of **REGION VI SCHOLARSHIPS OR AWARDS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE**. Please read and follow instructions in completing all applications.

Region VI Scholarships and Awards Submission Deadlines:

Deadline	Submitting Agency	Receiving Agency
May 3, 2023	Local Applicant to grantee	Local HS/EHS Agency
June 3, 2023	Grantee to local agency contact	State Associations Contacts (below)
July 3, 2023	Local Agency to State Association	Region VI HSA - Dr. Alferma Giles

LOCAL GRANTEES: Submit **ELECTRONIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS** to the State Head Start Association contacts below from your state. Please adhere to the application deadlines. Hand mailed, late, incomplete & handwritten applications will not be excepted! No exceptions!

State	Contact	Address	Telephone/E-mail
C L 1		Arkansas Head Start-State Collaboration Office Union Station Building 1400 West Markham, Ste 406 Little Rock, AR 72201	(501) 371-0740 jackie.govan@arheadstart.org
Louisiana	Johnnie Belle Chavis	Save the Children 3600 Jackson Street, Suite 114 Alexandria, LA. 71301	jchavis@savechildren.org
Oklahoma	Donna M. Hicks	Big Five Community Services 910 W. Main Marietta, OK 73448	Office 580-276-3198 Mobile 580-238-0123 dmhicks@bigfive.org
New Mexico	Ernestine Padilla	Youth Development, Inc. Early Childhood Education & Development Division 3451 Candelaria Rd NE, Suite A Albuquerque, NM 87107	(505) 212-7202 empadilla@ydinm.org
Texas	Dr. Alferma Giles Scholarship Chairperson	Texas Head Start State Collaboration Office 7000 Fannin St., Suite 2300 Houston, TX 77030	(713) 500-3835 alferma.crawford@uth.tmc.edu



REGION VI HEAD START SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

- 1. Allie J. Mitchell Scholarship (Head Start Graduates)
- 2. Goodie Wickland (Parent Scholarship)
- **3.** Volunteer of the Year Award
- 4. Head Start Staff Education Scholarship
- 5. Friend of Head Start Award

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Grantee & State Associations

Submit Region VI Head Start Scholarship and Awards to:

Texas Head Start State Collaboration Office Dr. Alferma Giles alferma.crawford@uth.tmc.edu

Local Level — Grantee: ONE (1) SCHOLARSHIP/AWARD APPLICATION PER CATEGORY FROM EACH GRANTEE CAN BE SUBMITTED.

- Applicants at the local level/grantee, submit applications to grantee program by May 3, 2023.
- **Grantee submitting applications** must have met eligibility criteria for:
 - 1. Membership in State Association (provide proof of agency membership)
 - 2. Contributor to NHSA Dollar Per Child Campaign (provide proof of agency contribution)
- Grantee makes selections and submit applications to State Association Contact (as identified by state) by June 3, 2023.

State Association

- State Association contact determines eligibility, screens applications according to criteria and confirms selections from their respective state.
- State Association contact emails applications with all certification to the email address listed above to the scholarship chairperson by July 3, 2023.

Region VI Selection Process

- Region VI Head Start Association contact (scholarship chairperson) will review all Region VI Scholarships/Award Applications from each state.
- Winners/Recipients of Region VI Scholarships/Awards, State Associations and Collaboration Directors will be notified of selections no later than July 10, 2023.

Please follow all instructions in the application process in order to qualify.

HAND MAILED, LATE, INCOMPLETE & HANDWRITTEN APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED! NO EXCEPTIONS!

TO: Head Start Family

FROM: Region VI Head Start Association Instructions for awards and scholarships

The Region VI Head Start Association strongly encourages each local grantee or delegate program to seek nominees to apply for the awards and scholarships described in this booklet. It is our goal to continue to recognize deserving individuals who are making outstanding contributions to Head Start programs.

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE <u>TYPEWRITTEN</u>! HANDWRITTEN APPLICATIONS <u>WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED</u>!
- 2. Grantee or delegate must review all applications prior to submitting them to the State Association contacts listed.
- 3. Submit ONE (1) SCHOLARSHIP/AWARD APPLICATION PER CATEGORY from each grantee!
- 4. Each state must maintain complete copies of the application, selection process, minutes from committee meetings or conference calls, and all pertinent information reviewed to ascertain a fair decision.
- 5. Descriptions, application procedure and rating criteria are described for each award or scholarship.
- 6. An announcement of winners will be emailed to State Presidents to inform their applicants of the results. Head Start Collaboration Directors will be asked to support with contacting awardees as needed.
- 7. Scholarships/Awards will be presented during the Region VI Head Start Association Conference. Scholarship recipients are encouraged to attend but is not mandatory.
- 8. Region VI Head Start Association will not be responsible for travel of winners or nominees to attend the conference.
- 9. <u>Head Start/Early Head Start Agency</u> must be a member of the State Head Start Association in your respective state. *Please provide documentation*.
- 10. Each agency (of the applicant that applies) must participate in the Dollar per Child Campaign. *Please provide documentation of participation for the applicant to submit.*
- 11. Each grantee will select one applicant per scholarship/award category to submit to the state association contact in their state to review and submit to the Region VI HSA.
- 12. The Awards and Recognition Committee will review the final selection from each state to ensure all information is included. Failure to meet any of the criteria and the above information will result in automatic elimination. As a result, the state will forfeit the opportunity to receive the scholarship or award.



ALLIE J. MITCHELL SCHOLARSHIP

FORMER HEAD START STUDENT

REGION VI HEAD START ASSOCIATION ALLIE J. MITCHELL SCHOLARSHIP FORMER HEAD START STUDENT

ELIGIBLE APPLICANT

Former Head Start student who has recently graduated from High School

SCHOLARSHIP TO BE AWARDED

\$1,000.00 for each State's Nominee to be paid to the institution where student is enrolled.

QUALIFICATIONS - INFORMATION NEEDED TO APPLY

A Head Start graduate who has **recently graduated high school**, and has enrolled in a fouryear college, a junior college, a technical or vocational school, beauty school, business college, truck driving school, trade school, etc., or a Head Start graduate currently enrolled with at least one semester or quarter completed. (Applicant employed by a Head Start agency is ineligible).

Each state may submit only one application to be considered for the award. This applicant is to be chosen by the State Association from applications received from eligible applicants via local Head Start Grantees.

Application must have the following attached:

- 1. A letter **or** statement from institution verifying that applicant has enrolled. If student is currently enrolled, letter/statement must include that applicant is in good academic standings, **or** verification must be noted on the student's transcript.
- 2. A copy of transcript from college attached to application (if currently enrolled)
- 3. Letter of reference from Head Start Program Director
- 4. Composition of five hundred words or less must be attached defining or discussing each of the areas listed:
 - Personal goals
 - Financial needs of applicant
 - Plan for completing current college degree/education
- 5. Recipient must provide a follow-up report to the Region VI Head Start Association within six-months of receiving the \$1,000.00.
 - The report must include how the funds were actually used toward education coursework or degree.

REGION VI HEAD START ASSOCIATION ALLIE J. MITCHELL SCHOLARSHIP CHECK LIST

1.	 Completed application form (typewritten) A copy of transcript A letter or statement from institution verifying that applicant is enrolled and in good standing with institution or verification must be noted on the student's transcript. 	
2.	Paragraph of financial assistance needs	
3.	Personal goal statement	
4.	Composition of applicant's plans for furthering his/her education	
5.	Letter of reference from Head Start Program Director	

NOTE: **Remember all compositions must be typed**. Also, any additional information which the student feels could help in their competition, can be submitted, such as copies of awards, recognition, pictures, etc. Be creative!!! The more visuals and information that the Committee can see will help it in their decision. The Committee is interested in seeing the accomplishments the Head Start Students have made in their lives. Information submitted will not be returned.

JUDGING POINT SYSTEM

Each applicant will be judged in the areas as stated below: M		MAX. POINTS	TOTAL
•	Completeness of typed application	10	
•	Paragraph of financial assistance needs	30	
•	Personal goal statement	20	
•	Composition of plans for furthering his/her education	on 20	
•	Letter of reference from Head Start Director	20	
Total Poin	ts	100	

REGION VI HEAD START ASSOCIATION ALLIE J. MITCHELL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

HANDWRITTEN APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!

NAME OF APPLICANT: _		
DATE OF BIRTH:	STUDENT C	OLLEGE ID#:
MAILING ADDRESS (stud	'ent):	
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP CODE:
TELEPHONE:	EMAIL:	
CURRENT OCCUPATION	l:	
HEAD START PROGRAM	I GRADUATED FROM & I	ENROLLMENT DATES:
HIGH SCHOOL & GRADU	UATION DATE:	
INVOLVEMENT IN LOCA	AL HEAD START PROGRA	AM:
COMMUNITY SERVICE	WORK:	
COLLEGE/INSTITUTION	NOW ATTENDING OR E	NROLLED TO ATTEND:
COLLEGE/INSTITUTION	- FINANCIAL AID OFFIC	CE ADDRESS:
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP CODE:
(Where the award check will be	mailed. Please check with the in	nstitution to ensure the address is correct)
FIELD OF STUDY:		
HOURS OR SEMESTERS	ACQUIRED TO DATE (if a	any):
		TO ATTEND SCHOOL:
APPLICANT'S SIGNATUR	RE:	DATE:
HEAD START DIRECTOR NAME & LOCATION OF 1	X'S SIGNATURE & DATE: HEAD START PROGRAM	:
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GOODIE WICKLAND PARENT SCHOLARSHIP

GOODIE WICKLAND PARENT SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBLE APPLICANT

A parent who currently has a child enrolled **or** a parent who has had a child previously enrolled (**within the last two years**) in a Head Start Program. (Parents employed in a Head Start Program are ineligible).

SCHOLARSHIP TO BE AWARDED

\$500.00 for each State's Nominee to be paid to the institution where student is enrolled.

QUALIFICATIONS - INFORMATION NEEDED TO APPLY

A Head Start parent is defined above and is currently enrolled in a four-year college, a junior college, a technical or vocational school, beauty school, business college, truck driving school, trade school, etc.

Each state may submit only one application. This applicant is to be chosen by State Association from applications received from eligible applicants via way of local Head Start grantees.

Application must have the following attached:

- 1. A letter **or** statement from institution verifying that applicant is enrolled and is in good academic standings, **or** verification must be noted on the student's transcript.
- 2. Letter of recommendation from Head Start Program Director
- 3. A copy of transcript from college attached to application
- 4. Composition of 300 hundred words or less must be attached defining or discussing each of the areas listed:
 - Personal goals
 - Financial Needs of applicant
 - Plan for completing current college degree/education
- 5. Recipient must provide a follow-up report to the Region VI Head Start Association within six-months of receiving the \$500.00.
 - The report must include how the funds were actually used toward education coursework or degree.

REGION VI HEAD START ASSOCIATION GOODIE WICKLAND PARENT SCHOLARSHIP CHECK LIST

1. Completed application form (typewritten)

- A copy of transcript
- A letter or statement from institution verifying that applicant is enrolled and in good standing with institution or verification must be noted on the student's transcript

2. Letter of recommendation from Head Start Program Director

- 3. Paragraph of financial assistance needs
- 4. Personal goal statement
- 5. Composition of applicant's plans for furthering his/her education

NOTE: Remember all compositions and applications must be typed. Also, any additional information which the applicant feels could help in this competition can be submitted, such as copies of awards, recognition, pictures, etc. Be creative!!! The Committee is interested in seeing what accomplishments the Head Start applicant has made in his/her life. Materials submitted will not be returned. Please keep this in mind.

JUDGING POINT SYSTEM

Total Points	100	
• Letter of recommendation from Head Start Director	20	
• Composition of plans for furthering his/her education	n 20	
Personal goal statement	20	
• Paragraph of financial assistance needs	30	
• Completeness of typed application	10	
Each applicant will be judged in the areas as stated below:	MAX. POINTS	TOTAL

GOODIE WICKLAND SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

HANDWRITTEN APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!

NAME OF APPLICANT: _		
DATE OF BIRTH:	STUDENT CC	DLLEGE ID#
MAILING ADDRESS (Stud	lent):	
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP CODE:
TELEPHONE:	EMAIL:	
CURRENT OCCUPATION	Ň:	
HIGH SCHOOL ATTEND	ED & GRADUATION DATE	2:
HEAD START PROGRAM	I ASSOCIATED WITH:	
COLLEGE/INSTITUTION	NOW ATTENDING OR EN	ROLLED TO ATTEND:
INSTITUTION - FINANCI CITY: (Where the award check will be	AL AID OFFICE ADDRESS STATE: mailed. Please check with the inst	: ZIP CODE: titution to ensure the address is correct)
FIELD OF STUDY:		
HOURS OR SEMESTERS	ACQUIRED TO DATE:	
ANTICIPATED GRADUA	TION DATE:	
CURRENT SOURCE OF F	FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE T	O ATTEND SCHOOL:
FUTURE DESIRES/ASPIR	RATIONS:	
APPLICANT'S SIGNATU	RE:	DATE:
HEAD START DIRECTOR NAME & LOCATION OF	R'S SIGNATURE & DATE:_ HEAD START PROGRAM:	



VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

REGION VI HEAD START ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

ELIGIBLE APPLICANT

Current Head Start volunteer

AWARD

Each state's nominee will receive a plaque from the Region VI Head Start Association.

QUALIFICATIONS - INFORMATION NEEDED TO APPLY

Head Start parents traditionally have been Head Start's major volunteer resource. Over the past 10 years, however, an increasing number of Head Start parents have been returning to school or taking entry-level employment, which has resulted in a decline in parent time for volunteering. Many Head Start programs have had to increase their recruitment efforts for volunteers in the larger community. This activity has gone hand-in-hand with the need to promote wider recognition and a positive image of Head Start. Volunteer services have long range impact on the Head Start Program, the child, and family and the volunteer. The immediate impact of a well-planned volunteer effort is seen in increased services to children in each section of Head Start.

Community Volunteers provide benefits to Head Start not only through the provision and expansion of services and training. They often serve as positive role models and mentors for parents who wish to improve their parenting skills, attain an educational diploma or degree, or develop career goals. For many parents, serving as a Head Start volunteer is their first formal work experience. It can be the first step on a career ladder. For this reason, Head Start provides training and support systems for parent volunteers. This is one way that the program helps families become self-sufficient, enabling them to move out of poverty.

Head Start parent volunteers who assume leadership positions acknowledge their partnership in operating the program. With this partnership comes ownership and pride extending to the larger community. Likewise, senior citizens, health professionals, nutrition consultants, students, and community leaders feel ownership and responsibility for a program in which their special skills are well utilized, valued, and recognized. These individuals, in turn, communicate a positive program image to the community as a whole, affirming the quality of the program and its benefits to children and their families. This high impact public relations strategy increases community support of and interest in the program.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

CHECKLIST/RATING CRITERIA	MAX. POINTS	TOTAL
1. One year or beyond involvement in Head Start	20	
2. High school diploma/or beyond high school	10	
3. Community Involvement	20	
4. Impact of your volunteer service upon Head Start Prog	gram 30	
5. Letter of recommendation from Head Start Director	20	
Total Points	100	

APPLICATION			
HANDWRITTEN APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!			
NAME OF APPLICANT:			
ADDRESS:			
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP CODE:	
TELEPHONE #:	EMAIL ADDRES	S:	
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REGION VI HEAD START ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

HANDWRITTEN APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!

PLEASE DESCRIBE THE FOLLOWING AND DISCUSS HOW THESE QUALITIES IMPACT YOUR ABILITY TO PROVIDE SERVICE:

1. Years associated with Head Start: what year did you start? What positions have you held, etc. (local center committee officer, Policy Council member/officer, etc.)

- 2. Present educational level and your plans to further your education (if any)
- **3.** Training sessions that you have attended and what impact training has had on your performance as a Head Start volunteer?

4. Community involvement: what community activities are you involved in that impact services to children and families in your local Head Start program?

5. Please write a paragraph sharing how you feel your volunteering in the Head Start program has improved the quality of services being delivered?



HEAD START STAFF SCHOLARSHIP

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ELIGIBLE APPLICANT

Head Start staff who is currently enrolled in a four-year college or junior college pursuing a B.A., B.S. or Masters' Degree.

SCHOLARSHIP TO BE AWARDED

One **\$1,000.00** Scholarship for each state in Region VI, for a Head Start Staff to be paid to the institution where student is enrolled.

QUALIFICATIONS - INFORMATION NEEDED TO APPLY – One applicant per state

- Must be a current employee in a Head Start/Early Head Start program.
- Must have completed at least two semesters and/or two quarters of school (accumulated at least twenty hours of college).
- Must currently be enrolled in an institution of higher learning.
- Must be in good academic standing at institution.

CHECKLIST

1. Completed application with all attachments

- 2. Prior Academic Accomplishments
 - A copy of transcripts/diplomas
 - A letter **or** statement from institution, verifying that applicant is enrolled and in good standing with institution **or** verification must be noted on the student's transcript.
- 3. Letter of reference from Head Start Director

4. A written statement in (500) words or less to include the following:

- a. Financial needs, justifying need for scholarship
- b. The impact on service delivery in local program, due to employment of this applicant
- c. Employee's capabilities plans to complete degree program

5. Recipient must provide a follow-up report to the Region VI Head Start

Association within six-months of receiving the \$1,000.00.

• The report must include how the funds were actually used toward education coursework or degree.

RATING CRITERIA	MAX. POINTS	TOTAL
Completeness of typed application	10	
Prior academic accomplishments	20	
Letter of reference from Head Start Director	20	
• Written statement in 500 words or less that includes (a, b, & c)	50	
Total Points	100	

HEAD START STAFF SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATION FOR SCHOOL ATTENDING

HANDWRITTEN APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!

NAME:			
HEAD START PROGRAM:			
CURRENT POSITION IN HEA	D START PROG	GRAM:	
DATE OF BIRTH:	STUI	DENT COLLEGE ID#:	
MAILING ADDRESS (student):			
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP CODE:	
TELEPHONE:		_EMAIL:	
HIGH SCHOOL & GRADUATI	ON DATE:		
		ENDING OR ENROLLED TO ATTEND:	
		OFFICE ADDRESS:	
CITY:	STAT d. Please check wi	E:ZIP CODE: th the institution to ensure the address is correct)	
FIELD OF STUDY:			
ANTICIPATED DATE OF GRA	DUATION:		
DATES OF EMPLOYMENT WITH LOCAL HEAD START AGENCY:			
APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: DATE:			
HEAD START DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE & DATE:			
NAME & LOCATION OF HEAD START PROGRAM:			



FRIEND OF THE YEAR AWARD

FRIEND OF THE YEAR AWARD

ELIGIBLE APPLICANT

One Friend of Head Start from each of the five states in Region VI.

AWARD

Each state's nominee will receive a plaque from the Region VI Head Start Association.

QUALIFICATIONS

- A person from a local community who has made significant contributions to a Head Start agency.
- The contributions may be a single act with a lasting impact or continuous contributions or acts that have benefitted the families enrolled in the local Head Start program.

Persons receiving a pay check from a Head Start Agency are ineligible

CHECKLIST

1.	Application must be completed and must be typed	-	
2.	Letter of reference from Head Start Director	-	
3.	 A paragraph of 300 hundred words or less describing: Services provided to a local Head Start program. The impact the services or donations provided had of high quality services to families. 	– I on the delivery	
4.	Documents, pictures, newspaper articles, etc., describing or highlighting contributions or services to local Head Sta Program	urt —	
<u>RATI</u>	NG CRITERIA POINTS	MAX. POINTS	TOTAL
٠	Completeness of typed application	10	
•	Letter of reference from Head Start Director	20	
•	A paragraph of 300 hundred words or less describing services provided to a local program and the impact on th delivery of high quality services to families	50 e	
•	Documents, pictures, newspaper articles, etc., describing or highlighting contributions or services to local Head Sta Program	20 urt	
Total	Points	100	

FRIEND OF HEAD START AWARD APPLICATION

HANDWRITTEN APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!

WAILING ADDRESS:	
CITY:	STATE: ZIP COD
TELEPHONE:	EMAIL:
OCCUPATION:	
	WHERE SERVICE IS PROVIDED:
DESCRIPTION OF SERVIC	E:
YEARS ASSOCIATED WIT	H HEAD START AGENCY:
NAME OF HEAD START DI	IRECTOR:
APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE	E: DATE:
HEAD START DIRECTOR'S	S SIGNATURE & DATE:

		bership Signatures
	•	e State Award/Scholarship Committee d/Scholarship Committee
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Name of Candid	late	Type of Award or Scholarship
Data of State Maating for revia	wing the applice	tiona
Date of State Meeting for revie	0 11	
Date submitted to Region VI A	ward Scholarshi	p Committee:
Date received by Region VI Av	ward Scholarship	Committee:
	n committee mee	nplete sets of records of nomination application, tings or conference calls, and any other he fairness of a decision.
NOTE: This form must accor	npany applicati	ons from states. Photo copy as needed.
	Cet	rtifies that all applicants are eligible and local
The State of		