**HAW-Fifty Six EDISON ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENTS**

**PURPOSE**

The **HAW-Fifty Six EDISON Annual Scholarship** for African American Students was established in 2019. The donors desire to provide financial assistance to local African American students. The scholarship is designed to assist in equipping and empowering intrinsically motivated students who are pursuing a career certificate, an undergraduate and graduate college degree. The objective is to provide an opportunity for the aspiring student to reach their full potential provided by higher education. The scholarships will be awarded to those who have a desire to attain, thrive, serve and contribute to the organic improvement of their community. The primary purpose of this scholarship is to support local African American students’ academic success.

**THE DONORS**

Driven by the awareness of giving back to their community, a trio of childhood friends, Jim Aldredge, Jim Hendricks, and Joe Williams were the originators of HAW-Fifty Six. The trio was raised in the West Fresno neighborhood in the late 1940s and early 1950s, which at the time was essentially a segregated community. Together they attended Edison High School graduating in 1956. After graduating, Joe Williams and Jim Hendricks joined the army and Jim Aldredge entered professional baseball. Eventually, each returned home and began their respective careers; coincidentally, all choosing the path of public service. It was here that discussions about the need for improvements in the neighborhood of their youth would mature.

The Fresno Redevelopment Agency provided an opportunity to fuel the fire that had previously inspired the threesome, the desire driven by the awareness of giving back. The three old friends conceived the idea of coming together to create a new venture, HAW-Fifty Six. The HAW-Fifty Six business moniker was derived from the first initial of each of their last names and the year they graduated from Edison High School. Partnering with the developer Tom Richards, HAW-Fifty Six developed the West Fresno Regional Center and County Library Branch and the Legacy Commons Residential Community. To this date, decades later their hearts still reside in The Golden West Side of Fresno.

**The HAW-Fifty Six EDISON Annual Scholarship for local African American Students** was designed to assist Edison High School African-American graduates who are and intend to enrolled in a Vocational Certificate Program, be an incoming college Freshman, a college Sophomore, Junior or Senior entering Graduate School.

The scholarship awards are: **3(ea.) $5000\*, 5(ea.) $2000 ---graduating Edison High School seniors and 5 (ea.) $2000 for SCCCD Associate Degree Candidates transitioning to a 4-year college and/or Graduate School** depending on eligibility criteria, number of applicants, and the educational institution type. The scholarship awards will be distributed in two equal payments during the fall and spring semesters.

\*The Educational Employees Credit Union (EECU) will augment the offering with an enhancement of $30,000 over a period of three years. The enhancement will be two (2) $5000.00 scholarships for the academic years of 2022-23, 2023-24, and 2024-25.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

Scholarship applicants must meet each of the following requirements:

* Edison High School Graduate, African-American or of African-American Descent or ancestry
* And the family is a resident of or previously resided in South-West Fresno, 93706 zip code
* Enrolled in a Vocational Certificate Program or an Incoming Freshman, or a college Sophomore, Junior, Senior or a Graduate School student.
* Cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above
* Non-athletic scholarship
* Personal Statement/Essay - All applicants are required to submit a 500-word essay that demonstrates aptitude, desire, commitment, and tenacious desire to succeed.
* The essay should also include How you have been impacted or inspired by current events, and how would this educational scholarship empower you moving forward? Your achievements: What educational and/or personal achievements, if any, are you proud to share? Your academic potential: What is your potential once educational goals are achieved? Your career goals: What are your goals for a career upon completion of education? Your future plans and involvement in the African American community. Additionally, include any other information relevant to this application.

**APPLICATION PROCESS:**

Applicants must submit a completed **HAW-Fifty Six EDISON Annual Scholarship** application, along with all items listed in greater detail on the attached Application Material Checklist, including a personal statement, proof of registration and transcripts. Applications are encouraged online, but may be submitted via mail, drop‐off or online. All attachments must be completed in order for the application to be considered for award.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** The application deadline for the HAW-Fifty-Six Edison Annual Scholarship is **July 31, 2022, by 5:00 pm**.

**HAW-Fifty Six EDISON Annual Scholarship 2022 / 2023 APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

1. **Application**: 2022/2023 Fully completed and signed or certified if submitted online
2. **Proof of Registration:** Proof of registration for fall 2021 semester (proof of spring 2022 enrollment will be required by the end of fall 2021)
3. **Personal Statement/Essay**: See Eligibility above
4. **Academic Transcript:**

If applying as an incoming college freshman, provide a recent high school or GED transcript, including GPA

If applying as a continuing college student, provide the most recent and full college transcript, including GPA

**COMPLETED APPLICATION AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS DUE BY: Friday, July 31, 2022, by 5:00pm**

**OPTION 1:** Submit online at: [https://forms.gle/uggQLMVZzF8vah8w8](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fforms.gle%2FuggQLMVZzF8vah8w8&data=04%7C01%7Cdeley%40fresnohousing.org%7C8ea0df3bfc2e4980cbf308d9212dcbdf%7Ca36160478edb4053ba54078ee8bb3169%7C1%7C0%7C637577302845143174%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=NZ6xlNajxa3ArTyxFJa8nVHCuQ7hSmb8y5Iz5TkIpYo%3D&reserved=0)

**OPTION 2:** Mail or drop off completed applications to: HAW-Fifty Six   
Attention: **HAW-Fifty Six EDISON Annual Scholarship** **Program,** 4949 N. Crystal Avenue, Fresno, California 93705

**ADMINISTRATION:**

1. Funds for this annual scholarship shall be held and managed by Fresno Housing Authority.
2. The Scholarship Selection Panel of up to 5; HAW-Fifty Six (3), Fresno Housing Authority (1), and Fresno Unified School District (1) to review applications.
3. GPA (2.5 or better) is one of the requirements and can be used as a “tie-breaking” mechanism.
4. Preference given to students whose narrative triumphs adversity as described in their application essay.
5. The awarding of the scholarships will be administered by the Fresno Housing Authority in accordance with the procedures for annual scholarship. Annualawards of:

**3 (ea.) $5000, 5(ea.) $2000 ---graduating Edison High School seniors. 5 (ea.) $2000 for SCCCD Associate Degree Candidates transitioning to a 4-year college and/or Graduate School.**

1. Funds may be contributed directly to HAW-Fifty Six EDISON Annual Scholarship for African American Students at any time and all funds will be distributed to the institution on an annual basis, until fund distribution administration is changed in writing by donor.

The above guidelines are an expression of the intent of the donor and Fresno Housing Authority in establishing the HAW-Fifty Six EDISON Annual Scholarship for African American Students. Should the purposes of this scholarship fund be no longer reasonable, the institution must seek approval from the donor before any provision change is applied.

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HAW-Fifty Six EDISON, Donor Date

**HAW-Fifty Six EDISON ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP** **Program 2022/ 2023 APPLICATION**

**GENERAL INFORMATION:**

School/University applicant plans to attend in fall of 2022: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Applicant is applying as (circle one):

A student entering college for the first time  
A returning college student in Fresno County  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Applicant is applying as: Full Time or Part Time

**PERSONAL INFORMATION:**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ First Middle Last

Permanent Address (for Housing Assistance verification purposes only):

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Mailing Address (if you are selected, where the award/check should be mailed):

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Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_‐\_\_\_\_\_\_‐\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_\_

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:**

Name of High School attended: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Graduation or GED: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
Grade Point Average (GPA): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Are you a college transfer student: Yes or No  
If yes, please state previous college attended and current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**EDUCATIONAL PLANS 2022/2023:**

Name of college or institution of higher education (Planning to Attend): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
Number of units completed through spring/summer 2022:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
Grade Point Average (GPA):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
Number of units for which you will enroll in the upcoming 2021 term: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ units Expected/declared major: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated career goal: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATION**

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, certify that all of the above information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I hereby give **HAW- Fifty Six EDISON Annual Scholarship** permission to share this information, with the exception of any confidential information, for the purpose of recruitment and public relations. I further certify that I will be enrolled as a college student for the 2022/2023 academic year, and will use the **HAW-Fifty Six EDISON Annual Scholarship** award toward expenses related to the advancement of my education.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_