



**2021 APPLICATION FORM**  
**ANTHONY W. ROMANO & VERNON C. KELLEY MEMORIAL GRANTS**

Check one: An award for post-secondary education for a high school senior , an adult returning to education , or a one-year renewal of previous support .

**Applicant must have been subsidized by a NH housing authority for a twelve-month period prior to the application deadline.**

**DEADLINE:** Mailed by the applicant's Housing Authority and postmarked by June 28, 2021 with required attachments to:  
Tony Teixeira, Executive Director  
Exeter Housing Authority  
277 Water Street  
Exeter, NH 03833  
(603) 778-8110 ext 2

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

The information on and attached to this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I have read and do accept the attached rules for this grant.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature Signature of Parent or Guardian if under 18

High School you are attending now (if attending HS): \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Institution you will be attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Address to which grant should be sent: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number of grant office: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this grant applicant has been associated with the following housing authority for over 12 months prior to the application date.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Housing Authority Executive Director Signature Date

**ALL 7 ATTACHMENTS REQUIRED FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS**

- Transcript of current school grades up to latest marking period.
- A letter of recommendation from a school teacher or official.
- A letter of recommendation from a person familiar with the applicant's motivation and initiative in an extracurricular activity.
- Applicant's description of extracurricular activities showing personal motivation and initiative. Include any awards, club participation, church, sports, work, hobbies, family responsibilities or community service.
- Housing Authority letter of recommendation.
- Applicant's 250-500 words essay on "How has living in subsidized housing impacted my life?"
- Verification of acceptance or attendance at a post-secondary academic institution.

- **ONLY THE LAST 3 ATTACHMENTS REQUIRED FOR ADULTS RETURNING TO EDUCATION**
- **RENEWAL REQUIRES A TRANSCRIPT AND A LETTER DESCRIBING "Why I need a renewal and what my educational goals are?"**



### RULES FOR ANTHONY W. ROMANO & VERNON C. KELLEY MEMORIAL GRANTS

1. Applicants must be residents of an assisted housing program with a New Hampshire housing authority for a twelve-month period prior to the grant application deadline.
2. The Committee will not discriminate in any way based on sex, race, religion, national origin, handicap, socio-economic status or other protected classes.
3. Decisions made by the Committee will be based on information obtained in the application and will be final.
4. The award will be paid in a check made out to the financial aid program of a college and the winner jointly. No award will be made directly to the winner.
5. Eligible expenses are tuition, room, board, books and laboratory or approved activity fees.
6. If the winner fails to draw down funds within a year from award date, the unused portion of the funds will revert to the NHHAC grant fund.
7. Upon notification of winning, the winner must inform the Committee in writing of the school s/he will be attending, the exact address of the financial aid office, and the legal name under which the student will register. Any correspondence shall be directed to:  
  

Grant Committee  
c/o Tony Teixeira, Executive Director  
Exeter Housing Authority  
277 Water Street  
Exeter, NH 03833  
(603) 778-8110 x 2
8. The winner agrees by accepting the grant, to provide the Committee a photograph and releases use of his/her picture and name in publicity about the grant.

**Anthony W. "Buddy" Romano** was Executive Director of the Lebanon, NH Housing Authority for 23 and ½ years, retiring on January 31, 1996 shortly before his death. A dedicated public servant, he directed the reconstruction of downtown Lebanon after a major fire, and managed construction of 166 units of public housing. Buddy's warm personality, ever-present humor and outgoing interest in others made him widely loved as a dear friend. Colleagues, clients, salesmen and employees alike enjoyed and looked forward to moments in his presence. Because he believed that housing assistance should be only a temporary steppingstone it is fitting that this college grant is offered in Buddy's memory.

**Vernon C. Kelley** was Executive Director of the Derry Housing and Redevelopment Authority for 6 years prior to his death in January 2004. A compassionate champion of elderly and low-income tenants throughout the greater Derry community, Vernon was responsible for increasing the number of families that Derry Housing continues to assist even to this day. He was instrumental in obtaining from HUD a 15-unit quasi-assisted living facility in Derry that serves elderly and disabled individuals in a community-based setting. In his dedicated advocacy for persons of lower income and disabled persons, Vernon combined the pleasant manner of a southern gentleman (he came from Tennessee) with a passion reminiscent of the professional tennis player he was when younger. A believer in higher education, Vernon attained two Masters Degrees himself prior to his retirement.