

# EASTERN SCHOLAR HOUSE PROGRAM

*A program of Kentucky River Foothills Development Council, Inc.*

*The Eastern Scholar House program is open to qualifying students with a long-term goal of self-sufficiency who would benefit from living in an educationally driven and supportive environment. ESH is not just a housing program. Rather, it is a combination of education supports, housing, and child development services all of which are interdependent.*

## **EDUCATION PROGRAM**

The Eastern Scholar House program will provide the support necessary for low-income single parents to complete their college degree leading to educational success and long-term employment. Connections to educational supports such as academic tutoring, financial literacy, employment assistance and access to community based services will be provided.

## **CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

As a multi-generational approach, Eastern Scholar House program pre-school age children must be enrolled in the on-site, high quality affordable child development center.

## **HOUSING PROGRAM**

Currently, 39 two bedroom apartments are being constructed with an expected completion date between July and August 2017.



## **Who is eligible for the Eastern Scholar House educational program?**

- ❖ Individuals that are at least 18 years of age
- ❖ Single parent with primary custody of child/children
- ❖ Degree seeking, full-time students in an approved post-secondary institution: *Eastern Kentucky University, University of Kentucky, Bluegrass Community & Technical College, Berea College, Morehead State University, etc.*
- ❖ Attend monthly life skills workshops and meetings to achieve educational goals resulting in self-sufficiency
- ❖ Willing to meet monthly with a Scholar House case manager to develop (and later monitor progress on) an Individualized Service Plan
- ❖ Children under 5 years of age must be enrolled full-time in the Eastern Scholar House Child Development Center
- ❖ Eligible for Section 8 subsidized housing
- ❖ Willing to either work or participate in approved volunteer experience while enrolled in the Scholar House program

If you are interested in pursuing a college education while participating in supportive services such as case management, housing, and child care, please attend one of the following informational sessions:

**February 15, 2017 (Weds)**

**February 21, 2017 (Tues)**

**February 28, 2017 (Tues)**

**All sessions will be held from 4-5pm, EKV Campus, New Science Building, Room #3104, Richmond, KY**

To register for one of the upcoming sessions, contact

Melissa Gross at [mgross@foothillscap.org](mailto:mgross@foothillscap.org) today!

Applications will ONLY be available at these sessions until March 1, 2017, when they will then be available only by individual request to [mgross@foothillscap.org](mailto:mgross@foothillscap.org), 859-624-2046 ext. 1135, or in person at 309 Spangler Drive, Richmond, KY

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**Eastern Scholar House \* 801 Van Hoose Drive \* Richmond, KY 40475**

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## FACT SHEET

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Scholar House is an innovative statewide initiative in Kentucky to develop post-secondary educational opportunities for low-income single parents and their children, leading to educational success, employment and self-sufficiency. While parents are enrolled in the Eastern Scholar House program and attending school, supports are offered in housing, education, and on-site childcare. Services are prioritized for single parents who have made a commitment to furthering their education. This program is open to eligible full-time students in an approved post-secondary institution such as Eastern Kentucky University, University of Kentucky, Bluegrass Community & Technical College, Berea College, Morehead State University, etc.

The Eastern Scholar House program, which is one of approximately ten such centers in Kentucky, is operated by Kentucky River Foothills Development Council, Inc. (KRFDC). KRFDC is part of a national network of Community Action Agencies (CAAs) created by the federal Economic Opportunity Act of 1964. CAAs administer various programs, on their individual community levels, to assist low-income people out of poverty conditions. KRFDC is a 501(C)(3) not-for-profit corporation that has provided a variety of services to low-income people since 1962.

KRFDC will provide educational supports such as case management and life skills education as well as child care services administered through the agency's Early Head Start/Head Start program. Winterwood Property Management will provide the property management and ensure the program's compliance with funding regulations. Services will be bundled, specific to each family's need, to support their journey to self-sufficiency.

The Eastern Scholar House program will increase self-sufficiency and combat generational poverty by removing some of the barriers to affordable housing and child care costs which are an impediment to increased education, job attainment, and independence.

Eastern Scholar House is not just a housing program. Rather, it is a combination of education supports, housing, and child development services all of which are interdependent. Residents receive case management, workshops, and access to various programs including parenting skills, management of family resources, nutrition, work skills, problem solving, and job search techniques. Most of these services are free. Although located on land leased at ECU and prioritizing student parents, this program is not a form of student housing. Housing and childcare are income based.

This project will consist of three apartment buildings located at 801 Van Hoose Drive, Richmond (on the ECU campus). There will be 39 housing units, consisting of two-bedroom apartments, of which two are fully-handicap accessible living quarters. There will also be an on-site certified child development facility to allow time for the parents to attend classes and focus on their education. Additional apartment amenities include a washer/dryer, dishwasher, storage space, and a designated parking lot. The child care facility will include five classrooms for children, offices for program staff, meeting space, and a computer lab.

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## APPLICATION PROCESS

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Here is how the application process for the Eastern Scholar House program will work:

1. All applicants will complete a written application that is used to gather basic information about applicants and to confirm where they will fit on the prioritization list for the program. Single parents pursuing 4 year college degrees who have preschool age children who will be enrolled full-time in the Scholar House Child Care Center will receive first priority to admission to the Scholar House program.
2. Applicants meeting the first priority for admission into the Scholar House program will be offered interviews with the Scholar House staff to determine their willingness to participate, and succeed, in the program. In summary this is what will be evaluated through the application and interviews:
  - Are you at least 18 years of age?
  - Are you a single parent with primary custody of your child/children?
  - Are you a full-time student or have been admitted for full-time enrollment in an approved post-secondary institution?
  - Are you willing to attend monthly life skills workshops and meetings to achieve your educational goals resulting in self-sufficiency?
  - Are you willing to meet monthly with a Scholar House case manager to develop (and later monitor progress on) an Individualized Service Plan?
  - Are you willing to enroll your children under the age of 5 in Scholar House Child Development Center?
  - Are you eligible for Section 8 subsidized housing?
  - Are you willing to either work or participate in approved volunteer experience while enrolled in the Scholar House program?

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Three informational sessions will be held from 4-5 pm - February 15, 21, and 28 at the New Science Building (Room #3104) on EKU's campus. Although attendance at these sessions isn't mandatory, they will allow attendees to learn more about the program, tour one of the under-construction apartments, and be the first to pick up an application packet.

Starting on March 1, 2017 applications will be available by request to [mgross@foothillscap.org](mailto:mgross@foothillscap.org), 859-624-2046 ext. 1135, or in person at 309 Spangler Drive, Richmond, KY, M-F, 8am-4pm.

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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The Eastern Scholar House program is being made possible by several organizations:

### KENTUCKY HOUSING CORPORATION

Kentucky Housing Corporation is the primary funder and has allocated Low Income Housing Tax Credits and Affordable Housing Trust Fund representing \$8.4 million in the project.

### KENTUCKY RIVER FOOTHILLS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, INC.

Kentucky River Foothills Development Council, Inc. (KRFDC) is the driving force behind the Eastern Scholar House and is managing and operating the project.

### FAHE

Fahe has provided assistance in obtaining various sources of funding from Low Income Housing Tax Credits, Community Development Block Grant, and Federal Home Loan Bank. They are also assisting in project management, and are providing a \$6 million construction loan.

### EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) is providing a long-term land lease for the property as well as access to services and amenities.

### CITY OF RICHMOND

The City of Richmond provided pass-thru grant funds to KRFDC and also will provide rental assistance for the units.

### OHIO CAPITAL CORPORATION

Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing made a \$7.5 million investment through the purchase of the tax credits.

