



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Congratulations! You are a High School Senior and headed for your next BIG step. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Chattanooga is proud to have a scholarship program to help you in that next step.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM HISTORY

In 1983, thanks to generous donors and the Board of Directors, a scholarship program was established to encourage and support the educational aspirations of Little Brothers and Little Sisters working to achieve their full potential through education.

Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) Scholarship Program awards financial aid to qualified "Littles" who demonstrate financial need and the desire to continue their education. For the scholarship funds to serve the greatest number of "Littles," all applicants are expected to apply for any scholarships or grants for which they may be eligible.

ELIGIBILITY

- Applicant must have a Family income of \$35,000 or less or demonstrate strong financial need. Applicants must complete a FAFSA (Free Application for Student Aid) and submit a copy of SAR (Student Aid Report) to the BBBS Scholarship Committee.
- Applicant must have obtained (or will finish this Spring) a high school diploma with a GPA of 2.5 or have obtained their GED. Exceptions to this GPA may be made for technical education.
- Applicant must have applied and been accepted to a 2- or 4-year accredited college or university program, accredited technical college or trade school.
- Applicant must enroll in 12 semester hours and continue to maintain 12 semester hours for scholarship renewal.
- Applicant must be a current or past Little Brother or Little Sister with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Chattanooga for a minimum period of 24 months.

AWARDS

- If selected as a recipient, the applicant will receive:
 - A maximum of \$1500/semester for 4-year colleges/institutions
 - A maximum of \$900/semester for 2-year colleges/institutions
- All tuition payments are paid directly to the education institution after proper billing showing tuition balance due and other awards credited.
- Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of financial need to the extent of funding available.
- Recipients must attend an orientation during the Summer of 2021.

RENEWAL

- Applicant must continue to maintain 12 semester hours for scholarship renewal.
- Recipients must maintain a 2.5 GPA each semester.
- Scholarships are awarded for Fall and Spring semesters only.
- Recipients must submit grade reports at the end of each semester. Grades are due no later than June 1 for Fall Scholarship Renewal and December 31 for Spring Semester Renewal.
- Recipients are expected to make satisfactory progress toward degree/completion. Scholarships will be rescinded if recipient withdraws for more than one semester.
- If funding for scholarships is no longer available, recipients will be notified by July 1 or December 1 for the following semester.
- Applicants must keep up to date contact information with BBBSGC and stay in communication with the BBBSGC Scholarship Liaison.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Completed Scholarship Application including Essay
- High School Transcript or GED Certificate
- SAT/ACT Scores
- Acceptance Letter from College/University/Vocational School
- Copy of Financial Aid Award (FAFSA)/Student Aid Report
- 2 Letters of Recommendation (If you are still in touch with your Big or in an active match one must be from your Big)

Send all items in above checklist to Jessica Whatley at jessica@bbbschatt.org by April 16th or mail to:

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Chattanooga
Attn: Jessica Whatley
2015 Bailey Avenue
Chattanooga, TN 37404

NOTIFICATION

Applicants will be notified by June 1st.

APPLICATION

APPLICATION DEADLINE – April 16th, 2021

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Applicant's Email: _____ Applicant Telephone: _____

Graduation Date: _____ Date of Birth: _____

High School: _____

MENTOR INFORMATION

Current or Former Big Brother/Big Sister: _____

Case Manager: _____ Years Matched: _____

FAMILY INFORMATION

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Occupation: _____ Annual Household Income: _____

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY INFORMATION (Acceptance Letter must be Included in Application)

I will be attending college/university/vocational program for the first time in the Fall/2020

YES

NO

College/University/Vocational Program accepted to: _____

College/University/Vocational Program planning to attend: _____

Degree/Course of Study: _____

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

List activities you have participated in within the last four years. Please list the activities in order of importance to you.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

List any community service projects you have completed. Community Service may consist of any services volunteered by an individual or an organization of which you are a member.

WORK EXPERIENCE

List any paid work experience during the past two years beginning with your most recent experience.

ESSAY

Please write or type an essay answering the following questions:

- 1- How has being involved with Big Brothers Big Sisters impacted your decision to further your education?
- 2- How was your life impacted by having a Big Brother/Big Sister?
- 3- What are you planning to do after attending College/Vocational school?

VERIFICATION STATEMENT

I am currently a Little Brother or Little Sister in the BBBS program

Or

I was previously matched for a period of at least 24 months.

By signing, you are verifying that the information in this application is accurate and the essay answers are the work of the applicant.

Required Documents:

Completed Scholarship Application including Essay

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Applicants will participate in an interview with members of the Scholarship Committee.

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