



Big Brothers Big Sisters of East Tennessee

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Scholarship Fund is designed to assist deserving “Littles” that wish to pursue additional education after high school. The scholarship will be applied toward the student’s financial postsecondary educational expenses.

If you wish to apply, please complete the application and include all required attachments. All applications are due **NO LATER THAN March 31, 2017**. This provides our scholarship committee ample time to evaluate and determine the recipient(s). Scholarship recipient(s) will be honored during a special dinner on May 4, 2017. Recipient(s) will be notified well in advance of the dinner on May 4 so they can make plans to attend.

Purpose

- To extend support from Big Brothers Big Sisters of East TN (BBBSETN) beyond high school, continuing to assist students in achieving their full potential.
- To provide financial assistance to graduating “Littles,” enabling them to further their education in a public or private college program, technical college or trade school.
- To recognize “Littles” who have shown notable personal and academic achievement in high school.
- To encourage high school “Littles” who are sophomores, juniors, and seniors to complete high school and pursue further education.

Eligibility

- Nominee must successfully have completed a minimum of 12 months in BBBSETN after age 14.
- Nominee must have obtained (or will finish this spring) a high school diploma or a GED certificate.
- Nominee must have applied to a 2-year or 4-year accredited college or university program, accredited technical college or trade school and intend to enroll within one year of the application deadline.
- Nominee must enroll in a minimum of 6 semester hours or equivalent.
- Nominee must have a signed media release on file with the BBBSETN.

Application

- Applications will be sent to and processed by BBBSETN.
- Applicants will be notified by BBBSETN when an application is received, approved or rejected.
- Applications must be received by March 31 of each award year.

- “Littles” will complete an application that includes, among other items, description of the program to which he/she has been accepted and reasons why he/she wants to pursue the educational program.
- The applicant’s “Big” will be asked to provide a written recommendation describing their beliefs regarding the “Little’s” growth and development, motivation and potential for success.
- The applicant’s match support specialist will provide a written letter of recommendation, when feasible, on behalf of the applicant.
- Application forms and requests for information will be available from the BBBSETN Match Support Specialist or Enrollment Specialist.

Selection

- A Scholarship Selection Committee will make the selections.
 - The Scholarship Selection Committee comprises of at least one member of the BBBSETN Board of Directors, Chief Executive Officer, Vice President of Programs, at least one member of the community-at-large with expertise in education, and may include a previous scholarship recipient (after the first year) who is not applying for the scholarship.
 - Scholarship Selection Committee members are appointed annually.
- Selection of recipients will be based primarily on the student’s likelihood of success and secondarily on financial need, as documented in the student’s application.

Awards

- Award amounts are determined annually by the Scholarship Selection Committee.
- Funds are distributed by BBBSETN directly to the educational institution unless other arrangements are made.
- BBBSETN will notify students of awards by April 30.
- The minimum individual award is \$500; the maximum individual award is \$2,500.
- Awards may be used for tuition, fees, and required books and materials only.
- Awards will be renewable based on completing the following:
 - Writing an annual thank you letter that is sent to the Scholarship Coordinator by September 1.
 - Maintaining a GPA of 2.5.
 - Students’ progress will be checked at the end of semester. If at that time, the recipient is not meeting the criteria, the student will be placed on probationary scholarship status. Recipient must meet with the Scholarship Coordinator and agree to probationary terms in order to receive the next payment. If the student fulfills the agreed upon terms and meets the scholarship criteria at the end of the probationary semester, the scholarship will be continued and probationary status will be lifted. However, if the student either does not agree to the probationary terms or does not meet the agreed upon probationary terms at the end of the probationary semester, the student’s scholarship will be rescinded.
 - No recipient can receive more than 4 awards.
- In any given year, any funds available for awards which are not awarded are to be returned to the scholarship fund.

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF EAST TENNESSEE
SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Student Application
Application Deadline: March 31, 2017

Please read this form carefully and answer each question completely. Mark N/A for any items not applicable.

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

County: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone: (home) _____ (work) _____ (cell) _____

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: _____ Male _____ Female

FAMILY INFORMATION:

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

County: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone number(s) : _____

Household Members and ages: _____

EDUCATION:

School from which I will graduate: _____

Address: _____

Principal: _____ Guidance counselor: _____

Graduation date: _____ Phone Number: _____

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: (clubs, sports, religious/political organizations, etc)____

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE (fund raising, tutoring, community service etc.) _____

HONORS / AWARDS

ADDITIONAL: (employment, hobbies, accomplishments, etc.) _____

PLANS AND GOALS:

Schools to which you have applied or have been accepted: _____

Career goals; plans for my future include: _____

REFERENCES: In addition to your Big, provide the name of someone capable of discussing information about your abilities and character:

Big's name: _____ **Length of match:** _____

Address: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Second Reference Name: _____ **How known:** _____

Address: _____

Phone number(s) _____

ESSAY QUESTIONS: In 3-5 sentences or a paragraph please answer the following questions. You may write more if you wish, but a paragraph is all that's requested.

1. What is a favorite memory you have of your match? _____

2. How has having been involved in Big Brothers Big Sisters impacted your decision to further your education? _____

3. How would your life be different if you had not met your Big? _____

4. Why do you deserve this scholarship? _____

5. Is there anything else you would like us to know about you? _____

VERIFICATION STATEMENT:

_____ This is to verify that I am currently a Little Brother or Little Sister in the BBBS of East TN program

OR

_____ This is to verify that I have previously been matched in the BBBSETN program for 12 months after the age of 14 (Approximate dates of match: Began_____ Completed: _____)

The information stated in my application is accurate.

The essay answers are my own work.

Applicant's signature: _____ Date: _____

Applicant Check List: Please make sure that you have all the required items on the checklist below:

- Completed Application (required)
- Responses to essay questions (required)
- Letter of recommendation from Big Brothers or Big Sisters
- Support letters from teachers, school counselors (optional)

Please submit the completed application to the address noted below:

Big Brothers Big Sisters East TN
Attn: Scholarship Committee
318 N. Gay Street, Ste 100
Knoxville, TN 37917
Fax: 865/524-3466

Applications should be received in the office no later than Friday, March 31, 2017

If there are any questions, please call Kara at 865/523-2179