



THE EDUCATION FOUNDATION of BCPS SCHOLARSHIP FUND SCHOLARSHIP FUND GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION

2019-2020 SCHOLARSHIP FUND GUIDELINES

Read carefully to fully understand guidelines and expectations.

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| Purpose: | The Education Foundation of Baltimore County Public Schools, Inc. was created to support all students and their families. The Foundation works with generous philanthropic donors to encourage BCPS students to further their education and become lifelong learners. |
| Award Range: | \$1000.00 – Up to three (3) \$1,000.00 scholarships will be awarded to students who attend BCPS comprehensive high schools in each of the three zones (East, Central and West) within Baltimore County. |
| Scholarship Focus: | The focus for the 2019-2020 school year will be on the following areas of <i>BCPS Blueprint 2.0</i> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business, Economic, Entrepreneurial, and Financial Literacy (BEEF) • Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) |
| Eligibility and Qualifications: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a current senior in a Baltimore County Public School • A minimum unweighted grade point average of 3.0 or higher—provide a transcript and SAT/ACT Scores • Provide verification of acceptance to an accredited two- or four-year college. • Complete the Scholarship Fund Application and personally write the Scholarship Application Essay. |
| Scholarship Application Essay: | The Scholarship Application Essay must be typed, double-spaced, and in 12-point font. The Scholarship Application Essay should reflect either of the two scholarship focus areas as identified above and contain up to 500 words. <u>Essay question:</u> If you were to major in “BEEF” or “STEM” how would you leverage your degree to improve your community? |
| Letters of Recommendation: | Two letters of recommendation are required. One letter being a <i>character reference</i> and one letter being an <i>academic reference</i> . |
| Application Submission and Deadline: | Application must be delivered to your high school counselor on or before Friday, February 28, 2020 . Late applications will not be accepted. If the deadline is extended for any reason, it will be the decision of The Education Foundation of BCPS, Inc. |
| Notification of Recipients: | Scholarship recipients will be notified at the individual school’s award ceremony, where the announcement will be made. |
| Date for Awarding Funds: | Scholarships will be awarded at individual school’s awards ceremony at the end of the school year. Each recipient will receive a congratulatory letter and letter to present to the college/university. Upon receipt of this letter DO NOT DISCARD . |
| Application Review Process: | Up to three scholarships will be awarded to students who attend BCPS comprehensive high schools in each of the three zones (East, Central and West). The competitive selection process will be based on your essay, academic performance (high school transcript and SAT/ACT Scores), resume (including service), and 2 letters of reference (character and academic). The selection committee will weigh all criteria – but will place more weight on the essay. Those students who offer new applications of their learning that add value to the human experience will be given special consideration. In order to select the scholarship recipient from each zone, the applications of the selected candidates from each school will be reviewed by The Education Foundation Scholarships and Grants Committee or a designated subcommittee using a blind review process. Scholarship recipients selected by the Scholarship Committee will be recommended to the Education Foundation Board of Directors for final approval. |
| Checklist for Submitting Application: | <input type="checkbox"/> Completed application <input type="checkbox"/> Attached transcript and SAT/ACT Scores with an unweighted GPA of 3.0 or higher <input type="checkbox"/> Attached a well written essay (typed, double spaced and in 12 font) <input type="checkbox"/> Attached your student resume <input type="checkbox"/> Attached two letters of recommendation – one a character reference and one an academic reference |



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INFORMATION: Applicant's Name

Last: _____ First: _____ Middle Initial: _____ Grade: _____ Age: _____

Street: _____ City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Mobile Phone Number: _____

College(s) you have applied and status:

Four rows of lines for college names and decision status.

Parent/Guardian Names, Addresses, and Numbers:

Last: _____ First: _____ Middle: _____

Street: _____ City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Mobile Phone Number: _____

Last: _____ First: _____ Middle: _____

Street: _____ City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Mobile Phone Number: _____

Name of High School with School Address, Phone Number, and Contact Information:

Name of High School: _____ School Office Phone Number: _____

Street: _____ City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Principal's Name: _____ Principal's Email: _____

School Counselor's Name: _____ Counselor's Email: _____

Note: It is important the information is accurate and legible. With the exception of the application page, responses must be typed, double-spaced and in 12-point font. Consideration will be based entirely on this scholarship application.

I accept the guidelines of this scholarship application and understand that the decision of the Foundation is final. I understand that upon the receipt of the named scholarship; if eligible, I must maintain my eligibility and meet the qualification as stated above. I certify that the information provided is correct and all requested information is enclosed.

Applicant's Name: _____ (Printed) _____ (Signature) Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____ (Printed) _____ (Signature) Date: _____

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The Foundation reserves the right to refuse to award a scholarship to any child if the Foundation feels that awarding the scholarship will reflect poorly on the Foundation, Baltimore County Public School, or of the donor.