



P.O. Box 77, Bellingham, MA 02019
2017 Scholarship Form

AMOUNT OF AWARD: Two (2) Fifteen Hundred Dollar (US \$1,500.00) Scholarships. The Bellingham Business Association strives to reduce economic barriers that interfere with education advancement.

- ELIGIBILITY:**
1. Applicant must be a Bellingham, Massachusetts resident who is graduating from any high school that services Bellingham.
 2. Applicant must be accepted (at time of announcement of the award) by an accredited college/university or junior college.
 3. Applicants should include their major if declared AND clearly detail their plan for volunteering within their community (Bellingham or the community where he/she will be attending school).
 4. Applicant must complete the application using the link below:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/145TkJR22F5BqWg6ixz1yWstlqaWbHigteDgAlwJ3rDg/viewform?usp=already_responded&ths=true&edit_requested=true
 5. Scholarship winners must be in good standing and enrolled in a post-secondary institution at the time the scholarship funds are remitted (during his/her freshman spring semester).

SELECTION: Scholarship winners are selected based upon consideration of the applicant's achievements during high school (academic and nonacademic), employment, involvement in extra-curricular and community activities. Please review the rating criteria included on the scholarship agreement form.

Applicants are to remain anonymous. Once submitted, a number will be assigned and recorded for each application.



RATING CRITERIA

Bellingham Business Association applications and essays will be reviewed by members of the BBA Board. Applications received after the deadline or incomplete applications will not be reviewed. Applications will be scored on merit as follows:

25 Points: The applicant focuses on future career plans/objectives.

25 Points: The applicant shows a commitment to supporting his/her community through activities, involvement and volunteerism.

25 Points: The applicant clearly describes the measurable impact (benefit) the scholarship will have on the applicant's future.

25 Points: The applicant clearly describes family needs.

Children and Grandchildren of BBA members will be given preferential treatment. This preferential treatment will be demonstrated by awarding the applicant an additional 25 points at the beginning of the evaluation process. Most years, there are no eligible BBA members children or grandchildren that receive preferential treatment. BBA members must be current members for a minimum of two years and in good standing with the BBA (annual dues paid up to date) in order for the applicant to be eligible for preferential treatment.

SUBMISSION: Please submit this application online on or before April 15, 2017 in order to receive scholarship consideration.

AWARD

PRESENTATION: Scholarship winners are required to attend the Bellingham Business Association dinner meeting on June 14, 2017 from 6-8 pm for recognition and award presentation. Families are encouraged to attend this ceremony. Please note that the scholarship check will not be mailed out until the BBA receives the student's first semester grades. Grades/transcript must be sent to: BBA PO Box 77, Bellingham, MA 02019.