



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Big Brothers Big Sisters of East Tennessee Scholarship Fund is designed to ignite potential in Littles who wish to pursue additional education after high school. The scholarship will be applied toward the student's financial postsecondary educational expenses through a direct payment to the students' schools.

If you wish to apply, please complete the application and include all required attachments. **All applications are due NO LATER THAN March 10, 2023.** This provides the Scholarship Selection Committee time to evaluate and determine the recipient(s). Scholarship recipient(s) will be honored through a series of events, celebrations, and marketing efforts. Opportunities for public recognition of scholarship recipient(s) are TBD.

Besides our general scholarship fund, we are honored to also offer the Austin French Memorial Scholarship and the Michael Manrod Memorial Scholarship. For information on these scholarship opportunities, please visit our website at TennesseeBig.org/Scholarships.

Purpose

- To extend support from Big Brothers Big Sisters of East TN (BBBS-ETN) beyond high school, assisting students in achieving their full potential
- To provide ongoing financial assistance to current and former Littles who are furthering their education through college, trade schools, or certificate programs
- To encourage current and former Littles to continue their goal of post-high school education or high quality certifications

Eligibility

- Applicant does not have to be in an active match but must have been matched with a Big Brother/Big Sister for a minimum of 12 months after age 14.
- Former scholarship recipients and applicants are eligible to apply again. (See "Awards" section for details on remaining in good standing.)
- Applicant must apply to a 2-year or 4-year accredited college, university program, or accredited technical college or trade school.
- Applicant must intend to enroll within one year of the application deadline, as scholarship funds will be paid directly to the school.
- Graduating seniors who apply are encouraged to remain connected to BBBS-ETN and their mentor through the Big Futures Program. For more details, contact Mia King at MKing@TennesseeBig.org.
- Applicant must enroll in a minimum of six semester hours or equivalent.
- Applicant should have a signed media release on file with BBBS-ETN. If one does not exist, you might be asked to sign a new one. (See final page of this application packet.)
- Applicant should have a 2.5 GPA or above.

Application

- Applications should be sent to Jennifer Davis, Chief Program Officer. They will be reviewed by an independent scholarship committee consisting of the BBBS-ETN Program Committee and members of the BBBS-ETN Board of Directors. If you do not have access to computers or printers, please email ALeavitt@TennesseeBig.org to secure a time slot in the BBBS-ETN Success Center.
- Applicants will be notified by BBBS-ETN when an application is received.
- Applications must be received by the deadline.
- Applicants will complete an application that includes, among other items, description of the program to which they have been accepted and reasons why they want to pursue the educational program.
- Any questions regarding the application or process can be directed to the Scholarship Coordinator Jennifer Davis, JDavis@TennesseeBig.org.

Selection

- A Scholarship Selection Committee will make the selections.
 - The Scholarship Selection Committee will be comprised of at least one member of the BBBS-ETN Board of Directors and the BBBS Program Committee. The committee may also have the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Program Officer, at least one member of the community-at-large with expertise in education and may also 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.
- Applicants may be contacted by the Scholarship Coordinator if additional information is requested from the Scholarship Selection Committee.

Awards

- Award amounts are determined annually by the Scholarship Selection Committee.
- Funds are distributed by BBBS-ETN directly to the educational institution unless other arrangements are made.
- BBBS-ETN will notify students of awards by mid-April.
- The minimum individual award is \$500; the maximum individual award is \$2,500. Additional awards are available. See "Verification Statements" page for details.
- Awards may be used for tuition, fees, and required books and materials.
- Awards will be renewable based on completing the following:
 - Writing an annual thank you letter that is sent to the Scholarship Coordinator, Jennifer Davis, by Sept. 1. (This thank you letter will be shared with scholarship donors.)
 - Attending required scholarship event(s), as applicable.
 - Maintaining a GPA of 2.5.
 - If at any point during their studies the recipient is not meeting the criteria, the student will be placed on probationary scholarship status. Recipient must meet with the Scholarship Coordinator, Jennifer Davis, and agree to probationary terms in order to remain in good standing. If the student fulfills the agreed upon terms and meets the scholarship criteria at the end of the probationary

semester, the scholarship can be continued and the 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 will not be eligible for future scholarship funding.

- No recipient can receive more than four 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 10, 2023**

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: _____

FAMILY INFORMATION:

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

County: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone number(s) : _____

Household Members and ages: _____

Have you completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)?

Yes No

If yes, what is your Estimated Family Contribution (EFC)? _____

Does your family plan to financially contribute to your education tuition and if yes, how much assistance will they be providing _____

CURRENT EDUCATION:

School which I attend currently: _____

Address: _____

If transferring in the coming year, new school: _____

Address: _____

Estimated Graduation date: _____ Current GPA: _____

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

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE (fundraising, tutoring, community service etc.)

HONORS / AWARDS

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (employment, hobbies, accomplishments, etc.)

PLANS AND GOALS (career goals, future plans, etc.)

ESSAY QUESTION: Please comprise one essay, of no more than 500 words, which addresses the questions below:

- How will this scholarship be meaningful to you? Additionally, how has having been involved in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program impacted your decision to further your education?
- Optional topics the essay may cover:
 - What is a favorite memory you have of being in the program or with your mentor?
 - How would your life be different if you had not met your Big?
 - Include anything else you would like the scholarship committee to know about you.

REFERENCES: In order to get to know you better, please provide three letters of recommendation based on the below requirements. All letters of recommendation written on your behalf should be sent directly to Jennifer Davis, JDavis@Tennesseebig.org by March 10, 2023.

- If you are in a current match, please provide letters of recommendation from the following:
 - Current Big
 - Name: _____
 - E-mail: _____
 - Match Support Specialist
 - Name: _____
 - E-mail: _____
 - One additional reference of choice (Parent/ guardian, teacher, coach, etc.)
 - Name: _____
 - E-mail: _____
- If you are **not** in a current match, please provide letters of recommendation from the following:

- References of choice (Previous Big, Parent/ guardian, teacher, coach, etc.)
 - Name: _____
 - E-mail: _____

 - Name: _____
 - E-mail: _____

 - Name: _____
 - E-mail: _____

VERIFICATION STATEMENTS:

Nomination Packet Verification:

_____ Initial here to verify that you have read, in full, this nomination packet.

Current or Former Little Verification:

_____ Initial here to verify that you are a current Little in the BBBS-ETN program.

-OR-

_____ Initial here to verify that you have previously been matched in the BBBS-ETN program for 12 months after the age of 14.

- (Approximate dates of match: Began _____ Completed: _____)

****Note that this verification is required for applicants.*

First-Time College Student:

_____ Please write "yes" if you are the first person in your family to attend college.

****This is not a requirement of the scholarship and will be used for data and reporting purposes.*

Additional Scholarship Consideration:

_____ BBBS-ETN has the opportunity to provide additional scholarship endowed by donors outside our organization. Please initial here to consent to being considered for these opportunities and to verify that you allow members outside of BBBS-ETN to review your application.

****This is not a requirement of the scholarship.*

Sign below to confirm that the information stated in your application is accurate and to confirm that the essay submitted is your own work.

Applicant's signature: _____

Date: _____

Applicant Checklist

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

- Completed application
- Responses to essay question and references
- Completed verification page
- Signed media release (next page, if not currently on file)

Please submit the completed application to the address noted below:

Big Brothers Big Sisters East TN
Attn: Scholarship Selection Committee
1100 Marion Street, Suite 100
Knoxville, TN 37921

If turning in your application by mail, please make a copy of the application in the event your application is not received at our office.

You may also email applications to JDavis@TennesseeBig.org. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

Please note that if you do not have access to computers or printers, you are encouraged to reserve the BBBS-ETN Success Center, by emailing ALeavitt@TennesseeBig.org.

If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Davis, BBBS-ETN Chief Program Officer and Scholarship Coordinator, at 865-243-3881 or JDavis@TennesseeBig.org.



MEDIA RELEASE

The undersigned grants **Big Brothers Big Sisters of East Tennessee, Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, and the State of Tennessee** the right to use my and/or my Minor Child's name and likeness for potential upcoming media productions in perpetuity. I expressly release and indemnify **Big Brothers Big Sisters of East Tennessee, Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, and the State of Tennessee** and its officers, employees, agents, and designees from any claims known and unknown in any way connected with the above granted use.

I have read the foregoing and understand its terms and stipulations and agree to all of them:

Model's Full Name (printed): _____

Guardian's Full Name [if applicable] (printed); _____

Model's (or Guardian's) Signature: _____

Date: _____