

Program Guidelines

The Better Boys Foundation
Memorial Scholarship Program

Note: All Better Boys Foundation Memorial Scholarship Program Recipients are expected to review and comply with the program guidelines. Applicants should read the program guidelines to ensure they understand the terms and expectations of the program.

INTRODUCTION

The Better Boys Foundation Memorial Scholarship Program provides financial assistance and career guidance to residents of the North Lawndale community. The geographical boundaries of North Lawndale as defined by the Better Boys Foundation are:

Eisenhower Expressway on the North
Cermak Road (22nd Street) on the South
Western Avenue on the East
West to city limits

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Applications may be picked up at 1512 South Pulaski Road, requested by mail or by [clicking here to print an application](#).
2. The applicant is responsible for ensuring that the application and all supporting documents are submitted to the agency by the stated deadline. If the applicant experiences any difficulty in obtaining required documentation, arrangements must be made with the program staff two weeks prior to the deadline.
3. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

SELECTION PROCESS

1. Applications will be reviewed by the Scholarship Coordinator to verify residency and completeness. All qualified applicants will be interviewed by the Scholarship Coordinator. Applicants will be notified by phone of interview dates. It is the responsibility of the applicant to notify program staff of changes in address and/or phone number once the application is submitted.
2. The Scholarship Coordinator will evaluate the applications and make recommendations for final selection.
3. Final selection and grant allotments will be determined by the BBF Scholarship Committee. Scholarship recipients will be determined by the following factors:
 - A. A demonstrated financial need
 - B. Academic/Career promise
 - C. Evidence of community involvement
4. Applicants will receive written notification of Scholarship/Program Committee's decision within two weeks of final interviews.

SCHOLARS

1. Scholars must attend the annual Summer Send-Off (usually in July or August), as well as the Winter Social.
 - A. The Summer Send-Off will allow students to complete contract agreements and provide current contact information during the school year. Please be prepared to provide your school, address, phone numbers, and e-mail address. All information should be received within the first two weeks of school.

- B. The Winter Social will allow students to network with BBF staff, Board of Directors, meet fellow scholars, and update their files to reflect changes made regarding the spring semester.
- 2. Scholars are required to provide 25 volunteer service hours per academic year. The academic year is from August to July.
 - A. Volunteer hours may be completed at the Better Boys Foundation or other approved agencies. If you have a particular area of interest, please notify the Better Boys Foundation for assistance in locating a site or department to complete your hours.
 - B. Students who volunteer at a facility other than the Better Boys Foundation should have a Memorandum of Understanding completed.
- 3. Scholarships are awarded for the academic year; half is disbursed in the fall and half in the spring. Summer stipends may be available under special circumstances.
- 4. The following information must be submitted before an award will be released:
 - A. Grades for current term
 - B. Registration for the next semester
 - C. A one page, typed, narrative of your academic progress, campus involvement, and significant lessons learned
 - D. An update form to reflect changes in contact information
 - E. Student Aid Report (SAR)
 - F. Financial Aid Award Letter
- 5. Checks will only be given to scholars in the program. No checks will be issued to proxies, parents, grandparents, or relatives.
- 6. The Better Boys Foundation will provide guidance counseling to assist students in developing realistic academic and career goals. Scholars are encouraged to notify BBF staff if support is needed. Ongoing assistance will help to ensure academic growth and enhance educational skills.

PARENT COUNCIL AUXILIARY

- 1. All parents are invited and encouraged to participate in the Parent Council Auxiliary Board.
- 2. Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Better Boys Foundation Center, located at 1512 South Pulaski Road.
- 3. The Parent Council Auxiliary has an annual fundraiser. All proceeds directly support the Better Boys Foundation Memorial Scholarship Program.

SUPPLEMENTAL PROVISIONS

- 1. Students must remain in good standing. Good Standing is defined as: Acceptable progress towards the completion of specified program.
- 2. Students who fail to enroll in school for a period of 16 consecutive months will be terminated from the program.
- 3. Any student terminated from the program must reapply as a new applicant.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF PROGRAM GUIDELINES

I, _____, a recipient of a Better Boys Foundation Memorial Scholarship Program Grant, acknowledge receipt of the Program Guidelines handbook.

I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by all of the requirements therein. I understand that my failure to adhere to the requirements could result in the loss of my scholarship.

Scholarship Recipient's Signature

Date