

Bi-County Foundation General Education Scholarship Application

For General Education students pursuing a career in Special Education or a related field i.e.; Psychology, Music Therapy, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, Recreation Therapy

This scholarship is open to High School seniors and college students who live within the eleven member district served by Bi-County Special Education Cooperative or who attended a Parochial, private, or home school program located in Whiteside or Carroll County.

The amounts and numbers of scholarships will vary from year to year as funds are available. Scholarship minimums will be \$500.00. Students will be selected on the basis of academic accomplishments, creative distinctions, essay content and extracurricular activities. The committee will also select students who contribute to the inclusion of community and academic life of children with disabilities. The committee looks for qualities such as self-reliance, energy, imagination, originality and concern for others.

High School Senior and College Students submit the following information:

Name

Address

Telephone Number

E-mail address

Date

High School or College attending

Intended area of study

Intended learning institution

Instructions for High School Seniors

Answer the following questions in 2-3 paragraphs (250 words or more)

1. Why do you want to pursue a degree in your intended field? Include goals and dreams for your future in this career.

2. What are some ways that you have made or plan to make an impact on people who have a disability?

List activities, awards received, community service projects, leadership positions and summer activities you have participated in.

Obtain two letters of recommendation. Letters of recommendation can be from a teacher, counselor, administrator, or a person who can objectively assess your abilities and character. Ask them to write a letter of recommendation and provide an envelope addressed to Bi-County Foundation Scholarship Committee. 1900 W. Lefevre, Sterling, IL 61081 or they may email it to the Foundation to Tony Crisp (tcrisp@bi-county.org) Submit by Feb. 15th

Instructions for College Students

Enter the number of credits earned in college along with your basic information. Answer the following questions in 3-4 paragraphs.

1. How has college expanded or changed your views for the future?
2. What experiences have you had with disabled individuals and how do you feel you have made an impact or have they impacted you?
3. What new experiences have you had in college that you believe will help you in the future?

List any activities, awards, community projects, jobs or leadership positions you have had in college.

Obtain two letters of recommendation from a college instructor, job supervisor or counselor. Ask them to email Tony Crisp (tcrisp@bi-county.org) or send to the Bi-County Foundation Scholarship Committee at 1900 W. Lefevre, Sterling, IL 61081

Submission of Applications for both High School and College

All applications must be submitted in typed format. Please send a copy of your Application to the Bi-County Foundation Scholarship Committee. 1900 W Lefevre, Sterling, IL 61081 or e-mail Tony Crisp (tcrisp@bi-county.org)

Application Deadline

Applications and recommendation letters must be postmarked no later than Feb. 15.

Notification and Payment

Notification to Scholarship recipients will be made by April 1st of each year. Payment will be distributed directly to schools/universities upon verification of enrollment.