

“BE BIG” SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana (BBBSCI) invites “Littles” who are graduating from high school or obtaining an HSED (High School Equivalency Diploma, formerly GED) and have been actively matched with a Big for at least one year prior to the application deadline to apply for a scholarship to help with the expense of their post-high school education. Littles must demonstrate they intend to attend an accredited college, university, trade school, or other post-secondary educational institution for enrollment in the upcoming school year. Littles are required to fulfill ongoing requirements to retain their scholarship or to reapply.

1. BIGS APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Confirm your Little is completing the “Be Big” Scholarship Award Application Packet.
- Complete the Big’s portion of the “Be Big” Scholarship Packet

Please send your “Be Big” Scholarship to Nikki Jo McCrady.

Please fax, mail, or email all completed documents to:
Nikki Jo McCrady, Program Events & Graduate Specialist
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana
2960 N Meridian St., Suite 150
Indianapolis, IN 46208
nmccrady@bbbsci.org
317.472.3708 (phone)
317.921.2202 (fax)

2. SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Available scholarships range from \$100-\$5,000 for the 2018-2019 class of graduates. Application does not guarantee an award. Awards will be given in the areas of:

- Academic Achievement
 - Improvement in grades, participation in academic honors/clubs
- Character
 - Your personality, underlying values and personal beliefs
- Leadership
 - Setting an example for your community, leading your peers
- Personal Growth and Overcoming Obstacles
 - Ways you have overcome hardships in your life, how you improve your life for the future

3. TIMELINE

January 7, 2019	"Be Big" Scholarship Award packet becomes available for download online. Littles and parent/guardians will be notified via email. Each corresponding "Big" will also be notified via email.
March 1, 2019	Completed application packets are due to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana.
April 8, 2019	Notification of awards to be sent via email.
May 1, 2019	Thank you notes to donor are due to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana from recipient
June 3, 2019	First semester financial award forms are due to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana.
August 2019	Awards to be distributed to bursar of designated post-secondary institution.
December 20, 2019	Second semester financial award forms are due to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana.
January 2020	Awards to be distributed to bursar of designated post-secondary institution.

4. FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Who funds the "Be Big" Scholarship Program?
The money comes from a variety of donors who have designated their money for scholarships.
2. How much financial assistance can Littles receive?
Scholarships Littles can receive range from \$100-\$5,000. Decisions will be made based on need and thoroughness of the application packet.
3. When is the deadline for submitting applications?
Friday, March 1, 2019 is the last day scholarships can be postmarked for mailing. Late applications will **not** be considered.
4. When are letters of recommendation and school transcripts due? Can they be sent separately from my application?
*All materials must be received in **one packet**. Transcripts and letters of recommendation should not be sent separately. Incomplete applications will not be considered.*
5. Do my Littles letters of recommendation have to be written by teachers, or can they come from anyone?
*We require any **adult** not related to you who knows you well, such as through school, work or places of worship (i.e., teacher, coach, neighbor, etc.) to write a letter of recommendation for you. Individuals who write recommendation letters **must** identify how they know you, and who they are. Family members and your Big **should not** write your recommendation letter.*
6. What standardized test results are required? How and when do they submit their scores?
Your scores are self-reported on the application form.
7. Are there minimum SAT or ACT scores?
No. There are no minimum scores.

8. My responses are longer than the text boxes allow and do not show correctly when I print. Can I submit my answers on separate sheets of paper using Microsoft word?
Yes, as long as you signify which question you are answering with your answer, we will accept them.
9. Can I apply online?
*The Be Big Scholarship Award Application is available **for download** on our website, www.bebigforkids.org in the Big Futures section of our Resources page. To type in your information to the application, you must view the document in [Adobe Reader](#) (available free for download). Please download our application, **type** in your information, print, and send in your packet.*
10. Can I fax or email my application?
*You may fax, mail or email all documents in **one packet** to the attention of:
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11. I missed the deadline. Can I still apply?
*Applications received with a postmarked date later than **Friday, March 1, 2019** will not be considered.*
12. Is there an income limit?
No, we will not restrict scholarships awards based on family income.
13. When are the winners notified? Are applicants who have not won also notified?
In April, you will receive documentation stating whether or not you received an award.
14. Which schools can Littles who receive a scholarship attend?
Littles can attend any post-secondary school, such as:
- Vocational schools (students are trained in skills or abilities to be pursued as a career)
 - Colleges and universities
 - Academies (educational institution devoted to a particular subject)
 - Seminary (training of priests, ministers or rabbis)

BIG APPLICATION FORM FOR "BE BIG" SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Please complete and type this form to the best of your ability, as it will be taken into consideration for your Little's eligibility for the "Be Big" Scholarship Award application process. Sometimes youth are not the best cheerleaders for themselves, so your input is essential. This is your chance to help our scholarship committee get to know your Little from your eyes.

FullName(s): Click or tap here to enter text.

Address: Click or tap here to enter text.

City: Click or tap here to enter text.State: Click or tap here to enter text.Zip: Click or tap here to enter text.

Phone(s) (with area code):Click or tap here to enter text. Phone(s)Type: Click or tap here to enter text.

Email: Click or tap here to enter text.

Little Brother/Sister Full Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Please select at least two of the following questions:

1. What most impresses you about your Little and his or her accomplishments? Please be as descriptive as possible.
2. How has your Little prepared for post-secondary plans (campus tours, college fairs, contacting representatives regarding his or her intended major)? How is your Little prepared to handle the financial demands of post-secondary education? Please be as descriptive as possible.
3. Describe the goals your Little has established for continuing his or her education. Do you think these goals are attainable? Why or why not? Please be as descriptive as possible. The more information you provide, the better.
4. How do you think your Little has grown through your years together? Give an example of how your Little has developed in the areas of educational success, avoidance of risky behaviors and/or socio-emotional confidence. Please be as descriptive as possible.
5. Why do you think your Little should be considered for a scholarship from Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana? Please be as descriptive as possible.

Please be as descriptive as possible, the more information you provide the better. Please write a minimum of 250 words per selected question.