

## “Be Big” Scholarship Interest Form

### 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 to be considered 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.

### FIRST ROUND APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Littles must complete and type the “About Me” section
- Littles must complete the Information Regarding Future Plans Section
- Littles must complete Impact on Future Plans Section

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### TIMELINE

January 19, 2021	Be Big” Scholarship Intention packet becomes available for download online. Littles and parent/guardians will be notified via email & Captivated text. Each corresponding “Big” will also be notified via email.
February 5, 2021	Completed Intention packets are due to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana.
February 12, 2021	Applicants notified with they are chosen to move to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Round. Full Applications sent.
March 8, 2021	Full Applications are due to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana
April 19, 2021	Email notification of award and non-awards will be sent to all Littles, Parents and Bigs. Littles receiving a scholarship will also be sent via mail the fall and spring request forms and return envelope.
TBD	Celebrate Mentoring Event
May 10, 2021	Thank you notes to donor are due to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana from recipient
June 7, 2021	First semester financial award forms are due to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana.
August 2021	Awards to be distributed to bursar of designated post-secondary institution.
December 17, 2021	Second semester financial award forms are due to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana.
January 2022	Awards to be distributed to bursar of designated post-secondary institution.

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### SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Nine scholarships will be awarded to the 2021 Graduating class and will range from \$500-\$5,000. 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
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## 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?  
*For 2021, BBBSCI will be awarding a total of 9 scholarships to the graduating class. The amounts will received range from \$500-\$5,000. Decisions will be made based on need and thoroughness of the application packet.*
3. What standardized test results are required? How and when do I submit my scores?  
*Your scores are self-reported on the application form. You may self-report your ACT or SAT scores.*
4. Are there minimum SAT or ACT scores?  
*No. There are no minimum scores.*
5. 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.*
6. Can I apply online?  
*The Be Big Scholarship Award Application is available **for download** on our website, [www.bebigforkids.org](http://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.*
7. Can I fax or email my application?  
*You may fax, mail or email all documents in **one packet** to the attention of:*  
Julia Black, Program Events Coordinator & Graduate Specialist  
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana  
1433 N. Meridian Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46202  
[Jblack@bbbsci.org](mailto:Jblack@bbbsci.org)  
317.472.3708 (phone) 765.993.0908 (cell) 317.921.2202 (fax)

8. I missed the deadline. Can I still apply?

*Interest forms sent after February 5, 2021 and full applications received with a postmarked date later than Monday, March 8, 2021 will not be considered.*

9. Is there an income limit?

*No, we will not restrict scholarships awards based on family income.*

10. 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)*

11. What if I decide not to go to school next year, can my scholarship be deferred?

*Yes, if you are not going directly to school we can work with you to hold your funds. However, you must notify us in writing of your deferment. If we do not hear from you within 12 months of your award notification, your scholarship funds will be taken back to be allocated to another Little.*

## LITTLE'S APPLICATION FOR "BE BIG" SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Please type your information before printing.

### ABOUT ME

Full Name: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Big Brother/Sister Full Name: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Address: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

City: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#) State: IN Zip: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

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

Email: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Date of Birth: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#) High School Name: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

High School Address: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Current Grade Level: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#) Month/Year You Expect To Graduate/Earn HSED: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Fall 2020 GPA: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#) SAT Score: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#) ACT Score: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#) Class Rank: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Class Size: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#) Post-Secondary Intended Major or Area of Study: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Are you a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholar? Yes  No

Do you receive free or reduced lunch? Yes  No

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Parent or Guardian Full Name: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Parent or Guardian Phone Number(s): [Click or tap here to enter text.](#) Phone Type: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Parent or Guardian Email: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

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## INFORMATION REGARDING FUTURE PLANS

Have you submitted your [FAFSA form](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) (www.fafsa.ed.gov) by the Indiana due date, **April 15, 2021**? Yes  No

If no, please explain why:

If you are a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholar, are you on track to complete the [Scholar Success Program requirements](#) by **June 30, 2021**? Yes  No  Not Applicable

If no, please explain why:

List the post-secondary programs for which you have or intend to apply, the costs (tuition, room and board, etc.) associated with each, and whether you have received a financial aid package:

1. School/Program Name: *Click or tap here to enter text.*

Have you received notification of acceptance? Yes  No

Cost of Attendance: *Click or tap here to enter text.*

Amount of Aid Available: *Click or tap here to enter text.* Have you accepted financial aid? Yes  No

2. School/Program Name: *Click or tap here to enter text.*

Have you received notification of acceptance? Yes  No

Cost of Attendance: *Click or tap here to enter text.*

Amount of Aid Available: *Click or tap here to enter text.* Have you accepted financial aid? Yes  No

3. School/Program Name: *Click or tap here to enter text.*

Have you received notification of acceptance? Yes  No

Cost of Attendance: *Click or tap here to enter text.*

Amount of Aid Available: *Click or tap here to enter text.* Have you accepted financial aid? Yes  No

If you have applied for additional scholarships, have you received any awards? Yes  No  Not Applicable

If yes, please list all you have received:

1. Name of Award: *Click or tap here to enter text.*

Award Amount: *Click or tap here to enter text.*

2. Name of Award: *Click or tap here to enter text.*

Award Amount: *Click or tap here to enter text.*

3. Name of Award: *Click or tap here to enter text.*

Award Amount: *Click or tap here to enter text.*

4. Name of Award: *Click or tap here to enter text.*

Award Amount: *Click or tap here to enter text.*

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## HOW THIS SCHOLARSHIP WILL IMPACT MY FUTURE PLANS

In 200 words or less, please explain how receiving a scholarship from BBBS will help you be successful in your ongoing education.

[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)