



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION TIPS & ADVICE 2018 - 2019

Are you planning to continue your education beyond high school? Each year, the Baraboo Community Scholarship Corporation (BCSC) gives thousands of dollars in scholarships to Baraboo High School graduates. It's not too early to think about applying for these grants. There's a wide variety of scholarships available for 2- and 4-year colleges, as well as technical and trade schools. Some awards are based upon financial need, but many others recognize academic achievement, extra-curricular activities, or special interests. Established in 1976 by a group of forward-thinking community members, the BCSC provides students with a single-form way to apply for more than 80 scholarships. There are several things to remember to ease this application process. Key points are summarized below. Please feel free to contact **BCSC: barabooscholarships@gmail.com** if you have any questions.

COMPUTERIZED APPLICATION FORM

We ask that all applications **be typed**. To facilitate this process, the application form will be available online in early January, 2018. You will be able to find the BCSC form by clicking on the application form link at our web site: www.barabooscholarships.com. If you do not have internet access on your home computer, plan to use a high school media center computer or another properly equipped computer. BHS will hold an assembly in early January to explain the scholarship application process. You can begin work on your submission after this assembly. Plan your schedule to allow enough time to complete the application by our deadline. All applications must be **postmarked or placed in the Student Services office drop box by February 28, 2018**.

REQUIRED BACKGROUND DATA

You're asked to detail your extra-curricular activities, work history, achievements and awards on your application. Begin compiling this information now to make sure that you don't omit any significant facts.

TWO REFERENCES NEEDED

Think of two people who can write recommendations for you. You'll need one academic reference (a teacher, coach, administrator) and one non-academic reference (a work supervisor, volunteer leader). Ask your choices early before they get too busy. The application contains a form that your references complete. Provide each person with a stamped return envelope addressed to the **BCSC, P.O. Box 380, Baraboo, WI 53913**. Finally, follow up with thank you notes!

FINANCIAL NEED APPLICATIONS

Students applying for scholarships that are awarded based upon financial need must file a **FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) to qualify for these scholarships. This application is available online at: <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>. Attach your official SAR (Student Aid Report) provided by this organization to your BCSC application. Please allow ample time to secure PIN codes so you can print a copy of this report. **All financial information remains strictly confidential.**

TRANSCRIPTS REQUIRED

Plan to request a copy of your transcripts from the BHS Guidance Department. A copy must accompany your application.

HONORS NIGHT

Once all scholarship applications are received, the BCSC selection committee reads and evaluates each one and selects the winners. If you are chosen, you will receive an invitation to Honors Night.

REGISTRATION VERIFICATION

You will be asked to submit proof of registration at the school of your choice once the academic term begins. The BCSC will issue your scholarship check upon receipt of your enrollment verification.

WE LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU

Please keep BCSC in mind. We love to hear how you're doing and how the scholarship money has helped you achieve your goals.

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