

BECHTEL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION SPRING 2017



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF GREATER MILWAUKEE

ABOUT THE BECHTEL SCHOLARSHIP: Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee Bechtel Scholarship was established for current members, former members, volunteers and employees to have the opportunity to pursue post high school education. The scholarship also serves as a vehicle for the training of future Boys & Girls Club staff. Individuals who meet the criteria below, possess leadership potential and academic abilities, but have inadequate financial resources are encouraged to apply. The scholarship can be used for tuition at a college, university, or technical school. Recipients must apply each semester in order to be eligible for renewal of the scholarship for up to 5 years (**award and/or amount not guaranteed each semester**). **Note, you are responsible for all tuition, fees, etc associated with your student account until the award reaches your college/university.**

BECHTEL SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA: Applicants must meet all the following criteria and have already been accepted to a college or university to be considered. **If you did not receive a Bechtel scholarship award for the Fall 2016 semester, you are considered a new applicant.**

- (1) Applicant must be a member, current volunteer or current staff who has been associated with the agency for at least a full calendar year prior to application.
- (2) Must be enrolled in a college, university or trade school.
- (3) Must have a 2.5 cumulative GPA from high school or college.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS: All applicants **MUST** submit a completed application by Friday, January 13, 2017 by 4:30 p.m. If mailing in your application, please be mindful of the specified due date and allow ample time. We will not accept late or incomplete applications. All items must be submitted together in the order below:

- Scholarship Application**
- Spring 2017 Financial Aid Award Letter**
- Itemized Spring 2017 School Bill:** Showing total charges and payments as of January 6, 2017
- Transcripts:** Showing each semester and the cumulative gpa; high school transcripts will be accepted only for recent high school graduates.
 - Currently attending college or have previously:** Submit most recent college transcripts and acceptance letter from college or university returning college students
 - 2016 high school graduate and have never attended college:** Submit acceptance letter from college or university, High school transcripts, ACT score documentation, letter of recommendation from counselor or administrator at current school
 - Graduated high school prior to 2016 and never attended college:** Submit acceptance letter from college or university and High school transcripts
- Spring 2017 Class Schedule:** With total number of credits for semester and course listing
- Documentation of Affiliation (volunteer logs are NOT acceptable):**
 - Boys & Girls Club Members:** All new applicants must submit a letter of recommendation from a current Boys & Girls Clubs staff member.
 - Boys & Girls Club Volunteers:** Submit a current recommendation letter from your volunteer supervisor stating your duties, number of hours completed, and dates completed.
 - Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee Employees:** Employees must submit a letter of recommendation from your supervisor.

All documents must be clearly labeled top right hand corner according to checklist above

If you have any questions, please contact Toria Butler-Hester at 414-759-4794/toriabh@boysgirlsclubs.org

SELECTION PROCESS: The Scholarship Committee will select awardees based on completed applications submitted. Submitting a scholarship application does not guarantee a scholarship. All information submitted in the application is confidential and will be available only to authorized individuals

HOW TO APPLY: All completed documentation **MUST** be submitted via mail or in person. No faxes or emails will be accepted. You may mail or drop off your material to the Mardak Center for Business Administration 1558 North 6th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53212, Attn: Toria Butler-Hester by **FRIDAY, January 13, 2017 by 4:30pm.** No applications will be accepted after this time.

RESPONSIBILITIES AS A NEW SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT AND/OR CURRENT RECIPIENT:

1. **Application:** You must complete the scholarship application each semester, submit required documents and meet all requirements to be considered for a scholarship. **Although BGCGM tries to award scholarships prior to the beginning of the semester, it is possible that scholarship decisions/scholarship awards may be disbursed at any time during the semester. Consequently, all school expenses are the responsibility of the student and this scholarship is in the form of a reimbursement. This application and current documents must be submitted by the application deadline before monies will be sent to your school.**
2. **Current Scholarship Recipients:** Recipients must maintain affiliation with the BGCGM. Employees, members and volunteers must maintain continuous participation within the Clubs.
3. **Volunteer Hours:** Scholarship recipients are *required* to volunteer a minimum of 10 hours per semester. Proof of these hours, including responsibilities, duties and timeline **MUST BE** submitted with your application. Please keep in mind, volunteer logs are **NOT** acceptable. **Boys & Girls Club Members & Volunteers:** Submit a current letter from your volunteer supervisor stating your duties, dates, and number of hours completed for the current semester. **Service MUST BE completed at Boys & Girls Club of Greater Milwaukee. Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee Employees:** Boys & Girls Club staff must volunteer at another non-profit organization and submit a letter with duties, completed number of hours, and timeline.
4. **Maintenance (G.P.A. & Student Status):** You are required to notify Toria Butler-Hester in writing with any changes to your: student status, address changes, financial circumstance or if your G.P.A. goes below 2.5. You are required to be enrolled for a minimum of 6 credits per semester during your first year and (12) credits thereafter.
5. **Recipient Agreement:** As a scholarship recipient, it is your responsibility to fulfill all requirements. Scholarship monies are not guaranteed for students who have been awarded a scholarship previously. In addition, the monetary value may fluctuate from semester to semester depending on funding. I understand that if I do not maintain my current student status and BGCGM affiliation, that it may jeopardize my acceptance into the scholarship program for next semester.



Applicant Name: _____

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applicant Information:

Please make sure that information provided is accurate and corresponds with required documents.

Name:

Last Name

First Name

Address:

Street

City

State

Zip

Phone Number: _____ **E-Mail Address:** _____

Birthday: _____ **Student ID#:** _____

Affiliation with Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee:

Volunteer Volunteer Supervisor: _____ Location: _____

Alumni Last year as a member: _____ Location: _____

Employee Hire Date: _____ Location: _____

Have you been awarded the Bechtel Scholarship before? Yes No
If yes, please give the previous semester and year (i.e. Spring 2016): _____

College, University, Trade or Technical School's Information:

Name: _____

Degree: Bachelors Masters Associates **Major:** _____

Year Spring 2017 semester: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior 5th Yr

Expected Graduation Date: _____

APPLICANT AGREEMENT

I understand AND agree with the renewal/new applicant requirements listed above. I understand that failure to adhere to the directions above may disqualify me from receiving a scholarship. I hereby certify that the information in this application is complete and accurate.

Signature of Applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

INTEREST SURVEY QUESTIONS

Each answer should not exceed 250 words and must be typed, double spaced, and 12p.t. font. Please use a separate sheet to answer the following questions.

New Applicants please answer the following questions.

1. Describe your most meaning achievements and how they relate to your field of study and future goals?
2. Working with a non-profit organization, whether as a member, alumni, volunteer, or employee, you've seen first-hand the need of those BGCGM serves. With this in mind, what is your plan to help continue the mission of BGCGM?
3. What extracurricular activities are you involved in and how have they enhanced your education?
4. How have your volunteer experience impacted your life?
5. Do you have a plan for balancing and prioritizing school, study time, work, family, volunteering, and extracurricular activities? If so, what is it?
6. Why should the scholarship committee consider you as a candidate for a Boys & Girls Clubs scholarship?
7. Discuss a special attribute or accomplishment that sets you apart?

Renewal Applicants please answer the following questions.

1. What plan do you have in place for balancing school, study time, work, family, volunteering, personal life, and extracurricular activities?
2. Please provide a reflection on your most recent college semester. Share what were some of your strengths and weaknesses.
3. If there has been a change in your major or GPA, please explain. If there has been no change, please explain your plan on maintaining or achieving greater.
4. How will continued financial support from the Bechtel Scholarship impact you in your pursuit of obtaining a college degree?