



Brighter Futures Scholarship

Scholarship Application

Application due date: April 1st, 2024

1. DEADLINE for scholarship application is April 1st, 2024.
2. Refer to application process below for a list of the supporting documents needed. An incomplete application will not be considered.
3. If any question in this application does not apply, please mark N/A in the space.
4. Type or print legibly. Illegible applications will be returned to applicant.
5. Applicants will be notified by their school counselor regarding the status of their application by May 17th, 2024.
6. If applicants have any questions about the application, they should contact their school counselor.

PURPOSE

The Brighter Futures Scholarship was established in 2017. The mission of the scholarship is to provide financial assistance to currently enrolled ECASD high school seniors who, at some point while enrolled in the Eau Claire Area School District, were identified as having experienced homelessness or out-of-home care (i.e. foster care and group homes).

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Scholarship awards are for any current qualifying ECASD senior accepted into an Eau Claire County post-secondary educational program, college, or course(s). Scholarships are awarded based upon the financial needs of the applicant. Funding is not intended to be used for tuition balance, but more so for other services or items needed for academic success (course materials, meal plans, housing fees, living supplies, and/or other necessities for student success).

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Student necessities shall be purchased by a representative of the Brighter Futures Scholarship Program. Any scholarship funding paid towards a tuition balance will be submitted directly to the post-secondary educational institution. Scholarships are awarded annually. A recipient will be awarded a maximum of one scholarship. The Brighter Futures Scholarships are awarded without regard to race, color, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation. Scholarships awarded are based upon the availability of funds and additional qualifying criteria.

CRITERIA

- Applicants must be currently enrolled and completing (or graduated) ECASD high school programming during the 2023-2024 school year.
- Applicants must be accepted as a full-time or part-time student within post-secondary programming, college or course(s) at an educational institution located in Eau Claire County.
- Applicants must be identified in ECASD records as having experienced homelessness or out-of-home care.
- Applicants must submit a completed Scholarship Application, and supporting documents, by **April 1st, 2024**.

TIMELINE

- Applications are due **April 1st, 2024.**
- Applicants may be asked to interview with the Scholarship Committee in April 2024.
- If awarded a scholarship, the applicant will be notified by May 17th, 2024.

Application Process

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS MUST PROVIDE:

- Completed Scholarship Application form.
- Official proof of academic standing to show the applicant will complete high school within 2023-24 academic year.
- Proof of acceptance in post-secondary programming, college, or course(s) within an Eau Claire County educational institution.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

- If awarded a scholarship, the applicant will be notified by May 17th, 2024.
- If applicable, scholarship recipient must provide the name of the institution and contact information of where tuition payment is to be directed.
- Award amounts will be distributed after all requirements are met.

The Eau Claire Area School District and Eau Claire Public Schools Foundation is investing in your future!

Please direct all questions, concerns, requests for assistance in completing this application, and all completed applications through mail, email, or in person to:

**Brighter Futures Scholarship Program
Eau Claire Area School District
Dani Graham
Homeless Program & Out-Of-Care Program Coordinator
500 Main Street
Eau Claire, WI 54701
715.852.3044
dgraham@ecasd.us**



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Application 2023-2024

Must be completed by applicant

Please type or print your answers below. If application is illegible, it will be returned to you. Please contact your school counselor if accommodations are needed to complete this application.				
1	<table border="1"><tr><td>Last Name:</td><td>First Name:</td></tr></table>	Last Name:	First Name:	
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8	Name & address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s), if applicable: Name (s) _____ Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Contact number and/or email of parents or legal guardians: _____					
9	What specialty/major do you plan to focus on as you continue your education?					
10	List all post-secondary courses you have attempted: (List more on separate sheet)					
	Course Name	Institution	Month & Year Began	Month & Year Ended	Completed?	Course Grade

Please list the following information on a separate sheet, if needed.

11	EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Please list all extra-curricular activities in which you have participated, including groups and clubs.
12	ORGANIZATIONS: Please list community organizations in which you are now active or have previously been active.
13	RECOGNITIONS: Please list all awards and recognitions you have received. Note organizations presenting honor and date.

14	GOALS: What are your short and long-term goals for your life?		
15	CAREER PLANS: What are your career plans and what would you like to be doing in 10 years?		
16	NEED: Please explain your school-related needs for the Brighter Futures Scholarship (tuition, books and materials, transportation, other school, and personal supplies).		
17	<p>The following items must be attached to this application for the application to qualify for review by the scholarship committee.</p> <p>Circle "YES" or "NO" to be sure you have attached each item as required</p>		
	YES	NO	Proof of acceptance in post-secondary institution within Eau Claire County. A letter of post-secondary educational programming, college or course(s) acceptance is required for disbursement of funds.
	YES	NO	Most recent high school transcript.
	YES	NO	Completed Scholarship Application (answers to all questions 1-17).

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all information provided by me to the Brighter Futures Scholarship Program is true, correct and without forgery.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship recipient, according to scholarship policy, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at the Eau Claire County post-secondary institution of my choice before scholarship funds can be awarded.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____ Date: _____

**The deadline for this application to be received by
Brighter Futures Scholarship Program is April 1st, 2024.**