

Dr. Benny A. Winborn Scholarship
Gateway Guidelines

Purpose

The Benny A. Winborn Scholarship was established to honor Dr. Winborn and his 40-years of dedication to the Arkansas public-education system. He served the Fayetteville public school system as coach, teacher, principal, counselor and as assistant superintendent.

Eligible Applicants

- Graduating seniors from Fayetteville High School
- Enrolling at a two-or four-year college or vocational school

Criteria

The criteria for eligible applicants may be determined by the selection committee, and may include but not limited to:

- First-generation or second-generation college bound students - first or second person in the immediate family to attend college
- Academic performance
- Volunteer, work, or extracurricular activities
- Special circumstances -life experiences that set you apart from other candidates

Available Funds

- The Foundation may or may not award a scholarship in any given year
- Funding up to \$750
- Scholarship funds may be used to pay for student educational costs, including tuition, fees, books

Important Dates

- Scholarships Release/Open: January 1
- Scholarship Deadline: February 15
- Award Announcement: On or before April 1

Submitting Your Application

1. **Login and edits:** Log in and create an account to begin your application. Once you access the application, changes and edits can be made. To unlock your application and make changes, log in and click the EDIT button (top right of screen) and you make revisions or additions. Click the SAVE button to save updates.
2. **Before your application will be considered, you must include the following documents:**
 - **Most current High School Transcript** (does not have to be your official transcript)
 - **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**
 - **Letters of recommendation:** In the application you will be asked to provide the correct contact information, including a valid email, for your teacher(s) providing your letter(s) of recommendation.
 - Once this is completed, you will submit the form. You will see a pop-up confirmation that the recommendation form has been submitted. You will also get a pop-up asking if you are ready to submit your entire application or save changes. If your application is incomplete, simply click SAVE MY WORK.
 - An email will be sent to your contact/teacher. They will complete an online form which is your letter of recommendation.
 - You will not be able to submit your scholarship application until the letter(s) of recommendation are filled out by the teacher. You may continue working on your application while waiting for the letter of recommendation to be submitted.
 - Once the contact/teacher has submitted your letter of recommendation to the Foundation, your application will move from PENDING to RECEIVED and you can submit your application when ready.

- 3. Submission:** When complete, YOU MUST click SUBMIT on the last page. You will get a notification that your application is complete. Applications needing more attention will receive an email or text notifying of an incomplete application.

The application includes the following questions:

1. Academic Data
 - Grade Point Average, ACT Score and/or SAT Score, transcript
2. Activities and Service
 - Awards, activities and list of school clubs or organization involvement , extra-curricular/ out of school activities/organizations, and job/ work experience
3. College Expenses
 - Tuition, room and board, books and other expenses
4. Financial Information
 - Additional resources available, list of other scholarships applied, Federal/State agency grants or loans, and siblings/ parents who are attending college
5. Future Plans
 - Brief description of plans following graduation from high school
6. Cover letter
 - Include a one-page essay outlining how what sets you apart from other candidates such as, first-generation or second-generation college bound student, academic performance, volunteer/work/extracurricular activities, or special circumstances (i.e. financial, personal, medical, etc.)

Review Process:

A committee from the Fayetteville Public Education Foundation Board of Directors reviews and awards scholarships based on the Policies and Procedures of the Fayetteville Public Education Foundation.

- Applications are vetted for compliance
- Applications are ranked by a point system; those with the highest scores will be reviewed for funding
- Awarded applicants are notified by email and mail

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