

Category	Details	Percentage
Academic Performance 30 Points	<p>Cumulative High School Weighted Grade Point Average</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student will be asked to provide a copy of their latest transcript. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 4.2 or higher – 30 Points</li> <li>○ 4.0 – 4.19 – 29 Points</li> <li>○ 3.8 – 3.99 – 27 Points</li> <li>○ 3.6 – 3.79 – 25 Points</li> <li>○ 3.4 – 3.59 – 23 Points</li> <li>○ 3.2 – 3.39 – 21 Points</li> <li>○ 3.0 – 3.19 – 19 Points</li> <li>○ 2.8 – 2.99 – 17 Points</li> <li>○ 2.6 – 2.79 – 15 Points</li> <li>○ 2.0 – 2.59 – 10 Points</li> <li>○ Below 2.0 – 0 Points</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	30%
Extra-Curricular 20 Points	<p>This category will be scored subjectively by each member of the scholarship committee.</p> <p>Things to be considered are the role played by the applicant in each activity. For example, being the president of a club could merit more points than just being a member.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clubs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Additional Responsibilities</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Sports / Performing Arts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Additional Responsibilities</li> <li>○ Awards</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Volunteering <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Organization</li> <li>○ Position</li> <li>○ Additional Responsibilities</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Employment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Position</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	20%
Essay / Project 25 Points	<p>This category will be scored subjectively by each member of the scholarship committee.</p> <p>Applicant must submit an original essay of 1000 words or less or can complete an original media project of equivalent effort or substance to express themselves on one (1) the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tell us about an inspirational experience or about what inspires you.</li> <li>• Tell us about a hardship that you've had to overcome.</li> <li>• Tell us about how you want to make a positive impact on the world.</li> </ul>	25%

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Financial Need 5 Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Household Earnings Based on Adjusted Gross Income from 2023 or 2024 earnings.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Below \$40K – 5 Points</li> <li>Below \$80K – 4 Points</li> <li>Below \$120K – 3 Points</li> <li>Below \$175K – 2 Points</li> <li>More than \$180K – 1 Points</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	5%
Interview 10 Points	<p>This category will be scored subjectively by each member of the scholarship committee.</p> <p>The applicant will be asked to make a video recording of themselves responding to a pre-established set of questions.</p>	10%
Socio-Economic Factors 10 Points	<p>This category will be scored subjectively by each member of the scholarship committee.</p> <p>Applicant can provide a short essay of 300 words or less about the socio-economic factors that should be considered as part of their application. Factors can include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Financial Status</li> <li>Gender</li> <li>Ethnicity</li> <li>Family Dynamics               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of siblings</li> <li>Role of applicant within family</li> </ul> </li> <li>Parents' Education</li> <li>Parents' Veteran Status</li> </ul>	10%

Each application will be reviewed individually by each committee member and will be given an overall score based on the points given for each of the categories. The average of all the overall scores given to each application will be the final overall score.

**For example:** Application #1 – The final overall score is 88.33 based on the following individual scores.

- Committee Member 1 – 85 Overall Score
- Committee Member 2 – 97 Overall Score
- Committee Member 3 – 83 Overall Score

Fairness and transparency are principles of The Benny Morales Foundation and will be fundamental components in awarding scholarships to deserving students. Committee members will be asked to complete a scoring sheet for each application reviewed.