

Breaking the Cycle

Personal Connection to Substance Use Scholarship

Applicant Requirements

To be eligible, applicants must meet all the following criteria:

- Be a graduating high school senior
- Be a resident of Breckinridge County
- Have a personal connection to substance use, which may include:
 - Personal recovery
 - A family member or close friend impacted by substance use
 - Loss, caregiving, advocacy, or other meaningful lived experience
(Applicants are not required to disclose illegal activity or medical details.)
- Plan to enroll in an accredited college, university, or trade/technical program within one year of graduation
- Demonstrate commitment to personal growth, resilience, or advocacy related to substance use awareness, recovery, or prevention

Application Components

Applicants must submit:

- Completed application form
- Proof of acceptance or intent to enroll in a college or trade program
- Essay addressing:
 - How substance use has personally impacted your life
 - How this experience has shaped your goals, values, or future plans
- One letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, coach, employer, or community leader

Selection Criteria

Applications will be evaluated based on:

- Authenticity and reflection in the personal essay

- Demonstrated resilience, responsibility, or leadership
- Educational and career goals
- Community involvement, advocacy, or service (formal or informal)

Additional Notes

- Students do not need to be in recovery themselves to qualify
- All personal information will be kept confidential