

BRAVO PROGRAMS OF AMERICA

Official Scholarship Application

<https://www.bravoprograms.org>

Bravo Programs of America awards scholarships for tuition and books to young adults, aged 18 through 26, who have spent time in the foster care system. We support students who are enrolled in an accredited post-secondary education program with demonstrated leadership skills and have good academic standing. Besides financial support, we offer mentoring support, career counseling and access to resources to support you along your educational journey. One way or another, we are here to help.

To qualify for a scholarship from Bravo Programs of America, you must meet all of the following criteria:

- ❖ Have spent time in the foster care system.
- ❖ Be age 26 or younger at the beginning of the school term for which you are applying.
- ❖ Be enrolled in an accredited post-secondary education program.

In order for your application to be considered you must:

- ❖ Submit your completed application on or before the following date:
 - Fall Semester July 1st
 - Winter Semester November 15th
- ❖ Print clearly, and contact us immediately with updates if your contact information changes. If we are unable to contact you at any time during the application process, your application will be removed from consideration.
- ❖ Complete all sections, and attached all requested documentation, as noted in the following document checklist. ***Incomplete applications will not be considered.***

Document	Previous Scholarship Recipient	First Time Applicant	Previous Scholarship Recipient Changing Schools
Completed Application Form	Yes	Yes	Yes
Letter from social worker or other document verifying your foster care status	No	Yes	No
Copy of most current semester school transcripts verifying cumulative Grade Point Average	Yes	Yes	Yes
Letter of acceptance into an accredited program	No	Yes	Yes
Up to Date Resume	Yes	Yes	Yes
Personal Essay (see guidelines at the end of this application)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Current Photo (may be used on Bravo social media platforms and promotional materials)	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Section I - Personal Information

Applicant Name: _____ Date: _____

Applicant Permanent Address: _____

City State and Zip: _____

Applicant Home Phone: _____ **or** Cellphone: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Permanent Email Address: _____

Only new applicants are required to fill out this section

Dates you were in Foster Care: _____ to _____

Social Worker: _____ Phone/ext: _____

Agency Address: _____

Section II - Academic Information

College/Trade school where you will use this scholarship: _____

Student I.D.: _____ Current School Level: _____
(Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior, Post Graduate)

Cumulative GPA: _____ Total Credits earned to date: _____

Degree/Certification and major course of study: _____

Anticipated Month/year of Graduation/Certification: _____

Section III – Financial Aid Requested

Have you applied to Bravo Programs of America in previous years? If yes when? _____

How much are you requesting from BRAVO for the next semester? \$ _____

List other organizations/foundations you have applied to and the awards received:

Name: _____ Amount: \$ _____

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Personal Essay Requirements

Please write a short essay. Your essay plays a critical role in your selection as a scholarship recipient. Provide a brief response to each question. If you are a previous scholarship recipient we understand that some of your responses will be similar to past submissions but you are still expected to refresh your responses. Submitting an essay that is identical to past applications will disqualify you from consideration.

- What is your career goal?
- Where do you see yourself in 5 years?
- What inspired you to select this career path?
- Describe something you accomplished in the last 6 months that you are proud of (school, personal or work related), and why is this accomplishment important to you?
- What do you hope to accomplish in addition to your career goal?
- What do you do to give back to your community?

Please Note: If you are selected to receive a scholarship, Bravo will use your photograph and some of the essay information to create a student profile of you that may be used on Bravo social media platforms and promotional materials. **Highlight any information in your response that you wish to remain confidential.**

If you are selected to receive a scholarship

- You will receive confirmation via phone call and/or letter from a Bravo board member.
- Your scholarship check will be sent directly to your school in time to be applied to the upcoming term.
- Bravo will issue an announcement of the semester scholarship recipients on our social media platforms and may include the student profiles noted above. You will be given the opportunity to review and comment on your profile. If you do not provide feedback, we will use the profile as created.
- A Bravo "Buddy" will reach out to you after the start of the term to initiate communication. Your Buddy is your point of contact with Bravo should you have any questions or should you need any support. Your Buddy also helps us monitor the investment we have made in you by keeping aware of your school status. If your Buddy is unable to maintain communication with you, you will forfeit the opportunity for future Bravo scholarships.

If you are not selected to receive a scholarship

- You will receive an email notification. Your name and email address will be added to our mailing list so you receive communications about future scholarship opportunities.

I, (Print) _____ have read and understand the conditions of the Bravo Programs of America Scholarship. I understand that this application will be made available only to qualified people who need to see it in the course of their duties. I affirm the information contained here is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature

Date

Please confirm that you have included all of the required documentation per the check list on the instruction sheet!