

**The
Bochatey
Foundation**

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The Dolores J. And Robert A. Bochatey Foundation

Request for Applications to Educational or Trade Skill Scholarships

1. Statement of Purpose

The **Bochatey Foundation** is seeking applications from individuals of any age or background requesting scholarship funds for academic educational programs or job skill training. Low-economic demographics will receive preference consideration. Also preferred are educational programs that further the individual's capacity to make mature decisions in their personal lives, profession and community. The program should increase their ability to provide for their family through rewarding employment, create stability for that family, and improve the future, equity, and peace of their community through their example and leadership. The individual or parent must describe their educational plan which demonstrates motivation and an understanding how education will change the student's future.

2. About the Foundation

The **Bochatey Foundation** is a small private family foundation who believes that education is the linchpin for better lives and a better society. Our primary objective is to remove small, specific obstacles that prevent motivated individuals from achieving self-sufficiency, employment, and family stability. We hope that through scholarships for children, teens and adults of every background we can change the lives of one person at a time and that they will carry forward their transformation to improve the lives of others.

3. Project Objectives

Scholarships from our foundation will be considered the for following core areas:

- **Children's academic education and tutoring:** K-12 students may apply for a partial scholarship to attend something other than public school. K-12 students may also apply for tutoring in specific academic areas or help with learning disabilities that prevent them from exceling at school. The program may include thinking skills, organizations skills, mathematics, reading, liberal arts, STEM, engineering and

computer sciences or other topics that translate directly to better employment, better adult decisions, and leadership.

- **Music and public speaking programs:** Music has long been accepted as helpful for cross brain coordination, systems thinking, and fostering behavioral maturity. We may provide scholarships to K-12 students programs that deliver full music education and individual lessons especially those that emphasize the tools of cooperation, leadership, confidence and teamwork. Likewise, we may provide scholarships to programs which teach theatrical skills, debate and public speaking which are geared toward organizational thought, confidence, etiquette, history, literature, critical thinking, and leadership.
- **Higher Education:** Students of any age seeking academic education through colleges and universities are encouraged to apply. We will contribute to your tuition, books, etc by sending the funds to your school under your student ID number. While we cannot pay full tuition, we may be able to support your tuition for more than 1 year if you maintain a B average, thus providing some stability for your continued education.
- **Vocational, trade school, apprenticeship, or other job/professional licensing:** We assist individuals with tuition, prep-courses, testing fees, and continuing education required for fields like nursing or allied health, personal care services, transportation, law, finance, teaching, etc. We consider scholarships for those seeking certification in diesel/automotive repair, aeronautics, HVAC, plumbing, electrical, construction, industrial mechanics, carpentry, gunsmithing, and others. This includes technology certificates such as programming, digital security, robotics, networking, data/systems analysis.

4. Application:

In addition to the online application, which mostly captures contact information, applicants will be expected to provide a 1-2 page proposal including the following as part of the application. If you wish to speak to us before applying, please make an appointment at www.BochateyFoundation.org/Mission. Scroll towards the bottom. (not required)

- Submit the online **Application** found at www.BochateyFoundation.org/Apply
- **Design:** Describe your education plan and why you should be awarded a grant. How will your education help yourself and others? Why have you chosen this field or school? What will you be able to do with the added tutoring or assistance? If you were in front of the application committee, what would you tell them?

- **Documents:** You may be asked to provide your most recent tax return, or your parent's tax return. (Please black out social security numbers before sending it.) Since our grant is fairly small, what other funding sources have you secured to make sure your education is sustainable such as employment, other grants, savings, etc.
- **References:** We would like to see 2-3 references from teachers, relatives, supervisors, or someone else that knows you well who will speak to your dedication and motivation. We aren't looking for perfect people, but we are looking for sincere people who act on their convictions to help others and help themselves.
- **Grant Agreement and Report:** Once awarded your funds, sent to the school, will be non-refundable. Please provide a grade report at the end of 1 or both semesters of your program, especially if you wish to be considered for additional scholarship funds the follow year.

5. Target Audience

Our beneficiaries are motivated individuals who recognize that education can change their lives and are willing to commit to the hard work it takes to make use of it. Awardees must demonstrate need of financial help to get additional education, tutoring, or skill training. Proposals can be designed for child, teen or adult learners. They may or may not have faced prior educational barriers.

Scholarships are provided to US Citizens who reside in Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, South & North Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Utah, Nevada, Arizona, and New Mexico. You may choose a school elsewhere, but your home residence should be in the Western states listed.

We are looking particularly for those who plan to multiply their scholarship and education by helping others. As an example, helping others in the medical field, teaching, community leadership, business, much needed trade skills, etc.

6. Application Process

We are a bit different than most.

- **The Application:** Once you've submitted the online application, you will receive an email regarding the additional application material. Please send additional correspondence to that email address which should be considered by the Application Committee.
- **Timeline:** There is no deadline for applications/proposals. Our application committee meets in February, May, August, and November. We will consider your

application at the next meeting. If your scholarship is not awarded at that time, your application will be reconsidered at future meetings. If, during that time, things change, please provide an update to your application via the same email address.

- **Communication:** Feel free to respond by email with questions, future changes, or needs you may encounter. If awarded we like to keep in touch with those who have received a scholarship. Not often, but maybe a couple times per semester we'd like to hear how you are doing or if you are facing any challenges. We may be able to support you in other ways during the semester.
- **Awards:** Grants may be awarded from \$500 to \$3000. Subsequent grants are dependent on whether you've submitted a grade report and maintained a B average. We have discovered that education is a long road. Some of you have support, others do not. Especially if you do not, please let us fill in with encouragement, council and an occasional prayer, if needed. Even a phone call or email of joy or frustration from you allows us to encourage the great work you are doing. It is a blessing to us and we hope, to you.

7. Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- **Alignment of Education:** Please read our website and newsletters to learn what other kinds of organizations, projects, and scholarships have been awarded. We do not support business start-ups or pay tuition debt for example. We believe in a good education whether that be liberal arts, STEM based, or job skills.
- **Cost-Effectiveness:** We'd like to see that you are bringing motivation, dedication, and hard work to your education. That means you've worked to keep your grades up as best you can and addressed learning challenges, we all have them. That means that you might also be working at a job to earn funds for school or researched additional grants and scholarships. Are you working in a job that supports learning your craft? Have you already accomplished somethings toward your goal?
- **Track Record:** We would like to see what you have done, tried, or accomplished before. Have you met challenges with tenacity? Do you believe that hard work and education will change your life? Are you willing to sacrifice frivolity for perseverance? Are you making your dream sustainable?

8. Contact Information

Please apply and/or schedule a phone meeting via:

www.BochatayFoundation.org

For direct inquiries please contact: Lisa Bochtey at **Bochtey Foundation**
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