

# Truist Bank/BB&T and McKinney-Vento Program



## 2023 Scholarship Application



**Application Deadline:**  
**March 21, 2023**

**What is the Truist/BB&T McKinney-Vento Program Scholarship?** Truist/BB&T, in partnership with the Orange County Public Schools McKinney-Vento Program provides scholarships for selected OCPS seniors who have experienced homelessness at any point during the 2022-2023 school year.



**Who selects the recipients?** A selection committee that includes local educators and community advocates review the applications and make the selection of applicants.

**How many scholarships are awarded?** There will be a minimum of three \$1,000 scholarships awarded. The scholarship is a one-time award paid directly to a post-secondary institution. This includes vocational schools, community colleges, and universities. Scholarships can be utilized for tuition, fees, and/or books. In addition to the scholarship, all recipients will receive a new laptop.

**When will the 2023 scholarships be awarded?** Scholarship awards will be announced no later than **April 28, 2023**. Monies will be awarded upon the receipt of post-secondary enrollment evidence, not to exceed a **September 30, 2023** deadline. If the recipient has not yet enrolled in a post-secondary institution, the committee will hold the scholarship pending enrollment until **September 30, 2023**.

**Who is eligible for the scholarship?** Current OCPS high school seniors who at any point during the 2022-2023 school year have been identified as experiencing homelessness according to the McKinney-Vento definition, and have an unweighted GPA of 2.0 or higher are eligible to apply.

According to the McKinney-Vento Act a person is considered homeless if he/she/they “lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate night-time residence.” This includes people living in shelters, cars, motels, campgrounds, or places not meant for human habitation, as well as children and youth who are living temporarily with friends, relatives, or other people because they lack permanent housing.

**How do students apply?** Applicants must submit the following:

- 1) A completed application form.
- 2) An essay about the impact of homelessness on their life and their desire to attend college (500-1,000 words). The essay is the most important component of the application and should include the following:
  - Demonstrated commitment to education during the experience of homelessness;
  - Academic achievement and accomplishments;
  - Potential impact of the scholarship for the student’s educational career;
  - Discussion of how the scholarship money would be used;
  - Statement of goals and career interests; and
  - Grammar and use of language.
- 3) A minimum of one letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, or other adult (not a relative) who can speak to the applicant’s qualifications and experiences.

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Completed applications (Cover sheet, Essay, and Recommendation Letter) must be submitted to the McKinney-Vento Office by the deadline to be considered.

**The application's deadline is March 21, 2023 at 5:00pm EST.**

## Applicant's Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Most recent high school attended \_\_\_\_\_ Unweighted GPA: \_\_\_\_\_  
Have you applied to any post-secondary institutions? \_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_no  
If yes, which institutions(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

## Contact Person's Information

*A contact person is someone who is in regular communication with the applicant and is able to reach him or her; for example: an employee at the most recent school attended, such as a counselor, teacher, social worker, coach, or an employee of a community agency, such as a counselor, case manager, or shelter director.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Application Checklist

\_\_\_\_ Application  
\_\_\_\_ Essay  
\_\_\_\_ Letter of Recommendation (1 minimum)

## Completed applications may be emailed, faxed, or mailed to:

MVP Scholarship  
OCPS McKinney-Vento Program  
445 W. Amelia St.  
Orlando, FL 32801  
[HelpHomeless@ocps.net](mailto:HelpHomeless@ocps.net)  
Fax: 407-317-3332

**Submissions must be received by email, fax, or mail by  
March 21, 2023 at 5:00 pm EST.**

Late and incomplete applications will not be considered.

For McKinney-Vento Office Use Only:

Application complete: \_\_\_\_\_  
Essay: \_\_\_\_\_  
Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

High School GPA: \_\_\_\_\_  
Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

SAT: \_\_\_\_\_  
ACT: \_\_\_\_\_  
Other Assess: \_\_\_\_\_