

Official 2019 B2SI Scholarship Application



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Program Guidelines

Back 2 School Illinois (B2SI) believes education is the key to America's future, and these scholarships will help unlock brighter futures for deserving and dedicated students.

What is Back 2 School Illinois (B2SI)?

The mission of Back 2 School Illinois is to create and support educational opportunities that enrich the lives of Illinois children.

What Kind of Scholarships is B2SI Offering?

B2SI will award a cash grant of \$2,500 for the freshman year of study to outstanding

college-bound high school seniors, using academic achievement and financial need as well as leadership skills in both school and community as the criteria to identify winners. Scholarships are funded by the Community Currency Exchange Association of Illinois, the Tufano Family & The Hugo Sonnenschein III Charitable Foundation.

Who Can Apply For The Scholarships?

The B2SI Scholarship Program is only offered to college-bound high school seniors. Applicants must live in Illinois and be a U.S. citizen, national, or permanent resident.

Who is not eligible?

The Scholarship Program does not accept applications from children or grandchildren of B2SI Board members or employees.

What's the Process?

1. Complete the entire application in black pen or submit a typed version.
2. Send fully completed application to B2SI office.
3. It must be postmarked no later than **March 1, 2019**.
4. Scholarship recipients will be selected by the Education Director and scholarship committee.
5. Scholarship recipients must provide proof of acceptance of a two- or four-year college or university in the U.S.
6. Only recipients will be notified by phone or mail. You can use the freshman year scholarship award to pay for tuition, fees, books, and/or other educational expenses.
7. Recipients will be invited, along with one guest, to attend B2SI's Back 2 School program Kickoff Dinner (May 9, 2018 at Galleria Marchetti) for a formal check presentation. Attendance is requested but not mandatory to receive the scholarship award.

Mail your application:

Scholarship Program Application
Back 2 School Illinois
3959 N. Lincoln Avenue
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Application checklist:

The following is a list of guidelines to help ensure that you have completed the entire application process.

1. Fill out the entire application form.
2. Obtain an official high school transcript, which includes your first semester senior year grades and your standardized test scores (e.g., ACT or SAT).
3. Please remember to include two letters of recommendation:
one from your community service organization and one from your school.
Be sure to include a description of your community service activities.
Don't forget your essay!
4. Send your completed application to the B2SI office.
5. Applications must be postmarked by **March 1, 2019**, to be considered. Scholarship recipients will be notified by **March 15, 2019**.

Your application must be postmarked by **March 1, 2019**. Incomplete applications will not be considered. You must include your essay, high school transcript, two letters of recommendation, and a brief summary from the community organization detailing your community involvement. If you need more space, you may attach separate sheets, but be sure to include your name and address on each page.

Please state why you want or need this scholarship.

List names and cities of the colleges and universities to which you have applied for admission.

**List school-related activities (e.g., athletics, clubs, music programs, newspaper/yearbook staff).
Include what leadership roles (if any) you have held.**

List all academic honors (e.g., National Honor Society, honor roll).

List all community-related activities (e.g., charity or volunteer work).

List any paid jobs you have held in or out of school. Include length of time at each job (e.g., babysitting for three years)

List any and all other scholarships that you have received to date. (Please include amount awarded.)

- Please enclose any other pertinent information on your community involvement (e.g., newspaper articles, letters of reference, etc.).
- Essay in approximately 500 words (on separate sheet):
“Describe an obstacle you have overcome. It may be school or non-school related.”

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Name of persons furnishing letters of recommendations:

1. _____ (Community Service Activity)

Relationship _____

I recommend this student for consideration for a B2SI Scholarship:

2. _____ (School-Related Activity)

Relationship _____

I recommend this student for consideration for a B2SI Scholarship:

CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY SERVICE*

APPLICANT'S NAME:

ORGANIZATION NAME:

HOURS OF SERVICE:

DIRECTOR SIGNATURE:

COORDINATOR SIGNATURE:

DATE:

*PLEASE COPY THIS DOCUMENT IF WORK ON BEHALF OF MORE THAN ONE ORGANIZATION IS BEING SUBMITTED.