

ANNUAL START-2-FINISH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Since 1982, the Bridge Builders Foundation in partnership with the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., has awarded financial scholarships to college-bound, African American male high school graduates.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The purpose of the Start-2-Finish Scholarship Program is to help maximize college graduation rates for African American males and to give guidance and support with making the transition from high school to college.

QUALIFYING CRITERIA

1. Applicants must have and maintain a high school GPA of 3.0 or above (and maintain a cumulative 2.75 GPA while in college for recurring scholarships).
2. Applicants must attend program workshops and activities with no unexcused absences.
3. Applicants must enroll in an accredited 4-year college or university beginning September of the academic year immediately after graduation from high school.
4. Applicants must have community service experience.
5. Applicants must have demonstrated leadership abilities within their school communities.
6. Applications must be postmarked by November 1st.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Log on to bridgebuildersla.org/salute-scholarship-program to complete online application and upload all supporting documentation or submit application and all supporting documentation by mail.
2. Applications that are incomplete, improperly packaged, or postmarked after the deadline will not be considered. This is inclusive of electronic submissions.
3. All Foundation decisions are final.
4. The awards will be distributed directly to the recipient upon verification of enrollment in an accredited 4-year college or university. Registration documentation will be required.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

You may visit the Foundation website BridgeBuildersLA.org or call (888) 355-0917

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

Applicants must be a Black male 11th grade student in the Los Angeles area at the beginning of the current academic year.

HOW TO APPLY

1. Complete the application information form and attach a signed letter from applicant's high school counselor. The letter should be on the school's letterhead and include the applicant's GPA and class rank.
2. Upload a typewritten, double-spaced composition not to exceed 500 words. Use no less than 10-point font size. The compositions must include the following:
 - Explanation of what effect or importance a college education will have on the applicant's future.
 - Summary of applicant's leadership roles and community service.
 - Explanation of financial need, including parents' occupation.
 - Applicant's parents' highest level of education attained.
3. Upload two (2) letters of recommendation: one from a high school faculty member and one from a community member. Letters from immediate family members will not be accepted.
4. Upload an official transcript including the most recent semester completed, and SAT/ACT test dates and scores if taken.
5. Upload a recent photograph: minimum 3x5 headshot (full color). **NO STUDIO PROOFS PLEASE.**

MAIL APPLICATIONS TO

Bridge Builders Foundation
3787 S. Vermont Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90007
Attention: Scholarship Committee
An Approved Public Service Charity (#33-0846590)



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Applicant's Last Name Applicant's First Name Applicant's Middle Initial

Street Address City / State Zip Code Date of Birth

Home Phone Mobile Phone Email Address

LinkedIn Profile Name Instagram Username Twitter Username Facebook Username

Current School Name

School Street Address School City / State School Zip Code

School Phone Number School Principal Name School Counselor Name

Are you the first in your family to attend/graduate from college? Yes No

Parents' highest level of education: Mother: _____ Father: _____

Mother's First and Last Name Mother's Email Mother's Primary Phone

Father's First and Last Name Father's Email Father's Primary Phone

Enter the names of the colleges/universities you plan to apply: _____

Indicate your Intended Major: _____

Hobbies: _____

Awards / Honors: _____

PERSONAL SIGNATURE FORM

Please review your scholarship responses and sign your name below. Your signature will confirm the information provided on this application is accurate and true. This signature will also authorize your school/academic institution for consideration of the scholarship. Please note that the Bridge Builders Foundation reserves the right to disqualify your application should any information be false or inaccurate.

Applicant Signature / Date

Parent/ Guardian Signature [if under 18]