



## EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Big Brothers Big Sisters Foundation Scholarship Program was established to assist:

- a graduating high school senior who is a current/former Little Brother or Little Sister of the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central California affiliate
- continuing college student who is a current/former Little Brother or Little Sister of the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central California affiliate
- a current High School Big of the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central California affiliate that is in good standing; and seeking college or trade school tuition support
- a former High School Big of the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central California affiliate that is/ was in good standing; and seeking college or trade school tuition support

Since the inception of the scholarship program, successful candidates have been awarded educational scholarships ranging from \$250 - \$1,000 each.

Any eligible participant in the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central California (BBBSCC) program must submit this application to the agency no later than **Friday, March 7, 2025**.

Applications will be carefully screened and reviewed by a scholarship selection committee. Successful candidates will be notified of their award by the end of the current spring semester. Successful candidates will be encouraged to attend a scholarship recipient luncheon to accept their award and meet the donors.

### ELIGIBILITY:

- ❖ Must be a current/former Little Brother or Little Sister in the Community Based Mentoring program administered by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central California OR a current/former Big in the High School Big program OR a current Big in the Community Based Program
- ❖ Must be accepted to an accredited college (junior college/four-year institution/trade school).
- ❖ Undergraduate
- ❖ Must carry a **minimum of** 12 units, or 9 units if working full-time (employment must be verified).
- ❖ Must maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA



**EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP QUESTIONNAIRE**

This questionnaire is confidential. The information requested is essential for consideration of your application. **YOU MUST RESPOND TO EACH ITEM. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR CONSIDERATION. ALL ANSWERS MUST BE TYPED.** A downloadable form can be found on our website at [www.bigs.org](http://www.bigs.org).

**SECTION A - PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Applicant's First Name:	Applicant's M.I:	Applicant's Last Name
Applicant's Street:	Applicant's City, State:	Applicant's Zip Code:
Applicant's Home Phone:	Applicant's Cell Phone:	Applicant's DOB:
Applicant's Gender:	Applicant's Ethnicity:	

**SECTION B - ACADEMIC, EXTRACURRICULAR AND VOLUNTEER/COMMUNITY SERVICE INFORMATION**

Current school attending:	Grade:	Cumulative GPA (As of 1/1/25):
College of accepted enrollment:	Proposed major:	Proposed # of unit's:
How were you involved with BBBS of CC?		How long have you been involved with BBBS of CC?

**List all extracurricular activities in which you have participated in:**

Extracurricular activity:	For how long?
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**List any volunteer/community service experience that you have had (including Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central California):**

Volunteer/Community Service Experience:	For how long?
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**SECTION D - SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS**

Please answer each question thoughtfully in 150-350 words. **ANSWERS MUST BE TYPED.**  
 (Attach additional pages with responses as needed)

1. Please give a description of yourself, your family history, and current living situation. Explain your need for financial assistance to attend college.



2. Although this scholarship is designed to assist you with some of the necessary college or trade school expenses, how do **YOU** plan on contributing to the many other expenses that come from college or trade school?

3. Why did you choose Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central California as an agency to get involved with?

4. While you have been involved with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central California, what skills or experiences have you gained that have helped you prepare for college or trade school?



5. Discuss a special attribute or accomplishment that may set you apart from other applicants.

6: Discuss someone that has been a mentor in your life and how they have helped guide you to where you are today.



**STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

If selected as a successful candidate, I certify that I will use all funds awarded toward tuition, fees, books, or essential materials at the specified institute of higher education.

**I understand and agree to the following statements:**

- ❖ I will write a thank you letter to the scholarship donors and turn it in to my designated BBBSCC contact by June 20<sup>th</sup> of this year
- ❖ My application must be submitted with a copy of my unofficial transcripts
- ❖ I must provide BBBSCC with my course schedule for the upcoming semester/quarter by June 1st OR show proof of a scheduled orientation
- ❖ If I am taking 9 units, I will submit verification of my employment. I also understand that submitting this paperwork is my responsibility, and not that of BBBSCC
- ❖ I will inform BBBSCC of any change of address or phone number while attending college
- ❖ I will notify Big Brothers Big Sisters if my school program is interrupted or terminated

The information submitted is complete, truthful, and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I fully understand my responsibilities as detailed herein.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Statement by Parent or Guardian (if applicant is under age 18)**

I have read this application, attest to the accuracy thereof, and understand that my child:

\_\_\_\_\_ is applying for the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central California Foundation Scholarship Program.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

**STEPS FOR SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION:** You may: **(1)** Print your typed and completed application and physically submit your application and attachments to Program Coordinator/Match Support Specialist, **(2)** scan and email your application to info@bigs.org OR **(3)** send your application and attachments postmarked no later than March 7, 2025 to the BBBSCC headquarters office as listed below.

**Headquarters office:**  
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central California  
ATT: Scholarship committee  
4047 N. Fresno Street Fresno, CA 93726