



Ron & Vanessa Banner Scholars Program - 2021 Future Community Leaders Scholarship Guidelines -

The B3 Foundation's Ron & Vanessa Banner Scholars Program is dedicated to empowering student leaders to and through college. The Future Community Leaders Scholarship is the first official scholarship offered under the Scholars Program, and focuses on identifying students who are committed to further developing as local community leaders in their chosen field in college and beyond. Our primary goal is to support change-makers. Individuals who are passionate about championing positive change in their communities across the country.

Scholarship winners will not only receive an annual scholarship for tuition and expenses, but will also be paired with a professional mentor in the field of their choosing for the duration of their collegiate experience. Winners will also participate regularly in B3 Foundation Board Meetings, as an opportunity to learn more about local community engagement.

Named in honor of Zach Banner's parents, who have both worked in education for over 25 years, the Ron & Vanessa Banner Scholarship Fund is committed to supporting college-bound students through tutoring, test preparation, college applications and tuition assistance. We believe that every student is capable of academic success when given ample resources and support.

The **Mission** of the B3 Foundation is to equip and empower student leaders in under-resourced communities through youth-focused programming in the form of mentorship, scholarship and community engagement. The **Vision** of the B3 Foundation is that all children grow up in communities in which they are supported by mentors, have safe spaces to learn and recognize their worth and potential. We believe that strong communities celebrate and create organic leaders.

For 2021, the Ron & Vanessa Banner Scholars Fund's award amount is \$10,000. The chosen recipient will receive \$10,000 for each of their four years at their chosen institution, so long as they remain in good academic and community standing. **NOTE: Scholarship funds will be awarded to the student upon evidence of registration in an accredited higher educational institution.**

Criteria and eligibility:

1. Applicant must attend high school in the United States of America.
2. Applicant must be a graduating high school senior in the year of the award.
3. Applicant must have at least a **3.0 grade point average**.
4. Applicant must demonstrate community involvement and a commitment to academic achievement.
5. All applicants must be involved in consistent community service.
6. Applicants may not be related to any Board of Directors or staff for this presents a conflict of interest.
7. Applicants must be willing to attend a scholarship orientation with the B3 Foundation Board of Directors (via Zoom).
8. Applicant must be willing to attend **four** B3 Board Meetings annually (via Zoom or phone).
9. Applicant must be willing to be paired with a professional mentor in the field of their choosing for the duration of their college program.

General Instructions

1. **DEADLINE** for scholarship applications is **February 28, 2021, 11:59 p.m. ET** (no exceptions).
2. Refer to the application process below for a list of the supporting documents needed (i.e. reference forms, evidence of GPA, etc.) Incomplete applications will not be considered.
3. If any question does not apply to you in this application please put N/A in the space.
4. Type and print legibly. Illegible applications will not be considered. You may also download a copy of the application by clicking [here](#).
5. You will be notified by mail in May regarding the status of your application.
6. If you have any questions about the application, please email the Foundation Office at scholarship@b3foundation.org.

Application Process:

Applicant must submit the following items:

1. Completed application form (if handwritten, please print legibly).
2. Cover letter of application addressed to the Scholarship Committee. The letter should contain a brief explanation about the applicant and their college plans (college/university, intended major) as well as a brief explanation of how a college scholarship would impact you and your family.
3. Three (3) letters of recommendation. One from a high school teacher, administrator, counselor, or staff member. One from a personal or professional contact of the individual with significant knowledge of the applicant's character, work ethic and other strengths. And one from a supervisor or contact at the applicant's chosen community service outlet.
4. An official and recent high school transcript with cumulative grade point average.
5. Personal Essay (see prompt below). Essay must be at least 1-2 typed pages, double-spaced, 12 pt / Times New Roman font.

The B3 Foundation does not and shall not discriminate on the basis of any applicable protected classification including, but not limited to, race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its activities or operations. These activities and operations include, but are not limited to, hiring and firing of staff, selection of volunteers and vendors, selection of scholarship recipients, and the provision of related services. The B3 Foundation is committed to providing an inclusive and welcoming environment for all members of its staff, volunteers, vendors, applicants, and scholarship recipients.

Deadline for the application is **February 28, 2021, 11:59 p.m. ET**. Applications postmarked after this date will not be considered.

If necessary, mail application to:

B3 Foundation

ATTN: Scholarship Committee

P.O. Box 3577

Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

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Application 2021

Date of Application:			
1.	Last Name: _____ First Name: _____		
2.	What is your gender? <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____		
3.	Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or of Spanish origin? Yes No		
4.	How would you describe yourself? <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____		
5.	Mailing Address: Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____		
6.	Daytime Telephone Number: () _____		
7.	Date of Birth: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____		
8.	Are you related to any B3 Foundation Board of Directors or staff? (Please circle) Yes No		
9.	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 75%;">Current High School (City, State): _____</td> <td style="width: 25%;">Number of years attended: _____</td> </tr> </table>	Current High School (City, State): _____	Number of years attended: _____
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10.	Universities Applied to for Fall 2021: _____ Proof of acceptance or current student enrollment from the above school is required prior to funds being released to the college or university.		
11.	Will you be the first member of your family to attend a four-year university? <div style="text-align: center;"> Yes No </div> If no, who else in your family has attended a four-year university?		
12.	Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (On a 4.0 scale) Attach proof of GPA. Your most recent official school transcript required.		

13.	Have you taken the ACT exam? Yes No If no, when do you plan to take the exam: _____ SAT exam? Yes No If no, when do you plan to take the exam: _____		
14.	Name & address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s): Use reverse side of application if you need more space. Name (s) _____ Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Home phone of parents or legal guardians: _____		
15.	Name and city of other high schools attended:	Number of years attended:	
16.	What specialty/major do you plan to major in as you continue your education?		
17.	Is there any other information you feel is important for the committee to consider in reviewing your application?		

Short Answer Questions:

18.	List your academic honors, awards and membership activities while in high school:
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19.	List your community service activities, hobbies, outside interests, and extracurricular activities:
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Personal Essay

Please answer the following question:

What does community mean to you? How do you view your own community? What goals/hopes/dreams do you have for your community? How will a college degree help you uplift your community?

This question must be at least 1-2 pages, typed, double-spaced, and 12 pt / Times New Roman font. Please ensure your essay contains no grammatical errors. (No more than 4 pages please.)

A. The following items must be attached to this application in order for the application to qualify to be reviewed by the scholarship committee.

B. Your application will not be considered if these items are not attached to this application. (No exceptions.)

C. Circle “YES” or “NO” to be sure you have attached each item as required.

YES	NO	Completed application. All questions are answered completely.
YES	NO	Cover Letter to Scholarship Committee. Not exceeding one (1) page. Must be typed.
YES	NO	Three (3) Letters of Recommendation.
YES	NO	Most recent official high school transcripts. Photocopies of your transcript are acceptable , if transcript is signed by a guidance counselor or principal.
YES	NO	Personal Essay. Must be at least 1-2 pages, typed, double-spaced, and 12 pt / Times New Roman font. Please ensure your essay contains no grammatical errors.

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the Foundation's scholarship program.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship recipient, according to the B3 Foundation Scholars Program policy, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at the post-secondary institution of my choice before scholarship funds can be awarded.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of applicant's guardian/ parent: _____ Date: _____



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