



2026 Scholarship Application

Directions: Please print or type and send completed applications to:

Beyond The Dream Foundation
P.O Box 1746
Poughkeepsie, NY 12602

You may also scan and email application to: president@beyondthedreamfoundation.net

Completed Application must be postmarked by May 2nd, 2026

Eligibility

- 👉👉 African American male students graduating from high schools in the Mid-Hudson and Danbury Ct areas are eligible to apply.
- 👉👉 Student must have a minimum of 75/100 or 2.5/4.0 GPA in order to be eligible to apply.
- 👉👉 Students and their families must be residents of the eligible community at the time such award is made and maintain residency to qualify for subsequent year awards.
- 👉👉 African American male students whose family resides in an eligible community, but who attend high school outside of an eligible community is eligible to apply for Beyond the Dream Foundation Scholarship.
- 👉👉 African American male students attending a full time accredited college and can prove enrollment, is eligible to apply for a Beyond the Dream Foundation Scholarship.

Scholarship Selection Disclaimer:

The Beyond the Dream Foundation Scholarship selection is a competitive process. Although a candidate (new or returning) may meet the minimum criteria, that does not guarantee an award. The Selection Committee reserves the privilege to grant or deny an award to any applicant for any and all donor awards based on the rules of the selection process and the criteria established by the donor. The amount of assistance awarded is determined by the Selection Committee for each applicant. If after submitting a truthful application, a student attends a college that differs from the college listed on this application, the awarded amount may change.

ALL MATERIALS MUST BE INCLUDED WITH APPLICATION IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED. ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE POST MARKED BY May 2nd (NO EXCEPTIONS). THE APPLICANT IS EXPECTED TO PRESENT VERIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT (i.e. letter from University Registrars) BEFORE PAYMENT IS GRANTED.

Please **type** or **print neatly**. **Illegible** applications will not be considered.

1.	Last Name: _ First Name: _	High School _ City _____ State _
2.	Student's Mailing Address: Street: _ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _ Email address: _	
3.	Home Phone: (_____) Cell Number: (_____)	
4.	Type of College Attending (please check): 4 Year () 2 Year () Vocational/Technical () Name and address of college(s) or university(ies) applied/accepted*: (1) Name: _____ Application Status (check): Accepted _____ Pending _ City: _____ State: ZIP: _ (2) Name: _____ Application Status (check): Accepted _____ Pending _ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _ * If awarded a scholarship, verification of acceptance and full-time enrollment is required.	
5.	Intended Major: _____	Career Goal/Profession: _
6.	Current community service activities: (church, volunteer, etc.) _____ _____	
7.	Current school/extracurricular activities: (class office, band, school newspaper, sport club etc.) _____ _____	
8.	Awards and Special Recognition _____ _____	
9.	Total Adjusted Gross Household Income: \$ _____ PRINT NAME (Head of household) _____ SIGNATURE (Head of household) _____ DATE _____ Please note: Family income information and Head of Household signature is required.	

10. In addition to the completing the application, applicants must also:

- A. Include the most recent OFFICIAL SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT
- B. Include a letter of recommendation from each of the following:
SCHOOL REFERENCE from a teacher or high school guidance counselor
PERSONAL REFERENCE from someone other than a family member (i.e., pastor, mentor, etc.)
- C. Include a typed essay of 400-450 words, answer the following question:
Why do you want to attend a higher education institution and what community service would you contribute your time and or money to support?
OR
What past experiences will help you to perpetuate your future goals and possible achievements?

I certify that all information contained in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

PRINT NAME

SIGNATURE

DATE

If awarded a scholarship, the Beyond the Dream Foundation Scholarship Committee has my permission to use my essay, in whole or in part, for public awareness and fundraising. Yes () No ()

- (Applicant Signature)

**.I am the master of my fate; I am the captain of my soul.
-Invictus (William Ernest Henley)**