



## **SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION**

# **2022-2023 School Year Scholarship Application**

# BTA SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION APPLICATION 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

**PLEASE READ ALL OF THE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE STARTING YOUR APPLICATION — THERE HAVE BEEN SOME CHANGES.**

1. This application form **MUST** be printed or hand printed.
2. Schools must submit original, official, certified transcripts of applicant's grades via mail or through an official digital transcript service. **ANY MAILED TRANSCRIPT NOT RECEIVED IN A SCHOOL ENVELOPE, SEALED BY THE SCHOOL, WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Digital transcripts must be sent through an official transcript service to Elizabeth Marvel at [elizabeth@bta.org](mailto:elizabeth@bta.org).** (DO NOT wait for end-of-year grades to send transcripts.)
3. Completed applications **will not** be accepted if they are faxed, copied or emailed. BTA must receive the original application with original signatures.
4. The completed application and all transcripts must be **POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MAY 1, 2022.**
5. Submit the completed application to:

BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATION  
ATTN: SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION  
12411 WORNALL ROAD, SUITE 200  
KANSAS CITY, MO 64145

**APPLICATIONS AND TRANSCRIPTS POSTMARKED  
AFTER MAY 1, 2022, WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED**

## **Who is Eligible to Apply**

Applicants must be (at the time of the evaluation and the award):

- A son or daughter of a full-time employee of a current BTA dealer member\* (full-time is defined as 30 hours or more per week).

**and**

- A full-time student maintaining a class schedule of at least 12 hours (Nine hours for graduate students) of college credits throughout the school year covered by the scholarship. These credit hours must be at an accredited two- or four-year college, university or technical/trade school.

Employees of a current BTA dealer member\* may apply only if they meet both the full-time employee and the full-time student requirements (working 30 or more hours and enrolled in 12 or more hours).

\* By definition, the term "BTA dealer member" as used in this application describes a current BTA member who is classified in the BTA database as a Dealer member type. The BTA dealer member must be a member in good standing before the application will be forwarded to the evaluator and on the date the selection is made.

## AWARD INFORMATION

BTA awards one \$3,000, one \$2,000, and several \$1,500 and \$1,000 scholarships annually. The number of awards depends on the funds available each year.

Selection of scholarship recipients is made by an independent, third-party evaluator. Judgment of the evaluator in selecting recipients and determining awards and their distribution is FINAL.

Checks for scholarships are made payable to both the student and the educational institution he or she plans to attend. The checks are mailed to the sponsoring BTA dealer memberships for presentation to the students.

## ELIGIBILITY

Candidates must have graduated from high school or its equivalent before July 1 of the year in which they will use the scholarship. High school juniors must wait until their senior years before applying.

A student who has applied for a scholarship in a previous year must reapply in order to be considered for an award in succeeding years. **All information, including transcripts, must be resubmitted each year.**

A student may receive a total of not more than four scholarship awards from BTA. No student will receive more than one scholarship in any given year.

## REQUIREMENTS

The entire application must be completed:

- Student Information
- Sponsorship Information
- Activity Forms (send in all sheets, even if blank)
  - School Activities
  - Leadership Positions
  - Work Experience, Recognition & Awards
  - Community Involvement
- Essay (topic is provided on page five of these instructions)
- Transcripts

All materials must be completed, submitted and **POSTMARKED** no later than **May 1, 2022**. This includes all transcripts; **DO NOT WAIT** for end-of-year grades.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

All scholarship checks will be mailed to the sponsoring dealerships by June 30, 2022, for presentation to the students selected for the awards. Applicant notification letters will be mailed from BTA by June 30, 2022, to all qualified applicants who submitted application forms. These notification letters will inform applicants as to whether or not they received an award.

A recipient of a BTA scholarship may use the funds only for qualifying tuition, books, school supplies and lab fees. If used for any other expenses (including room and board), these funds may be considered as taxable income to the student. If the student has any questions regarding the state or federal tax implications related to receipt of a BTA scholarship, he or she should confer with an accountant or tax attorney.

**OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS REQUIRED: Transcripts not received in an envelope sealed by the school will not be considered official. Digital transcripts must be sent through an official transcript service to Elizabeth Marvel at [elizabeth@bta.org](mailto:elizabeth@bta.org).**

**HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR:** Must submit transcript(s) inclusive through the most recently completed school term\*. All courses taken for college/dual-credit while taken in high school must include transcripts from both the high school and the college. **ACT or SAT scores are now optional.**

**COLLEGE FRESHMAN:** Must submit high school transcript(s) and all college transcripts inclusive through the most recently completed term\*. Transcripts are required for **all** original schools at which courses were taken, even if transfer credit was awarded.

**ALL OTHER COLLEGE STUDENTS:** Must submit **transcripts from ALL colleges/universities/trade schools attended**, inclusive through the most recently completed term\*. Transcripts are required for **all** original schools at which courses were taken, even if transfer credit was awarded.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Failure to provide transcripts from ALL original institutions (as mentioned, this includes courses for which dual credit was given), will result in the application not being considered.

\*The most recently completed school term in relation to the deadline date of May 1, 2022. In most instances, this will be the semester which ended in December 2021 or January 2022. **DO NOT WAIT for end-of-year grades.**

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

Transcripts must be certified and sent to BTA in an envelope sealed by the school or through an official transcript service. **It must be obvious upon receipt by BTA that the envelope was sealed by the school.**

Transcripts must be postmarked or sent digitally by May 1, 2022.

## **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION ESSAY**

Each applicant is required to submit an essay. This is to be a two-page, double-spaced paper, which cannot be handwritten. All essays longer than two pages will forfeit further evaluation during the selection process.

The essay should show original and serious thinking on the part of the applicant and should demonstrate the applicant's ability to express those thoughts clearly and accurately. A third page may be added to cite sources if quotes, purported facts, etc., are used.

The topic of the essay for the 2022-2023 application is:

**Cryptocurrency has received even more attention within the last year, however, questions still remain about its viability. What do you know about cryptocurrency and its usage? What are your expectations for the viability of cryptocurrency over the next five years and why? Will cryptocurrency become more mainstream and be used to purchase items, or will it continue to exist in the background?**

The essay should be coherent; it should have a clear beginning, middle and end. Begin by introducing the topic and set forth the boundaries of the subject. Do not be vague or too expansive. Instead, be specific and well disciplined.

Print the essay on white, 8½" x 11" paper and enclose it with your application. Please put your name and your sponsoring company's name in the upper right-hand corner of each page. (The essay cannot be handwritten.)

You may want to follow these three steps in preparing your essay:

1. Outline your essay.
2. Write a rough draft and review it by asking yourself such questions as: Is it clear? Are questions raised by this essay left unanswered? Is the topic clearly defined? Are the ideas well developed? Are the ideas concrete?
3. Finalize your essay, asking yourself these questions: Is this precise or too general? Is it concise or does it ramble? Have I used grammar properly? Is this essay persuasive? Are the quotes accurate? Are the "facts" valid? Are my thoughts and conclusions well organized?

### **Errors that frequently disqualify applications:**

- Unofficial mailed transcripts – It must be obvious to BTA upon receipt that the official transcript is in an envelope that was sealed by the school.
- Transcripts are not sent from ALL schools attended – Most schools indicate on their transcripts if a student has previously attended other schools, so BTA's evaluator knows when transcripts are missing. Applications are incomplete and disqualified if ALL transcripts are not included.

**Please, do not wait until the last week or two to mail your application or request your transcript(s). This does not leave enough time to correct any errors (missing essay, incomplete form, missing signature, transcripts not received, etc.).**

**DO NOT MAIL BACK THE INSTRUCTION SHEETS**

# **STUDENT INFORMATION**

## **Part 1**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print) Last First

Address (where you will be located in June 2022) \_\_\_\_\_

City State ZIP

Current Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Include area code)

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(In case we have questions about your application.)

Mark your educational status **as of April 1, 2022**:

- High School Senior – proceed directly to **Part 2**
- College Freshman – proceed directly to **Part 2**
- College Sophomore, Junior, Senior or Graduate Student – proceed directly to **Part 3**

## **Part 2** (High School Seniors and College Freshmen)

Name of high school attended: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)

Address City State ZIP

Year of graduation or anticipated graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Name of college attended (for college freshmen): \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)

Address City State ZIP

**Standardized test information: ACT or SAT scores are now optional.** If you would like to include test scores not indicated on your high school transcript, please include an official copy of the scores. Scores can be accessed and downloaded at:  
<http://www.collegeboard.com> for SAT and <http://www.actstudent.org> for ACT.

Please request an official copy of your transcript from your high school (and college, if a college freshman). **Transcripts not sealed in an envelope from the school will not be considered official.**

**Proceed to Part 4**

**Part 3** (College Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors or Graduate Students)

Name of college you are currently attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates of Attendance \_\_\_\_\_

(Please Print)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

**All** other colleges/institutions attended during or since high school: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates of Attendance \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Please request an official copy of your transcript from each of the institutions you have attended. Credits from one institution reflected on the transcript of another will NOT be accepted as official.

**Proceed to Part 4**

**Part 4**

Name of school you plan to attend during the 2022-2023 school year:

(Please Print)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Degree you will be pursuing: (Circle/Check One) Associate / Bachelors / Masters / Doctorate

Intended Area of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

**Proceed to Part 5**



**SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION**

The sponsoring company must be a current BTA dealer member.

Sponsoring  
Company: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_ Address

\_\_\_\_\_ City State ZIP

\*Sponsoring Company's BTA Contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)

Sponsoring Company's Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Include area code)

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

This will confirm that the applicant is a son or daughter of a full-time employee of a current BTA Retail Dealer Member.

\_\_\_\_\_ Sponsoring Company Contact Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

\*This should be a person listed under the company's name in the BTA member database.







