



POLAR BEAR FOUNDATION

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Dr. Brian M. Small Scholarship Application

Date Due: Friday, April 12, 2024

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SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM QUALIFICATIONS / CRITERIA:

- Applicants must reside within the Northern York County School District. Residency may be subject to verification.
- Applications for the Polar Bear Foundation's (PBF) scholarship program, especially the essays, must be completed by the individual requesting assistance. Applications and essays completed on behalf of another person, or use of Artificial Intelligence (AI), will be disqualified.
- Applicants must have received a high school diploma by the end of the current school year.
- Applicants must have acceptance at a college, community college, trade or technical school, or other institution approved by the selection committee.
- Applicants will submit a letter of reference with the completed application. Students should submit a letter, with academic and character references, from a teacher or guidance counselor from their school or another person who has worked closely with the applicant.
- Applicant must be a legal resident of the United States of America.
- Current High School students should supply a transcript from their most recent academic year to demonstrate commitment to academic excellence and their academic goals.

Additional Information

- The award presentation will take place on Senior Awards night.
- Scholarship funds will be dispersed directly to the institution of higher learning. Institutions will be instructed to return the balance of the scholarship to PBF if the student is unable to complete their academic plan.



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SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS:

The Dr. Brian M. Small Scholarship will go to a recipient who demonstrates a commitment to **community service** and who needs financial support to complete their chosen program.

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Applicant's Name: _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone # _____

Cell # _____

Are you a legal resident of the United States? Yes / No

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION:

College/university/community college/trade school where you plan to attend:

School Address:

Address and department to which scholarship check should be sent:

Intended major or career: _____

2024-25 Tuition and Fees: _____

If you plan to live on campus, 2024-25 Room and Board charges: _____

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

- **Need:** Submit with your application, the section of the 2024-2025 FASFA Student Aid report that demonstrates need or available contributions for school.
- **Resources:** How much do you anticipate having to borrow toward your education expenses (tuition, room and board, fees, books) your first year?
- **Other Scholarships, awards, or grants you anticipate receiving:**

Scholarship/Grant/Award	Amount	Date

FAMILY INFORMATION:

- Parent/Guardian names:
- Brothers/Sisters still residing at home: (List name and current age):

Brother/Sister at home	Age

- Is anyone else in your household attending college in 2024-25? If so, please list their name, year in school they will be in 2024-25 (i.e., freshman, sophomore, junior, senior) and school they are attending.

Name	Year	College Attending

ESSAY:

Community service: Please submit an essay (minimum 250 words) on "Why community service is important to me" and include a history of your community service activities and why you are deserving of the scholarship award. The Scholarship Committee will evaluate each essay with consideration given to the content, form, grammar, neatness, and presentation of the essay.

ACADEMIC MERIT:

- In addition to completing the information below, please submit a copy of your high school transcript along with a letter of recommendation from a teacher, guidance counselor from your school or another person who has worked closely with the applicant.
- List any academic honors, awards, or other special recognition:

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS: *(failure to provide any of the following hard copy attachments before the application deadline may disqualify your application from consideration):*

- Need or contribution from the FAFSA Student Aid Report
- Recommendation or letter of reference
- Transcript from most current school year
- Essay: Type-written; 250 words minimum on "Why Community Service is Important to Me" and include a history of your community involvement, and why you are deserving of the scholarship award.

RELEASE OF INFORMATION: The PBF is requesting permission to use either photographs, video-recordings, my story, and my name for publication in fund-raising and/or public relations efforts, such as newsletters, brochures, newspaper articles, website, displays, films, etc., both physical and virtual in format. This agreement includes materials provided by me or taken by or on behalf of The Polar Bear Foundation and is totally without restriction regarding services received. I also agree that the Polar Bear Foundation may select and use these materials without further permission from me and without payment for their use.

I agree to the following: (Check one reply for each statement)

- ☐ Yes ☐ No Pictures and/or video-recordings of myself and those listed can be published.
- ☐ Yes ☐ No My name and those listed can be published.
- ☐ Yes ☐ No My story can be retold.

I certify that the statements contained in this application are true.

Applicant's signature

Date

Supporting parent/guardian's signature
(required if applicant is a student/dependent minor)

Date

Send completed application to:

Email:

PBF@northernYork.org

Address:

Polar Bear Foundation
Attn: Scholarship Committee
650 South Baltimore Street
Dillsburg, PA 17019