



# The Bolton Scholarship Fund

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. **When are applications due?**

There are two separate deadlines. Applications for college students are due by **Monday, April 9, 2012**. For graduating high school seniors, the applications are due by **Tuesday, April, 24, 2012**. Applications must be postmarked or dropped off on or before the due date. You may mail or hand deliver your application to The Bolton Scholarship Fund, c/o Bolton High School, 72 Brandy Street, Bolton, CT 06043.

### 2. **Where do I find an application?**

Applications are available at [www.BoltonScholarshipFund.org](http://www.BoltonScholarshipFund.org)

### 3. **What happens if an application is late?**

Late applications are not accepted. We encourage you to send in your application as soon as it is completed.

### 4. **How is my privacy protected?**

We take applicant's privacy seriously. Upon receipt, each application is checked for completeness and assigned a number by the chairperson of the Application Review Committee. The first page, containing identifying information, is removed to preserve confidentiality. Then, the review process begins.

### 5. **Who can apply?**

Any Bolton resident who is a graduate of an accredited high school may apply. Also, any graduate/graduating senior of Bolton High School may apply regardless of their town of residency.

### 6. **Are students attending a trade school or graduate school eligible to apply?**

Yes. Students attending any post-secondary institution are eligible to apply.

### 7. **What is the basis for awarding scholarships?**

The BSF takes into account financial need, academic achievement, extra curricular activities, community service, and character. Certain scholarships carry additional specific criteria.

### 8. **Is there a limit on the number or amount of scholarships you will award to one family?**

No. There is no maximum for the number of family members who can receive a scholarship or the amount awarded to any particular student or family.

### 9. **Can I reapply?**

Yes. You may apply for a scholarship each year throughout your college/school career.

### 10. **If I receive a scholarship am I guaranteed to receive one in following years?**

No, you must reapply each year. Keep in mind our applicant pool changes from year to year as does the amount of funds available. You may receive an award as a graduating high school senior, not receive one as a freshman, but then receive an award again as a sophomore or junior.

### 11. **Are all the applications considered together?**

No, we divide the applications into two applicant pools. Graduating high school seniors and college students are considered separately. The college pool is much larger as it includes students from freshman year through graduate school.

### 12. **What if I did not complete a FAFSA?**

If you did not submit a FAFSA, please write 'Our family did not complete a FAFSA form' on the application under the FAFSA question.

### 13. **What if my financial aid information changes after I submit my application?**

Notify BSF President Trish Brudz 533-1582 right away if there are changes to the financial aid information included in your application. If you completed the application based upon estimates, please notify us of any changes once you receive your financial aid package from your school.

**14. What if my college/school changes?**

Notify BSF President Trish Brudz 533-1582 if you change your school choice. If your scholarship has already been paid, your school may return the award to the BSF. If this happens, we can send the award to your new school provided the change occurs within the same school year and you complete an updated BSF form for payment.