

Bi-County Foundation General Education Scholarship Guidelines  
For General Education Students pursuing a career in Special Education or a Related Field  
le: Psychology, Music Therapy, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy,  
Sociology, Recreational Therapy

This scholarship is open to High School seniors and college students who live within the eleven member district served by Bi-County Special Education Coop or who attended a Parochial, private, or home school program located within these member districts. Member districts include: Sterling, Rock Falls, Prophetstown/Lyndon/Tampico, Erie, River-bend, Eastland, Morrison, and Chadwick/Milledgeville.

The amounts and numbers of scholarships will vary from year to year as funds are available. Scholarship minimums will be \$500.00. Students will be selected on the basis of their academic accomplishments, creative distinctions and extracurricular activities. The committee will also with special needs. The committee looks for qualities such as self-reliance, energy, imagination, originality and concern for others.

Application Process:

High School Seniors and College Applicants:

Submit the following information:

Name

Address

Telephone Number

e-mail address

Date

High School or College attending

Cumulative GPA

Intended area of study

Intended learning institution

Instructions for High School Seniors:

Answer the following questions in 2-3 paragraphs

Why do you want to attend college and what are your goals and dreams for the future?

What are some ways that you have made or plan to make an impact on people who have disabilities?

List activities, awards received, community service projects, leadership positions and summer activities you have participated in.

Obtain two letters of recommendation. Letters of recommendation can be from a teacher, counselor, administrator, or a person who can objectively assess your abilities and character. Ask them to write a letter of recommendation and provide envelope addressed to Bi-County Foundation Scholarship Committee, 2317 E Lincolnway Suite A, Sterling, IL 61081. Must be postmarked by February 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### Instructions for College Students:

Enter number of credits earned in college along with your basic information. Answer the following questions in 3-4 paragraphs.

How has college expanded or changed your views for the future?

What new experiences have you had in college that you believe will help you in the future?

List activities, awards received, community service projects, leadership positions and summer activities during your college years.

Obtain two letters of recommendation from a college instructor or counselor. Ask them to write a letter of recommendation and provide an envelope to them addressed to Bi-County Foundation Scholarship committee, 2317 E Lincolnway Suite A, Sterling, IL 61081. Must be postmarked by February 15.

#### Submission of Application

All applications must be submitted in typed format. Please send a copy of your application to: Bi-County Foundation Scholarship Committee, 2317 E. Lincolnway, Suite A, Sterling, Illinois 61081. Applications may also be faxed to the Foundation at 815-622-3182 or e-mailed to [lheston@bi-county.org](mailto:lheston@bi-county.org) with scholarships in the subject line

#### Application Deadline:

Applications for Scholarships and recommendation letters must be postmarked no later than February 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### Notification and Payment

Notification of Scholarship recipients will be made by April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Payment of Scholarship award money will be distributed directly to schools/universities upon receipt of enrollment verification. All Scholarships must be submitted for payment distribution prior to October 1<sup>st</sup> of each year or it will be forfeited.