



Joyce F. Burke Academic Excellence Scholarship 2017-2018 Scholarship Program Guidelines

Dear Applicant:

We founded **The Belton Foundation**, a non-profit 501c (3) organization, as a way to give back to the community. As an advocate for youth in our community, it is our desire to lend a helping hand to youth interested in continuing their education. Through its programs, our foundation strives to enrich the lives of youth through educational programs and to promote healthy living lifestyles for cancer prevention.

Our foundation implemented a scholarship program, **The Joyce F. Burke Academic Excellence Scholarship**, was established for students, with hardships, interested in attending an accredited four-year university. **The Belton Foundation** will award (2) two \$1,500 scholarships, (2) two \$1,000 scholarships, and (10) ten \$500 scholarships to assist students in their educational endeavors. Funds can be used to supplement the cost for school tuition, books or room and board fees. All checks will be made payable directly to the university/institution.

We are searching for students that are truly in need and meet the scholarship criteria. **Applicants will be notified by Thursday, March 1, 2018 on the status of their application.** Scholarships will be presented at a mutually determined time/place.

Students must meet the following criteria and submit the following information to be eligible for the scholarship:

- Applicants must complete the scholarship application in its entirety, along with supporting documents, and submit via mail to:

**The Belton Foundation
Attn: Scholarship Program
613 Peggs Street
DeSoto, TX 75115**

- Applicants must already be accepted to an accredited four-year university (and have proof in the form of an official letter on letterhead from the school).
- Applicant must be registered for Fall Semester of 2018 with at least a minimum of 12 hours
- Applicants must be residents of Dallas-Fort Worth (or surrounding areas in the Metroplex)
- Applicants can attend any accredited four-year university.
- Applicants must be able to be filmed or photographed for documentation purposes.



Supporting Documents Needed:

- Applicants must provide the following supporting documents:
 - An official, sealed school transcript.
 - Applicants must be a (graduating) senior in high school and have a 3.0 or above G.P.A.
 - (2) Two letters of recommendation (at least one from a teacher or counselor).
 - A personal essay (500 words or less) describing your educational goals and how this scholarship will help you achieve those goals.
 - An official letter of acceptance (on letterhead) from your accredited four-year university.
 - Applicants must be able to meet on a mutually determined time/place to claim their monetary gift from the foundation.

We look forward to reviewing your application. For questions or concerns, please email tbelton@thebeltonfoundation.org.

Sincerely,

Zackary N. Belton
Chairman & Founder

Tamra Belton
Treasurer & Co-founder



Joyce F. Burke Academic Excellence Scholarship APPLICATION FORM

Instructions:

1. Please complete and print clearly. Turn in completed application, with all applicable signatures, to the foundation by **Wednesday, January 31, 2018**. If this form is incomplete, inaccurate, or not signed, it will not be considered.
2. Please attach two (2) letters of recommendation. One (1) letter must be from a teacher or counselor.
3. Please attach one (1) official transcript to this application. All applicants must be a graduating high school student and have a 3.0 or above G.P.A.
4. Please provide an official letter of acceptance from your accredited four-year university.
5. The Belton Foundation requires an attached written essay (500 words or less) describing your educational goals and how this scholarship will help you achieve those goals.

Personal Information:

Applicant Name: _____
Permanent Mailing Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Home Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____
E-mail: _____

University Information:

College/Trade School: _____
Semester for which application is being made (Term and Year) _____
Intended Major: _____ GPA: _____
Scholarship amount requested: _____

Nepotism Statement: A Belton Foundation Board Member can only receive a scholarship if exclusively based on academic merit or athletics. Are you related to any member of the Board? Yes No

If yes, please identify the Board member and the relationship: _____.



Authorization Information:

_____ I grant The Belton Foundation the right to review my current official transcript.
(Initial) If awarded a scholarship, I understand that I must meet the scholarship criteria set forth by the foundation.

_____ I understand my name and information from my academic history may be
(Initial) released to the scholarship selection committee(s) and The Belton Foundation. If awarded a scholarship, I release The Belton Foundation, the right to use my name, story, and picture for printed and video materials, reports, and press releases, without compensation, as well as I will attend any recognition receptions or events. I also recognize the advisability of communicating a letter of thanks to the donor of the scholarship.

I certify that the statements herein are true to the best of my knowledge and grant my permission for the information contained herein to be shared with the scholarship selection committee(s).

Student Signature: _____
Parent Signature (if under 18 years old): _____

For questions or concerns, please email tbelton@thebeltonfoundation.org

Foundation Office Use Only:		
Board Member Signature:	Date:	Applicant GPA:
Scholarship Awarded:	Amount:	

Educational opportunities are offered by The Belton Foundation without regard to race, color, age, national origin, religion, sex, disability or sexual orientation.