

BTBT GRANT APPLICATION

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Mission: To provide educational and professional assistance to families and individuals who want to enrich their lives and move towards a future they have dreamed of having

Focus: Brighter Tomorrows Begins Today focused on reaching the distressed population. Being distressed comes in many forms. We are an organization that touches all types of individuals and families that are distressed economically, physically, mentally, and socially.

Brighter Tomorrows Begin Today (“BTBT”) announces its Grant Program. Members of the BTBT Grant Program selection committee are not eligible to receive this Award.

The goal of the Grant is to provide financial assistance to distressed students, non-profit organizations, or businesses who are currently trying to reach their professional and/or educational goals. The Grant will be awarded to a recipient who demonstrates that they are currently on the path to obtaining their described goal(s). To qualify for this Grant, applicants must state the reason why they are deserving of the Grant by highlighting their vision and goal(s), describe what steps have been taken to reach their goal(s), and what the applicant’s plans are regarding their described goal(s). BTBT will make the Grant Award based on many factors, including but not limited to, distressed status, demonstrated academic excellence, volunteer and community service, professional history, financial need. A holistic approach will be implemented.

Grant amounts, purposes and recipients will vary each year. Awarded funds will be applied directly to qualified educational and/or business expenses.

To Apply: Complete the BTBT Grant Application and BTBT Client Profile (if not already completed and on file with BTBT) and submit all required documentation (see page 5). Return all applicable materials to P.O. Box 62, Bumpass, VA 23024 or brightertomorrowsbegintoday0@yahoo.com. Applicants are responsible for gathering and submitting all necessary information. Please note, N/A for any questions that do not apply to you or your organization. Applications are evaluated on the information supplied. All information received is confidential and is reviewed only by Brighter Tomorrows Begin Today and its volunteers. Brighter Tomorrows Begins Today reserves the right to request any additional information that will assist with making a Grant Award decision. The application and all additional material must be postmarked or electronically dated stamped **on or before 11:59pm, April 30, 2022**. Any materials received without a date stamp will not be accepted. Late, incomplete and/or incorrectly submitted applications will not be reviewed. NO EXCEPTIONS. Review the attached submission checklist to ensure ALL required materials are submitted.



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Applicant Information (If a Business or Non-Profit, complete Applicant Information and Business or Non-Profit Section)

Last Name

First Name

M.I.

Maiden Name (if applicable)

Organization Name (If a non-profit, must provide your IRS non-profit determination letter)

Mailing Address

Telephone Number (Best Number to Contact)

Date of Birth/Date of Incorporation

Email Address

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Essays/Short Answers/References (All applicants must complete). BTBT will accept video submission for your answers to the below essay and short answer questions. References must be a written letter.

Goals and Aspirations

Please provide a statement that explains your or your organization's professional and/or educational goals and aspirations. Explain the specific steps/actions that have been taken to accomplish the goals listed, and the next steps to realizing your goal(s). Explain how this Grant will help you or your organization obtain the stated goal(s).

Distressed

Please provide a detailed statement that explains why you or your organization is a distressed individual, family, or organization. Include financial documentation to support your statement when claiming distressed status due to economic distressed.

References

Provide two dated reference letters. References should reflect your educational and/or professional history that support your goal(s). Please include current contact information for all references. Reference letters may not be any older than June of the prior Grant year.

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Certification

Award recipient(s) must submit a report to the BTBT Board within 60 days of receipt of the award describing how the funds have been/will be used and how the award furthered their goals and send a picture and/or representing the applicant. This report and photo/image may be used by BTBT for whatever purposes BTBT deems necessary to promote BTBT's Grant Program.

Brighter Tomorrows Begin Today has the sole responsibility for selecting recipients based on criteria as set forth in the program's description. The application becomes the property of Brighter Tomorrows Begin Today.

I acknowledge decisions are final. I certify I meet eligibility requirements of the program as described in the guidelines and the information provided is complete and accurate. If requested, I will provide proof of information, including an official transcript of grades. I give permission for Brighter Tomorrows Begin Today to contact all any and all listed educational institutions, references, employers, and organizations to verify the information given in this application. False information WILL result in termination of any award granted and legal action to recover funds received.

All Grant funds from Brighter Tomorrows Begin Today are taxable for U.S. income tax purposes unless the recipient qualifies for some type of exclusion or deduction. No income taxes will be withheld from the Grant funds and no year-end reporting, such as a Form 1099, will be provided to fellowship recipients. The treatment of Brighter Tomorrows Begin Today funds for tax purposes is the recipient's individual responsibility. Recipients are responsible for making any required estimated tax payments. We recommend recipients consult a qualified tax advisor.

Applicant Signature

Date

Applicant's Printed Name and Title

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Submission Checklist

Please review the follow checklist. All items listed that pertain to your application must be submitted. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

- Complete Brighter Tomorrows Begin Today 2021 Grant Application (required)
- Transcripts from educational institutions (required if requesting educational assistance)
- Reference Letters (required)
- Essay/Short answer responses (required)
- IRS verification letter for non-profit organizations (required for all non-profit organizations)
- Financial documentation (required if distressed status is due to economic distress).

Brighter Tomorrows Begins Today reserves the right to request any additional information will help in making a Grant decision.

Send all application materials to P.O. Box 62, Bumpass, Virginia 23024 or brightertomorrowsbegintoday0@yahoo.com. Application and all additional material must be postmarked or electronically date stamped on or before April 30, 2021. Packages without a postmark or an electronic stamp will not be accepted. Late, incomplete, and/or incorrectly submitted applications will not be reviewed.