

BTBT

2019

**Brighter Tomorrows
Begin Today**

BTBT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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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 annual merit based Scholarship open to those who are distressed. Members of the BTBT Scholarship Committee are not eligible to apply for this scholarship.

The goal of the scholarship is to provide financial assistance to distressed students, non-profit organizations, or businesses who are currently trying to reach their goals/dreams. The scholarship will be awarded to a recipient who demonstrates that they are currently on the path to obtaining their goals. To qualify for this scholarship, applicants must state the reason why they are deserving of the scholarship by highlighting their vision and goal(s). Describe what steps have been taken, what currently is being done, and what the applicant plans for the future. Applicants must detail how the scholarship funds will be used to further their goal(s). BTBT is looking to award scholarships 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.

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

To Apply: Complete the BTBT Scholarship Application, BTBT Client Profile (if not already completed and on file with BTBT), and the BTBT Eligibility Questionnaire (if not already completed and on file with BTBT). Return all applicable materials to P.O. Box 62, Bumpass, VA 23024 or admin@brightertomorrowsbegintoday.org. 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 reserves the right to request any additional information will help in making a scholarship decision. Application and all additional material must be postmarked or electronically dated stamped on or before 11:59pm, April 30, 2019. Late, incomplete and/or incorrectly submitted applications will not be reviewed. NO EXCEPTIONS.

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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

Mailing Address

Telephone Number (Best Number to Contact)

Date of Birth

Completed Educational Data (if applicable)

A complete transcript of grades from **all current and previous** institutions must be sent with this application. Grade reports are not acceptable. Online transcripts must display student name, grade, and credit hours earned for each course, and the term the course was taken in. Brighter Tomorrows Begin Today reserves the right to request an official transcript from the applicant.

High School

Name: _____

Address: _____

Graduation Date/Expected Graduation Date: _____
Month and Year

Accomplishments (include any clubs, sports, executive board positions, awards, honors, etc. Please indicate the year the accomplishment was done.)

Community College

Name: _____

Address: _____

Graduation Date/Expected Graduation Date: _____
Month and Year

Accomplishments (include any clubs, sports, executive board positions, awards, honors, etc. Please indicate the year the accomplishment was done.)

4-year University or College

Name: _____

Address: _____

Graduation Date/Expected Graduation Date: _____
Month and Year

Accomplishments (include any clubs, sports, executive board positions, awards, honors, etc. Please indicate the year the accomplishment was done.)

Vocational School/Program

Name: _____

Address: _____

Graduation Date/Expected Graduation Date: _____
Month and Year

Accomplishments (include any clubs, sports, executive board positions, awards, honors, etc. Please indicate the year the accomplishment was done.)

Post Undergraduate Program/School
(examples: Medical School, Law School, Master's Program, PhD Program, etc.)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Graduation Date/Expected Graduation Date: _____
Month and Year

Accomplishments (include any clubs, sports, executive board positions, awards, honors, etc. Please indicate the year the accomplishment was done.)

Work Experience

Employer: _____

Position: _____ Hours Per Week: _____

Date Started: _____ Date Ended: _____
Month/Year Month/Year (If still there, put present)

Employer: _____

Position: _____ Hours Per Week: _____

Date Started: _____ Date Ended: _____
Month/Year Month/Year (If still there, put present)

Accomplishments/Additional Information

Volunteer Experience

Organization: _____

Position: _____ Hours Per Week: _____

Date Started: _____ Date Ended: _____
Month/Year Month/Year (If still there, put present)

Organization: _____

Position: _____ Hours Per Week: _____

Date Started: _____ Date Ended: _____
Month/Year Month/Year (If still there, put present)

Accomplishments (include any clubs, sports, executive board positions, awards, honors, etc. Please indicate the year the accomplishment was done.)

Business or Non-Profit's Experience

Organization: _____

Representative's Name and Title: _____

Website Address: _____ Contact Phone Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Purpose: _____

Date Incorporated: _____
Month/Year

If a non-profit, Date Non-Profit status obtained: _____
Month/Year

Provide copy of IRS Non-profit status letter

Licenses: _____

Has this business or non-profit filed Federal Income Taxes for 2018? [] Yes or [] No

Accomplishments (include any awards, honors, etc. Please indicate the year the accomplishment was done.)

Essays/Short Answers/References (All applicants must complete)

Goals and Aspirations

Please provide a statement that explains your or your organization's goals, aspirations and/or dreams, what you have done towards achieving the things you have explained above, and what is the process (if any) to make your dreams come true.

Explain how this scholarship will help you or your organization obtain goals, aspirations and/or dreams.

Distressed

Please provide a statement that explains why you believe you are a distressed individual. If you feel you are distressed due to economic reasons, please complete the financial supplement to this application.

References

Please provide two reference letters. References should reflect your educational and/or professional history. Please include current contact information for all references. References should not be any older than January of the Scholarship year.

Certification

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 Scholarship Management Services.

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 scholarship 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 scholarship 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

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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.

- Brighter Tomorrows Begin Today Eligibility Questionnaire (if applicable)
- Brighter Tomorrows Begin Today 2018 Scholarship Application
- Transcripts from educational institutions (if applicable)
- Reference Letters
- Essay/Short answer responses
- Organization's reports, analysis, projections and/or plans (if applicable)

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