



2024 “Be Great” Book Scholarship Application

This \$1,000 book scholarship (\$500 Fall Semester & \$500 Spring Semester) is available to 2024 graduating seniors attending Toledo Public Schools, Toledo Catholic Schools, Toledo Charter Schools and the Toledo School for the Arts, and is renewable up to four (4) consecutive years. This scholarship will be applied directly to your student account. This scholarship application, and the required documents **must be submitted via email** to **TheSJFFoundation@gmail.com**, by **11:59pm on Friday March 1, 2024**. An Independent Selection Committee will review and assess the scholarship applications, and the Award Finalists will be announced on Monday April 15, 2024.

Eligibility Standards

1. Graduating High School/Home School senior living AND attending Toledo Public Schools, Toledo Catholic Schools, Toledo Charter Schools and the Toledo School for the Arts
2. Minimum high school cumulative grade point average of 2.5
3. Must complete and submit this scholarship application, and all required documents in a timely manner
4. Must be a full-time student, enrolled in an accredited 2 or 4 year college, university, technical or trade school (award will be applied directly to your student account)
5. Must start classes in the Fall 2024 Semester, and enroll/complete consecutive semesters
6. In order to renew this award, you must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 at the end of each semester, and attend the Annual Awards Banquet

General Instructions to Applicant

1. Read this Application Packet thoroughly
2. Make a copy of the blank application form and complete a draft copy first
3. Make sure you answer each question, and provide the required documents
4. Return a **typed or neatly printed** application to the above email address by **11:59pm on Friday March 1, 2024**. This application is the first, and only impression you will make upon those who review/award this scholarship

1. Personal Information

Name of applicant _____ Gender _____ Birthdate _____
Phone number _____ Email address _____
Current home address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ County _____
Traditional School or Home School (*circle one*) Name of school _____
Number of years living in Allen County _____

2. Family Information

Mother/Guardian's name _____
Occupation _____
Street Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Phone number _____
Email address _____

Father/Guardian's name _____
Occupation _____
Street Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Phone number _____
Email address _____

3. Education

a. In descending order, list all secondary, post-secondary and/or technical schools you have attended in the past four (4) years.

Name	Location	Dates Attended	Diploma/Degree	Completion Date

b. What college, university, technical or trade school have you applied to for admission? Please indicate your acceptance status.

c. What course of study (major) have you decided to pursue, and why?

d. What future business or career will you likely pursue after finishing your post-secondary education?

e. Have you completed, and submitted your FAFSA application for 2024-2025?

4. Academic, athletic, community service and leadership activities

a. List academic awards, achievements and dates.

b. List participation in athletic activities, awards and dates.

c. List participation in community service activities, projects and dates.

d. List participation in leadership programs, activities and dates.

5. Essay Questions *(Please use a separate sheet of paper to answer, and submit each essay question)*

a. Considering the current state of our society, please explain WHY you’ve chosen to pursue a post-secondary education. Please include both tangible AND intangible examples of what this education and experience will do for you. Also explain how you will use your platform to assist others.

b. This is a competitive scholarship award. Of the many applicants that will apply, very few will be selected. WHY should you be selected to receive this scholarship award?

6. Transcript History

This section is to be completed by your Principal or Guidance Counselor.

Please attach a certified transcript of the student's high school record, along with a copy of his/her most recent grade card.

Ranking in senior class: _____ out of _____

GPA: _____ on a _____ scale

Has this applicant met all of the local and state graduation requirements? _____

Name of Principal/Guidance Counselor (printed): _____

Signature of Principal/Guidance Counselor: _____ Date: _____

7. Letters of Recommendation

Please secure and submit three (3) letters of recommendation to support your application. One (1) letter shall come from your principal (or guidance counselor). One (1) letter shall come from a school teacher/coach. One (1) letter shall come from an adult member of your community (supervisor, clergy, mentor, group leader, etc.). Please submit these letters with your application.

8. Statement of Acknowledgement

I _____ have read, understand and acknowledge that I meet the Eligibility Standards for the 2024 "Be Great" Book Scholarship. I affirm that I plan to further my education, and acknowledge that this scholarship is for \$1,000 per academic year (\$500 Fall Semester & \$500 Spring Semester). I am aware that this scholarship is non-transferrable, but it is renewable for a maximum of four (4) consecutive academic years. I give permission to officials of my current school to release transcripts, grade cards and other related information requested for award consideration. I understand that the information contained in this application will be limited to qualified people who need to see it in the course of their duties. If selected to receive this scholarship award, I agree to attend the "Awards Banquet", hosted by the SJF Foundation. I understand that failure to attend this event AND maintain the required Eligibility Standards will render me ineligible for initial/continued support. I also give the SJF Foundation the right to use my name, picture and related image in all media, and in all manners, including composite or distorted representations, for advertising or any other lawful purposes, and I waive my right to inspect or approve the finished product, including written copy, that may be created in connection therewith. I acknowledge that I will not receive any financial consideration or compensation for the use of such image(s). I affirm that the information contained herein is accurate.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (if under the age of 18): _____ Date: _____

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