

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Bass Smith Connection (BSC) understands, values and supports education and seeks to lend a “helping hand” to high school and college students in the state of Ohio by providing financial assistance raised through quarterly fundraising events. Proceeds from such events are used for college financial assistance, including financial needs associated with participating in an athletic sport on the collegiate level. As former athletes, the founders of BSC realize the critical role and impact that playing a sport has on the life of a student-athlete. Therefore, the mission of BSC is to assist students with eliminating financial barriers and to provide mentorship and supportive resources to our scholarship recipients.

OBJECTIVES

- A. To provide financial assistance to deserving and needy students to attend college.
- B. To provide students an opportunity to become self-sufficient, productive members of our community through higher education.
- C. To provide an extended positive support system for all scholarship recipients.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA/ELIGIBILITY

BSC awards three different scholarships to eligible students:

High School Graduate Scholarship

The **High School Graduate Scholarship** is awarded to eligible graduating Clark County, Ohio seniors enrolling full time in a college, university or technical school immediately following their graduation.

- African American students applying for this scholarship must have a 2.5 GPA or higher and must meet all high school graduation requirements;
- Graduating high school seniors from any high school in Clark County Ohio attending college full-time and have been accepted at an accredited four-year college or university, community college or career/technical school in the United States;
- BSC may award up to 2 scholarships of totaling \$500.00 each. Recipients of scholarship monies will receive \$500.00 for their first semester and will receive an additional \$500.00 the following consecutive semester if their high school cumulative GPA is a 2.5 or higher. (BSC reserves the right to award more than 2 scholarships per award cycle, and the amount may be up to \$1,000.00 per student);
- Applications and Student References accepted by August 31

Ohio Advance Scholarship

The **Ohio Advance Scholarship** is awarded to any Ohio resident that is enrolled full-time in a college, university or technical/certification school.

- African American students applying for this scholarship must have a cumulative 2.5 GPA or higher in college.
- BSC may award up to 2 scholarships of totaling \$500.00 each. Recipients of scholarship monies will receive \$500.00 for their first semester and will receive an additional \$500.00 the following consecutive semester if their college cumulative GPA is a 2.5 or higher. (BSC reserves the right to award more than 2 scholarships per award cycle, and the amount may be up to \$1,000.00 per student);
- Applications and Student References accepted by September 15

Bass Smith Connection Scholarship

The **Bass Smith Connection Scholarship** is offered to new and continuing students enrolled at Clark State College and is available through the Foundation year around. Students applying for this scholarship **must complete the application through the Clark State Foundation.**

- African American students applying for this scholarship must have a cumulative 2.5 GPA or higher at Clark State College.

Applications are accepted as follows:

- Summer Semester Scholarship Awards – Applications are accepted from March 1 to March 31
- Fall/Spring Semester Scholarship Awards – Applications accepted May 1 to June 15
- Spring Semester Scholarship Awards – Applications are accepted from October 1 to October 30

To apply for the Bass Smith Connection Scholarship, go to the following website to:

<https://clarkstate.academicworks.com>

Applications for the **High School Graduate Scholarship** and for the **Ohio Advance Scholarship** must be submitted through the online application. Student Reference Forms for these scholarships must be submitted through the **STUDENT RECOMMENDATIONS** section on the website.

- **Complete the Scholarship Application online at: www.basssmithconnection.com**
- **The recommender completing the Student Reference Form must submit this form online at: www.basssmithconnection.com**
 - Upon entering the website, go to the **APPLICATION** page
 - Select **STUDENT RECOMMENDATIONS**
 - **UPLOAD** the Student Reference Form

SELECTION CRITERIA

Applicants will be evaluated on the following traits and activities to determine a scholarship winner. The following selection criteria and traits to be considered for scholarship funding include:

- A. Work Ethic
- B. Moral character
- C. Student must be highly motivated to succeed;
- D. Student must have demonstrated financial need;
- E. Student must have a 2.5 cumulative high school/college GPA or higher.
- F. Submit an online scholarship application, including a typed essay of 250 words. The essay should incorporate your goals for attending college and your plan to fund this endeavor through graduation.
- G. Two (2) Student Reference Forms must be completed and submitted online. The reference form will highlight the following characteristics of the applicant:
 - a. Maturity
 - b. Reliability
 - c. Interpersonal Relationship Skills
 - d. Moral Character
 - e. Probability of Succeeding in a Collegiate Environment

SELECTION & DETERMINATION TIMELINE

The following timeline will be followed **upon receipt of the required application and ALL forms:**

1. **Up to Ten (10) Days:** Application and Forms Review of Interview Consideration
2. **Up to Fifteen (15) Days:** Applicant Interviews and Recipient Determination
3. **Up to Twenty (20) Days:** Scholarship Recipient Notifications
4. **August & November:** Presentation of New Scholarship Recipients & Awards
(Selected recipients are will be required to appear at BSC events to be recognized and to receive their scholarship awards)

