

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR 2022 COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM COVER

Applications must be submitted by 5:00 PM on April 15, 2022

TO BE COMPLETED BY HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR STUDENT

PURPOSE OF THE BOARD OF COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE:

To advise the Board of Supervisors on providing financial assistance and support to non-profit and 501 (c) organizations and groups with monies received from the Valley Forge Casino Resort who propose projects and plans having a direct impact on the community and residents of Upper Merion Township and to provide college scholarships to noteworthy high school seniors.

TIMETABLE FOR PUBLICITY AND ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS:

- Relaunch program 75 days prior to Application Due Date –**April 15, 2022**
 - Announcement to public: UMT Social Media, eNewsletter, LED sign, and UMGA-TV will scroll 2022 BCA Application Announcement – starting Dec 1, 2021
 - Applications **must be postmarked by 5:00 PM on April 15, 2022**
 - BCA Review of Applications from April 16 – May 3, 2022
 - BCA Presentation to BOS, Announcement of Award Recipients - **May 12, 2022**
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MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION by CLOSE OF BUSINESS (5:00 PM) on APRIL 15, 2022 to:

Board of Community Assistance
c/o Gerri Vattimo
Upper Merion Township
175 West Valley Forge Road
King of Prussia, PA 19406

STUDENT NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

TOWNSHIP: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

Name of Father, Stepfather, or Male Guardian: _____

Occupation: _____ Employed by: _____

Name of Mother, Stepmother, or Female Guardian: _____

Occupation: _____ Employed by: _____

List all other scholarship(s) that you have applied for or expect to apply for.

If you are currently anticipating receiving student aid, please identify the source, amount and duration of the award.

Secondary School Name: _____

Address: _____

Expected Date of Graduation: _____

Weighted GPA: _____

The approximate number of students in graduating class: _____

List any special honors, prizes or recognition you received from your school:

List extracurricular school activities you were engaged in during secondary school years: music organizations, athletics, publications, etc. Indicate the year or years you participated.

Are there any special circumstances that the Board of Community Assistance should consider? Please describe and explain.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

You are required to submit with this application a project plan which includes a minimum of 15 community-service hours that you are REQUIRED to perform if granted a BCA scholarship. **Your service project must commence by June 1, 2022.** NOTE: You cannot submit a past community service project that has been already completed or is near completion. For example, senior graduation projects cannot be used as your proposed BCA community service project. NOTE: Prior community service can be included in the application to demonstrate the student's character, but will not be considered as the proposed project.

In your project plan, please describe and explain how you expect to fulfill this obligation. Indicate whether your community service will be performed OUTSIDE or WITHIN Upper Merion Township. **A letter from the person/organization acknowledging cooperation with your project is required; please attach.**

The BCA will award a scholarship based on the merit of the application. The dollar amount of the scholarship awarded will dictate the minimum number of hours required to receive the scholarship as detailed (e.g., If the BCA grants the student \$3,000, they must complete 30 hours of relevant community service).

Community Service Commitment:

If awarded a scholarship of:

- \$7,000 - \$10,000 you must complete **50** hours of your planned project
- \$5,000 - \$6,999 you must complete **40** hours of your planned project
- \$3,000 - \$4,999 you must complete **30** hours of your planned project
- \$1,500 - \$2,999 you must complete **20** hours of your planned project
- \$500 - \$1,499 you must complete **10** hours of your planned project

As part of receiving the BCA Scholarship, you are required to submit a letter to the BCA from the host organization. This letter which certifies the completion of the required number of service hours is due by **November 30th** of the grant year.

If your plan does not involve an organization, then the responsible adult is to issue a letter and you need photos to validate your service hours. All letters of verification are due by **November 30, 2022.** *Note: The second half of the scholarship check will not be issued to your college without you submitting a project completion.*

The BCA will follow up with each scholarship recipient in the fall to ensure that each individual has a plan for completion of their community service project by **November 30th**. *Note: Failure to submit a completed validation letter and project service hours by the deadline constitutes a breach of this agreement and a nullification of the final scholarship award.*

Please acknowledge if you agree to comply with this requirement of completing community service project report.

YES _____ NO _____

Name of College or University you plan to attend (if undecided, please note “undecided;” upon deciding, kindly contact the Township, so the BCA members can be informed of your choice of school):

Name _____

Address _____

What general course of study do you plan to take? _____

Please estimate your annual college expenses for:

Tuition: \$ _____

Room and Board: \$ _____

Books & Fees \$ _____

Total: \$ _____

Minus College Grants \$ _____

Minus Scholarships \$ _____

Minus Other Funding \$ _____

Minus Loans \$ _____

Net Total: \$ _____

Please attach the following Required documents to your application:

- (1) Transcript of secondary school scholastic record.**
- (2) Letter of Recommendation to be signed by your teacher(s), principal or guidance counselor.**
- (3) Copy of college/university acceptance letter.**
- (4) Financial Aid Cover Letter**
- (5) A signed letter by the recipient of your project acknowledging they have approved the project and will accept your work**

WAIVER: The Board of Community Assistance will be publicly discussing your personal information as submitted with this scholarship application (grades and other matters). Please sign the release below.

Applicant: _____

Parent or Guardian (if applicant is under 18): _____

Date: _____

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the information contained in this application for Community Assistance is correct to the best of my knowledge.

I hereby certify that I have read the Board Policy related to the Board of Community Assistance and Disbursement Guidelines and fully acknowledge that I understand the policy and guidelines set forth.

I hereby certify that I am a high school senior in good standing and qualified and eligible to submit Part II of the Application for Community Assistance.

I hereby authorize Upper Merion Township to investigate the truthfulness of all information which I have provided in this application. I understand that my misrepresentation or omission of information requested in this application may be cause for disqualification.

Further, I understand that failure to submit a completed project report per due date (**November 30, 2022**) constitutes a breach of this agreement and a nullification of the final scholarship award.

Date: _____

Signature of High School Senior: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian (if under 18): _____