



A Bridge for Kids is proud to announce that it is kicking off its 5th Annual Scholarship Program that will recognize and support seniors who have excelled in academics, athletics and/or the arts during their high school years. A Bridge For Kids is offering at least \$30,000 in college scholarships and these scholarships will be granted to low income, high achieving seniors who are committed to attending a four year college. Funds are intended to provide financial support for college expenses, including but not limited to tuition, books, housing deposits, transportation, and expenses relating to dorm living. We invite all seniors who qualify for the Government Free and Reduced Lunch Program and can demonstrate excellence achieved in high school academics, athletics, and/or the arts to apply for this support.





Scholarship Application

Student Name _____

Email _____

High School _____

Class of _____

Name and phone # of high school advisor _____

Do you qualify for Free and Reduced Lunch Program (if no, you must provide previous year tax returns with your application): YES _____ NO _____

Cumulative GPA: Unweighted _____ Weighted _____

Your best SAT and/or ACT score

SAT _____

ACT _____

College you plan to attend _____

Intended Major (if undecided, please state so) _____

I hereby certify that the statements contained in this application are true, accurate and complete. My application also carries with it an irrevocable permission allowing all companies or persons involved with A Bridge for Kids to use my name, likeness, or any statements for advertising or promotional purposes.

Student Name (Print)

Date

Student Signature

Please complete the following in a Word or Google Doc.

A Bridge for Kids helps level the playing field for low income teens by supporting their academic, athletic and artistic endeavors. In 500 words or less, please explain how you have achieved excellence in any of these areas. Feel free to submit or list any supporting material such as athletic awards, art you have created or any academic recognition you have received as a supplemental exhibit to your essay.

In addition, you may submit an optional essay of no more than 200 words describing what financial needs you expect to have during your first year of college and how this scholarship would help you address them.

Scholarship Eligibility and Rules:

- Contest is open to all High School Seniors, **Class of 2024**, who currently qualify for the government sponsored free and reduced lunch program.
- To apply, students must live in San Diego County and be enrolled in high school.
- Students must be planning to attend college and must provide, upon request, an acceptance letter from the college they are planning to attend in the fall.
- Contestants are encouraged to discuss their essay with teachers, parents or other friends but must write the essay by themselves, in his or her own words.
- Essays must be 500 words or less. If submitted the optional essay must be 200 words or less.
- All essays must be in digital form (Microsoft Word or Google Docs preferred). *No PDF's, scanned or mailed essays will be accepted.* Essays, along with a scanned copy of the application and any additional supporting material, should be sent via email only to info@abridgeforkids.org. **The student should put his/her full name and current high school in the Subject line of the email (ex. Tim Jones- San Diego High School).**
- Applications will be judged by a panel and winners will be chosen based on the following criteria:
 - Adherence to application requirements.
 - Strength of evidence demonstrating participation in and achievements obtained in academic, athletic, and/or artistic programs.
 - Essay content and clarity
- All applications must be submitted by midnight on **April 15th, 2024**.
- All winners will be contacted on or before **May 15th, 2024**.
- Winners parent/ guardian must sign a photo release form prior to receiving their sponsorship.
- At least \$30,000 in sponsorships will be given out to the winner(s) of the scholarship. Winners will be listed on our website no later than **May 15th, 2024**. To learn more about what is covered by A Bridge for Kids sponsorship please visit our web site at abridgeforkids.org and click on the "About Us" and then "What We Do" tabs.