

Benson High Scholarship Application

The Benson High Scholarship Application is required for seniors to be eligible for consideration for several scholarships awarded through Benson High School, the Omaha Schools Foundation, and the Omaha Education Association. **Seniors must have a minimum 2.5 weighted g.p.a. to apply.** The Benson High School Scholarship Committee selects deserving seniors based on academic achievement, character, leadership, the student's essay, community involvement, and post-secondary plans.

A printed copy of your APPLICATION, RESUME, ESSAY, AND REFERENCE FORM are due to school counseling office by last Friday in January.

I. APPLICATION

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____
Last First

Last First

Student lives with:

- Both Parents Mother & Step-Father Father & Step-Mother
 Mother only Father only Other – please specify _____

List all children living in your home and receiving financial support from your parents/guardians:

Name _____ Age _____ Name _____ Age _____
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How many members of your household, including you and siblings that live at home or on campus, will be in college next year? _____

- Do you have siblings that have a college degree? YES ___ NO ___
Do your either of your parents have a college degree? YES ___ NO ___
Do your any of your grandparents have a college degree? YES ___ NO ___

List in order of preference, the College(s), Technical School(s), or other to which you have applied:

1. Post-secondary Institution Name: _____
2. Post-secondary Institution Name: _____
3. Post-secondary Institution Name: _____

List the field of study you plan to pursue:

_____ First Choice _____ Second Choice

- Do you work part time? Yes ___ No ___
If yes, how many hours per week? _____
If yes, list your place of employment and job description? _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

II ACTIVITY RESUME

Attach a resume, which includes all 9th - 12th grade activities and the dates you participated in each. This can include, but is not limited to, extra-curricular activities, awards, volunteer activities, leadership positions, and employment.

III ESSAY

The essay must be **typed**, no longer than **one page**, **double spaced**, and should include responses to the following questions.

#1: What is your plan for the future?

#2: What personal characteristics will help you succeed with your future plans?

#3: What weakness and/or challenges will you have to overcome to succeed with your future plans?

#4: What contributions have you made to Benson High School and what contributions to Benson High School will you make in the future?

IV REFERENCE FORM

Ask one Benson teacher to complete a **Benson High School Reference form** and return it to the counseling office by **the second Friday in February**. Counseling will attach the reference form to your application. It is your responsibility to make sure your reference form has been submitted and to follow up with the teacher if it has not. If you also submit a Benson High School Alumni Scholarship Application, a copy of this form will be made and attached to that application as well.

Benson High School Reference Form

Please complete this form and return to the counseling office by the second Friday in February.

Student Name : _____
LAST FIRST

Teacher Name : _____
LAST FIRST

Course(s) in which teacher had student: _____

5 = ranks in top 5% students ever worked with; 4 = top 10%; 3 = top 25%; 2 = Average; 1 = bottom 25%

Assessment of the applicant's capabilities:

Adjusts to new situations	___ 5	___ 4	___ 3	___ 2	___ 1
Persists in face of disappointment or criticism	___ 5	___ 4	___ 3	___ 2	___ 1
Dependable when given an assignment	___ 5	___ 4	___ 3	___ 2	___ 1
Punctual in meeting obligations and deadlines	___ 5	___ 4	___ 3	___ 2	___ 1
Goes above and beyond what is required	___ 5	___ 4	___ 3	___ 2	___ 1

Assessment of applicant's personality and character:

Works well with others	___ 5	___ 4	___ 3	___ 2	___ 1
Accepts responsibility	___ 5	___ 4	___ 3	___ 2	___ 1
Assumes a leadership role	___ 5	___ 4	___ 3	___ 2	___ 1
Represents Benson High in a positive light	___ 5	___ 4	___ 3	___ 2	___ 1
Uses mistakes as opportunities to grow and learn	___ 5	___ 4	___ 3	___ 2	___ 1
Can be trusted to do the right thing	___ 5	___ 4	___ 3	___ 2	___ 1

Reference Statement: Please provide four or five written statements regarding this student. **Specific, descriptive, anecdotal information from your own observations is most valuable.**