



THE
Joshua & Buss
FOUNDATION

Scholarship Fund Program Guidelines & Application



Remain Humble. Have Faith. Love Deeply.

Scholarship Guidelines

The **Joshua S. Buss Foundation** is dedicated to helping at risk youth, who either have never had OR currently do not have consistently positive parental role models, have age-appropriate mentorship, college attendance opportunity, and ongoing peer support.

This is accomplished through the **Joshua S. Buss Foundation** scholarship program as well as through mentor-mentee matching programs, and drug abstinence programs. The belief that every child/young adult deserves at least one nurturing adult in his or her life is the cornerstone of this foundation and is echoed throughout the Foundation's work.

The **Joshua S. Buss Foundation** facilitates partnerships with adults who are committed to our philosophy as well as other community resources to ensure that all children who work with our foundation have the fundamental tools to succeed in education, life, and pay it forward through community service, volunteerism, and being a positive role model for their own children.

The **Mission** of the **Joshua S. Buss Foundation** is to help all members of the community understand that addiction is a disease, people who suffer from addiction deserve love, and the children who are caught in the crossfire of it all need support and mentorship.

The **Vision** of the **Joshua S. Buss Foundation** is to humbly serve the residents of Caldwell County and the Foothills of North Carolina by helping end addiction related stigma, support and empower children impacted by substance use disorder through self-confidence, resiliency, and self-determination activities so they may go onto have productive and happy lives.

The **Purpose** of the **Joshua S. Buss Foundation Scholarship Fund** is to provide scholarships to deserving individuals intending to pursue a course of study at either a two-year or four-year educational institution.

For the 2021-2022 school year, the **Joshua S. Buss Foundation** Scholarship Fund's award ceiling is \$2,000, and the maximum individual award is \$500. The Foundation will provide 4 students \$500 scholarships. One (1) scholarship will be awarded to a high school student who will be attending a community college. One (1) scholarship will be awarded to a student who is currently enrolled in a community college program and is returning for an additional semester. Priority will be given to engineering students, but all students should apply.

The two (2) final scholarships will be awarded to 2 high school seniors who will be attending any four-year educational institution within the United States.

NOTE: Scholarship funds will be awarded to the student upon evidence of registration in an accredited higher educational institution.

Application Process

1. The annual **DEADLINE** for all scholarship applications is **June 30 at 5:00 p.m.** (no exceptions).
2. Refer to application process below for a list of the supporting documents needed (i.e., reference forms, evidence of GPA, etc.) Incomplete applications will not be considered.
3. If any question does not apply to you in this application, please put N/A in the space.
4. Type and print legibly. Illegible applications will not be considered. You may also download a copy of the application online at www.joshuabusfoundation.com
5. You will be notified by mail in July regarding the status of your application.
6. If you have any questions about the application, please call the Foundation Office at (828) 726-3058
7. Applicant must submit the following items:
 1. Completed application form (if handwritten, please print legibly)
 2. Letter of application addressed to the Scholarship Committee. The letter should contain a brief explanation about yourself and your college plans (college/university, intended major, and anticipated start date). Letter should not exceed one (1) page.
 3. Two (2) letters of recommendations from choice of high school teachers, administrators, counselors, employers, or individual with significant knowledge of applicant's experience and involvement.
 4. An official and recent high school transcript with cumulative grade point average and a class standing/rank.
 5. Personal Essay. Essay must be at least 1-2 typed pages, double-spaced, 12 pt / Time New Roman font. Essay shall contain no grammatical errors.
 6. In addition to the above items, applicant must also complete at least 20 hours of community service. Community service hours must be documented in the form of a letter.

Deadline for the application is **June 30th, 5:00 p.m.** Applications postmarked after this date will not be considered.

You can email the application with all required supporting documentation to

tracyandrews@joshuabusfoundation.com OR mail to:

The Joshua S. Buss Foundation Scholarship Fund Program

ATTN: Scholarship Committee

225 Main Street NW

Lenoir, NC 28645

11 .	Name & address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s): Use reverse side of application if you need more space.				
	Name(s) _____				
	Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____				
	Phone number of parents/legal guardians: _____ Home__ Work __ Cell ____				
12 .	Name and city of other high schools attended:			Number of years attended:	
13 .	List the name of any college you have attended.	Year Bega n	Year Ende d	Year Graduated (If applicable)	Type of Degree Received (If applicable)
	A.				
	B.				
	C.				
14 .	What specialty/major do you plan to major in as you continue your education?				
15 .	List expenses you expect to incur per semester or quarter: (Approximate figures acceptable)				
	A.	Tuition:	Amount: \$		
	B.	Books:	Amount: \$		
	C.	Room & Board:	Amount: \$		
	D.	Other expenses:	Amount: \$		
		Describe below under comments			
Comments:					

16. List other financial assistance you will receive per semester or quarter: (Other financial assistance will not affect your scholarship eligibility.)		
A.	Personal:	Amount: \$
B.	Other Scholarship(s): comments	Amount: \$ List below under
C.	Grants: comments	Amount: \$ List below under
C.	Student Loan(s): comments	Amount: \$ List below under
D.	Other Financial Resources: comments	Amount: \$ List below under
Comments:		

Use an additional sheet if you need more room to list financial information requested in items 14 & 15.

17. List your academic honors, awards and membership activities while in high school/college:

18. List your community service activities, volunteerism, hobbies, outside interests, and extracurricular activities:

19. **Personal Essay**

Using the phrase “Life Happens,” write a 1,000-word essay describing how you have overcome life obstacles and how this scholarship will assist with your educational pursuits.

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the Foundation’s scholarship program.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship recipient, according to the *Joshua S. Buss Foundation* Scholarship policy, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at the post-secondary institution of my choice before scholarship funds can be awarded.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____

Date: _____

Signature of applicant’s guardian/ parent: _____

Date: _____

The following items must be attached to this application for the application to qualify for scholarship committee review:



Completed application. All questions are answered completely.



Two (2) letters of recommendation



Proof of college acceptance or current student enrollment. A **copy** of your college acceptance letter is required for receipt of funds.



Most recent **official** high school transcripts. Photocopies of your transcript are acceptable if transcript is signed by a guidance counselor or principal.



Personal Essay



Community Service Hours: **Must** be documented in the form of a letter on official letterhead from the agency where the community service hours were completed.



Scholarships 1 (Non-renewable)



1. Applicant must attend a high school in the Foothills of North Carolina. Priority will be given to Caldwell County high school students, but all students in the Foothills should apply.
2. Applicant must be a graduating high school senior in the year of the award.
3. Applicant must have at least a **3.5 grade cumulative point average** (or a "B" average).
4. Applicant must demonstrate community involvement, improvement in academics, and desires to attend college.
5. Preference will be given to first generation college attendees; however, all students are encouraged to apply.
6. Applicant must be enrolling full-time in the first year of a community college within North Carolina.
7. Applicant may not be related to any Board of Directors or staff as this presents a conflict of interest.
8. Using the phrase "Life Happens," applicant must write a 1,000-word essay describing how he/she has overcome life obstacles and how this scholarship will assist with his/her educational pursuits.

Scholarship 2 (Non-renewable)



1. Applicant must currently be enrolled at a community college within North Carolina.
2. Students in engineering programs will be given priority; however, all students should apply.
3. Applicant must have at least a **3.5 grade cumulative point average** (or a "B" average).
4. Applicant must demonstrate community involvement, improvement in academics, and desires to attend college.
5. Preference will be given to first generation college attendees; however, all students are encouraged to apply.
6. Applicant may not be related to any Board of Directors or staff as this presents a conflict of interest.
7. Using the phrase "Life Happens," applicant must write a 1,000-word describing how he/she has overcome life obstacles and how this scholarship will assist with his/her educational pursuits.

Scholarship 3 (Non-renewable)



1. Applicant may attend a high school in the Foothills area of North Carolina.
2. Applicant must be a graduating high school senior in the year of the award.
3. Applicant must have at least a **3.5 grade cumulative point average** (or a "B" average).
4. Applicant must demonstrate community involvement, improvement in academics and desires to attend college.
5. Preference will be given to first generation college attendees; however, all students are encouraged to apply.
6. Applicant must be enrolling full-time in the first year of a four-year institution. Preference will be given to applications pursuing an engineering major; however, all majors will be considered.
7. Applicant may not be related to any Board of Directors or staff as this presents a conflict of interest.
8. Using the phrase "Life Happens," applicant must write a 1,000-word describing how he/she has overcome life obstacles and how this scholarship will assist with his/her educational pursuits.

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Brainstorming Section

(Not to be submitted with application)

Jot down any ideas you have for your essay, plans for the future, etc.

This is for you. Use it anyway you deem appropriate.

