

# KIWANIS COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

GUIDELINES ON FOLLOWING PAGE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION Must be postmarked by

APRIL 25, 2025

# **KIWANIS COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP**

#### Criteria (each section is worth 25 points)

#### Handwritten applications will not be accepted.

- 1. Essays (250 500) words per essay
  - a. Content
  - b. Grammar
  - c. Spelling
  - d. Neat Double Spaced <u>Typed</u>
- 2. Letters of Recommendation
  - a. Reference #1 Community Member
  - b. Reference #2 School Staff
- 3. Service
  - a. Community Service (100 hours recommended) from Freshman through Senior year
  - b. School Activities/ GPA (minimum 2.5 GPA required)
  - c. Community Activities
  - d. Work Experience
- 4. Other Scholarships or Financial Assistance
  - a. Financial Need
  - b. Other Scholarships Received
  - c. Finances Available
  - d. Explanation of Need

## **PLEASE MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:**

KIWANIS COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP C/O Alison Counts 512 Northern Pacific Ave. BELGRADE, MT 59714

### Must be postmarked by Apr 25, 2025

# **Kiwanis Community Scholarship**

#### **Application Guidelines & Kiwanis Selection Criteria**

1. The Belgrade Kiwanis Club and the community of Belgrade will award a scholarship if funds are available and there are suitable candidates. There will be as many scholarships distributed as contributions allow. The Kiwanis Scholarship Committee will award the value of the scholarship to the recipient and the post secondary institute indicated by the recipient. Applicants will receive notification of the award at the annual high school awards program. Kiwanis may not award a scholarship if they deem that no applicants are suitable.

2. All applicants must be a senior attending Belgrade High School during the current school year. This includes any senior that graduates early but is considered of senior standing during the current school year. Each applicant must comply with all of the instructions and rules set forth on the application form or they may be disqualified.

3. Each applicant must attend a post secondary school during the fall. This may include 1, 2, & 4-year colleges,

vo-tech schools, community colleges, and other advanced degrees deemed appropriate by the scholarship committee.

4. Primary criteria used to select scholarship recipients include letters of recommendation, written expression, community & school activities and financial need.

5. The application deadline is posted on the cover page and is adhered to strictly. Announcement of winning applicant(s) will be made at the annual BHS awards program. Late applications will not be accepted.

6. Scholarship selection will be based on essays of 250 - 500 words, community and school activities, need, recommendations, and application quality. The response to the essay questions should be typewritten or computer generated, and double-spaced. The essay response should not exceed one page/500 words.

7. Each scholarship applicant must obtain two letters of reference. One must be from a community member outside of the school, the other from a Belgrade School District Employee.

8. Neatness, grammar and spelling will be considered in scholarship selection.

9. Members of the selection committee cannot have a son or daughter competing for the scholarship.

#### **APPLICATION - KIWANIS COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP**

Last Name:		First Name:	
Street Address:			
City:	State:		Zip:

1. Where are you going to pursue your post secondary education?

2. What academic major are you entering?

3. List significant school activities, leadership positions, and honor recognition. (You may attach your resume) Include GPA

4. List all community activities. (May be listed on resume)

5. List any scholarships received to date and the amount. Also, explain your financial need, other siblings in college, financing your complete education without aid etc.

Attach your essays to the scholarship form. Respond to the essay question in 250 -500 words. Essay must be double-spaced. Do not put your name on the essays. Put each essay on a separate page. The Kiwanis Club may publish the essay portion of your application.

ESSAY #1

Explain your goals for college in the next four years and how this scholarship will help you to obtain this goal. (250 words is enough)

ESSAY #2

Describe your most significant challenge or accomplishment and explain its value to your life. (250 – 500 words) (Tell us a story about you)

#### TO INCLUDE IN YOUR APPLICATION

- **Exhibit 1.** High School Organizations and Activities list in chronological order, with dates, any organizations or activities to which you have contributed or participated.
- **Exhibit 2.** Religious and Community Activities list in chronological order with dates any religious and community activities (including community service work) to which you have contributed or participated.
- Exhibit 3. Service Hours list by year, the activity and the number of community service hours you have completed. You must also have this exhibit signed by the adult sponsor, (Key Club, Honor Society, Church group, etc.) Your regular school counselor may can sign if you can no longer contact the adult sponsor.
- **Exhibit 4.** Honors, Awards, and Special Recognition list in chronological order, with dates, any honors, awards, and/or special recognition that you have received during your high school career.
- **Exhibit 5**. Please list your financial need.
- Exhibit 6. Attach your essays to the scholarship form. Respond to the essay questions in 250-500 words. Essay must be typed and double-spaced. Do not put your name on the essays. Put each essay on a separate page and attach to your packet. The Kiwanis Club may publish the essay portion of your application.

**ESSAY #1**: Explain your goals for college in the next four years and how this scholarship will help you to obtain this goal. (maximum of 250 words)

**ESSAY #2:** Describe your most significant challenge or accomplishment and explain its value to your life. (250 words minimum – 500 words maximum) (Tell us a story about you.)

**Exhibit 7**. Attach two letters of reference. Once must be from a community member outside of the school and the other from a Belgrade School District Employee. Letters should be dated and signed by references.