

THE BERNIE MATTHEWS OPPORTUNITY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Bernie Matthews Opportunity Foundation Scholarship seeks to assist students who have demonstrated integrity, perseverance in overcoming adversity or other difficult life circumstances, strength of character, financial need, a good academic record, commitment to pursue a college education, and a desire to contribute to society. To be eligible to apply for the Bernie Matthews Opportunity Scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Be enrolled full-time as a high school senior in the United States, progressing normally toward graduation in spring/summer semester with plans to enter a college in the United States no later than the fall following graduation
2. Exhibit a strong commitment to pursue and complete a bachelor's degree at an accredited non-profit public or private institution in the United States (students may start their studies at a two-year institution and then transfer to a four-year institution)
3. Demonstrate critical financial need (\$55,000 or lower adjusted gross family income is required)
4. Be involved in co-curricular and community service activities
5. Display integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity or other difficult life circumstances
6. Maintain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.5
7. Be a United States citizen

To apply for the scholarship, the applicant shall complete the application found at www.berniemattthewsoportunityfoundation.org and mail no later than **May 10, 2024** to:

The Bernie Matthews Opportunity Foundation, 40 North Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 410, Greensburg, PA 15601.

A copy of the first page of the applicant's parents' federal income tax return (or 1099 SSA – Social Security Form) with social security numbers blacked out must be attached to the application. If an applicant's parents were not required to file a tax return, include statement copies of any government benefits, such as Public Assistance or Disability payment documents. Income verifications may be uploaded online or sent by mail. Applicants of divorced or legally separated parents need to submit tax forms from both parents.

2024 APPLICATION FOR BERNIE MATTHEWS OPPORTUNITY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Due by May 10, 2024

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Residence Address: _____

High School: _____ Date of Graduation: _____

High School GPA: _____

Co-curricular and Community Service Activities: _____

Are you a United States Citizen? _____

Father's Name: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Please attach a copy of the first page of your parents' federal income tax return (or 1099 SSA – Social Security Form) with social security numbers blacked out. If an applicant's parents were not required to file a tax return, include statement copies of any government benefits, such as Public Assistance or Disability payment documents. Income verifications may be uploaded online or sent by mail. Applicants of divorced or legally separated parents need to submit tax forms from both parents.

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Accordingly, please attach a typed, written essay, not to exceed three (3) 8' X 11' pages in length, describing how you meet the criteria for the scholarship award. In addition, please attach one letter of recommendation from a teacher, guidance counselor, coach, family friend, priest, pastor, etc.