



Parsons Scholars

GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION



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OF GREATER SCOTTSDALE

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Do You Qualify?

	YES	NO	UNSURE
Have you had an active Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale membership for the last year?			
Have you been accepted to an accredited university, community college or vocational school?			
Have you completed a FAFSA or FAFSA equivalent?			
Do you plan on enrolling in an academic program on a full-time basis?			
Do you love BGCS?			

If you answered **YES** to all of the questions, **congratulations!** You qualify to apply for this great opportunity to advance your education! Please review the guidelines and fill out the application.

If you answered **UNSURE** to any of these questions, please contact your Teen Development Specialist to discuss your options.

Thank you for allowing us to invest in your future!

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Parsons Scholar. The Bob & Renee Parsons Foundation believes that all young people deserve an opportunity to reach their greatest potential and would like to invest in your future.

We invite you to apply for a **\$20,000** scholarship, made possible by a generous donation from The Bob & Renee Parsons Foundation, to be used for post-high school education tuition, room and board, books, required school equipment and supplies, and related school fees (i.e. lab fees, parking fees, activity fees, etc.).

Scholarships will be awarded based on financial need, academic merit and membership status with Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale (BGCS). You may apply for consideration by following the guidelines below and completing the Parsons Scholars application:

1. Applicants must demonstrate an active BGCS membership for at least one year prior to submitting a Parsons Scholars application.
2. Scholarship funds must be used at an accredited university, community college or vocational school. Provided the institution is accredited, there are no restrictions on the type of education applicants may pursue.
3. A complete Parsons Scholars application and all required documentation must be submitted as a requisite for consideration.
4. Upon selection, Parsons Scholars must submit a written letter acknowledging the award and thanking the donor.
5. Parsons Scholars must be enrolled full-time and maintain a minimum GPA of 2.8 throughout the duration of the scholarship.
6. The scholarship will be paid directly to the educational institution in the amount of \$2,500 per semester for up to eight consecutive semesters, as long as the minimum required GPA is maintained. Emergency needs or atypical program structures may be viewed on a case-by-case basis.
7. If the Parsons Scholar falls below the minimum GPA, a meeting with the BGCS Scholarship Administrator must take place to address the issues related to academic performance. From there, a recommendation from the Administrator will guide the decision of the Scholarship Review Committee on continued funding.
8. Immediately following each semester, Parsons Scholars must submit the latest school transcript and a brief status update in narrative form.
9. If additional scholarship support has reduced the need for \$2,500 each semester, Parsons funds can be deferred to a semester in which they are needed.
10. Funds that are not used by graduation or within eight consecutive semesters will be waived by the Parsons Scholar. Extensions may be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
11. Scholarship funds must be requested within five years of graduating high school.



Parsons Scholars Application

NAME:		DATE OF BIRTH:	
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ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP CODE:
MOBILE PHONE:		EMAIL:	
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB BRANCH:		NO. OF YEARS ACTIVE CLUB ATTENDANCE:	
HIGH SCHOOL:		GRADUATION DATE:	
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EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, HONORS, AWARDS, AND/OR OFFICE HELD IN SCHOOL:			
SCHOOL YOU PLAN TO ATTEND POST HIGH SCHOOL:			
CLASSIFICATION:			
<input type="checkbox"/> BEGINNING FRESHMAN <input type="checkbox"/> CONTINUING STUDENT YEAR _____			
DEGREE PURSUING:			
<input type="checkbox"/> ASSOCIATES <input type="checkbox"/> BACHELOR'S <input type="checkbox"/> VOCATIONAL			
ENROLLMENT STATUS:			
<input type="checkbox"/> FULL TIME			
MAJOR:		EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:	
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COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES, VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS PREVIOUSLY ATTENDED:			

WILL YOU BE RECEIVING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE? YES NO

IF YES, PLEASE LIST:

SOURCE	AMOUNT	DURATION

TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ANTICIPATED PER SEMESTER (NOT INCLUDING PARSONS SUPPORT):

ABOUT YOUR FAMILY:

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME	RELATIONSHIP	PHONE/EMAIL

DID ONE OR BOTH PARENTS/GUARDIANS ATTEND COLLEGE FOR ANY NUMBER OF YEARS? YES NO

EMPLOYMENT STATUS: PART-TIME FULL-TIME UNEMPLOYED

IF YES:

EMPLOYER	PHONE NUMBER

MAY WE CONTACT YOUR EMPLOYER? YES NO

WILL YOU CONTINUE TO WORK WHILE YOU ARE IN COLLEGE? YES NO

Please ensure that all required documentation be submitted along with this application by May 5, 2023. Late applications or those missing attachments will not be considered. Required documentation follows:

- A typed essay in your own words stating why you are applying for this scholarship and what it will help you achieve if awarded.

Applicants should include any information that would be helpful for the selection committee to know during the decision-making process including:

- Interests
- Service to school or community
- Activities in or outside of school/Club
- Awards
- Plans for the future

If an applicant is applying for more than one scholarship, a separate essay is required for each individual scholarship. Essay file names should include the applicants name and the scholarship name. Essays must be in Times New Roman 12 pt. type, normal margins, doubled spaced and limited to two pages.

- A recommendation from a high school teacher (A form requesting a letter of recommendation is attached)
- A character recommendation from a BGCS Club staff, preferably in a full-time role. (A form requesting a letter of recommendation is attached)
- An official copy of high school transcript
- Completed FAFSA or FAFSA equivalent form
- Acceptance letter from the accredited university, community college or vocational school you plan to attend.

Submit your scanned application and all requested attachments to liz.byrne@bgcs.org, and copy a full-time staff member from your Club on the email. The subject line of your email must be: PARSONS SCHOLARS APPLICATION - YOUR FIRST NAME AND LAST NAME.

For questions, please contact Liz Byrne at 480-344-5688 or liz.byrne@bgcs.org

- I certify that the information provided in this application and its requested attachments is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE:	DATE:

Key Dates:

	April 17, 2023	Application Cycle Opens
	May 5, 2023	Applications Due
	May 12, 2023	Committee Review/Candidate Interviews
	May 15, 2023	Award Letters Delivered
	May 22, 2023	Acceptance & Donor Acknowledgement Letter Due



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SCHOLARSHIPS

THE DOOR TO OPENING DOORS

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION REQUEST

Applicant's Name:

The above named individual is applying for an academic scholarship through Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale and is required to submit a letter of recommendation from a full-time staff member of BGCS. We invite you to share some of this applicant's qualities that you believe would be helpful in our decision-making process. This information will be kept confidential.

Please return your letter to the applicant to be uploaded as part of the application process for the following scholarship.

Scholarship:	Deadline:
<input type="checkbox"/> 2023 Parsons Scholar	

Parent/Guardian Permission for Information Release

Parent/Guardian Signature:	Date:
Student Signature (If 18 or older)	Date:



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