

Brighthouse Scholar Connections

2022-2023 Scholarship Application For Current High School Seniors

Our Mission

Brighthouse Scholar Connections, Inc. ("**Scholar Connections**"), a tax-exempt non-profit corporation, was established to expand educational opportunities in higher education for students who are members of historically underrepresented or disadvantaged populations due to race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, or similar factors ("**Underrepresented Students**").

Scholarship Program Overview

Scholar Connections will award scholarships to Underrepresented Students from local high schools and from various partner educational institutions, including universities, colleges, trade schools, vocational schools, and/or certain other institutions of higher learning (collectively, "**Educational Institutions**"). All college students enrolled at our partner Educational Institutions are eligible to apply for a scholarship (even if they did not attend a partner high school).

Scholar Connections currently awards annual scholarships of up to \$5,000 per student. Underrepresented Students may currently receive up to a maximum of \$20,000 over four years which amount may be increased in the future. Scholarships are awarded annually and must be applied for annually. The scholarship funds will be paid directly to the recipient's Educational Institution in or about July 2023 for the 2023-2024 academic school year and may only be used for qualified tuition and related expenses charged by the Educational Institution, including (a) tuition and fees required for enrollment or attendance; (b) fees, books, supplies, and equipment required for courses of instruction; and (c) room and board. No current Brighthouse Financial employees or their relatives are eligible to receive a scholarship from Scholar Connections.

Eligibility Requirements

In order to be eligible for a scholarship, **applicants will need to:**

- Be an Underrepresented Student, as described above. Examples of underrepresented and disadvantaged students include, but are not limited to:
 - Individuals from racial and ethnic groups which historically have lower college enrollment, retention and completion rates or protracted graduation rates;
 - Individuals who are the first generation in their family to attend college;
 - Individuals who have graduated from or are attending a high school that has a low percentage of seniors receiving a high school diploma or a low percentage of graduates who go to college following graduation; and
 - Individuals who have graduated from or are attending a high school with low per capita funding or have lower standardized testing scores according to published data.

While all Underrepresented Students will be considered, members of one or more of the following groups whose longstanding underrepresentation in institutions of higher education has been demonstrated, are encouraged to apply: Black/African American, Latino/Hispanic, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, Native American Indians, and refugees.

- Be enrolled at one of Scholar Connections' partner Educational Institutions on a full-time basis for the 2022-2023 academic year;
- Demonstrate financial hardship warranting the need for financial assistance; and
- Produce records indicating a minimum grade point average at the Educational Institution of 2.7.

The following documents **must be submitted** along with this application for consideration:

- Your resumé;
- A 2023-2024 college or trade school acceptance letter (**due no later than February 28, 2023**);
- A 200-word personal statement detailing how the Scholar Connections Program Scholarship can support your academic goals;
- A writing sample answering one of the writing prompts described below;
- Your current school transcript; and
- A letter of recommendation from a teacher, advisor, guidance counselor or administrator from your current Educational Institution.

Scholarship application continues on the following page.
Due: October 31, 2022

Please answer all the questions below. Should you have any questions, please follow up with the Career Development Coordinator at your school.

Name: _____ Gender: _____

First

Last

Date of Birth: _____

Street Address:

City _____ State _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Ethnicity (check all that apply):

- Native American
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Hispanic or Latino
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- White
- Prefer not to answer

Which of these describes your parent(s) or guardian(s) combined household income? Circle the one that applies.

- \$10,000 to \$24,999
- \$25,000 to \$49,999
- \$50,000 to \$74,999
- \$75,000 to \$99,999
- \$100,000 to \$149,999
- \$150,000 and greater

Do you have any relatives who are employees at Brighthouse Financial?

Do you identify as a first-generation college student?

Education

School: _____

School Mailing Address:

Grade: _____

Current GPA: _____

Extra-Curricular Activities/ Community Service Involvement:

Please select **one** of the following writing prompts to answer in 300 words or less:

- If you had the authority to change your community in a positive way, what specific changes would you make?
- Describe how you have demonstrated leadership ability in your school, work, or community.
- Discuss a special attribute or accomplishment that sets you apart from your peers.
- Pick an experience from your own life and explain how it has influenced your development.

Submit completed application and supporting documents to Andreia Graddick Dahi at: Andreia.graddickdahi@brighthousefinancial.com