



BLOOM TOWNSHIP SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Bloom Township announces the **Bloom Township Scholarship Program**. Under the program, four (4) \$2500 scholarships will be awarded to two (2) male and two (2) female graduating seniors who reside within Bloom Township that exhibit leadership skills, determination, and resilience. *The recipient cannot be a close relative (son, daughter, niece, nephew, etc.) of a Bloom Township Government Employee or Official.*

Program Guidelines & Priorities:

- Applicant must write a 250 – 500-word essay.
- Applicants must have the endorsement of their Guidance Counselor on their application, attesting they are qualified for the scholarship program.
- Applicant must plan to attend a two (2) year community college, four (4) year college/university, or a technical college located in Illinois.
- Graduating senior with a GPA of 2.5 or higher.
- Selected recipients must attend one (1) Bloom Township bimonthly meeting or a Bloom Township-sponsored event before August 1, 2023.
- Scholarship funds will be paid during the month of August 2023-directly to the institution, not the student. The scholarship funds will be issued to the institution upon receiving a certificate of enrollment for the fall semester, which includes the Student ID number and Financial Aid Office address.
- Complete applications must be received and postmarked by **May 1, 2023**. Late applications will not be accepted.

Mail application package to:

(This includes application with signoff by Guidance Counselors, essay, and letter of recommendation)

BLOOM TOWNSHIP CENTER
c/o Bloom Township Scholarship Committee
425 South Halsted Street
Chicago Heights, IL. 60411

The applications will be reviewed, and recipients will be selected by the **Bloom Township Scholarship Committee**. The scholarship will be awarded during the graduating ceremony or Senior Awards Night at the respective high school.

Please **type** your answers. *Use an additional piece of paper if necessary*

1.	Last Name:	First Name, Middle Initial:
2.	Mailing Address Street: City: State: Zip:	
3.	Daytime telephone number: () Email address:	
4.	Date of birth: Month Day Year	
5.	Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (On a 4.0 scale)	
6.	Name and location of high school:	
7.	Guidance Counselor Name:	
8.	A. List any academic honors, awards and membership activities while in high school: B. List your hobbies, outside interests, extracurricular activities and school related volunteer activities: C. List your non-school sponsored volunteer activities in the community:	
9.	A. If you have decided on the college you will attend, please list the school's name: B. If not, list your top three (3) college choices:	
10.	Anticipated field of study:	
11.	Family gross annual income from 2014 Income Tax form 1040 Line #22: <input type="checkbox"/> <\$20,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$20,000-\$40,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$40,000-\$60,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$60,000-\$80,000 <input type="checkbox"/> >\$80,000	
12.	Number of years of residency in Bloom Township, Cook County, Illinois:	
13.	Please list any other scholarships applied for and any awarded:	

14.	<p>Name & address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s): <i>(Include address if different than your own listed in Question 2.)</i></p> <p>Name(s): Street: City: State: Zip:</p> <p>Home phone of parents or legal guardians: Work phone:</p>
15.	<p>On a separate paper, please write an essay (250 - 500 words) addressing the following:</p> <p>Describe how your community service came about and what being a volunteer has taught you. Are there any causes or organizations that especially interest you? Finally, discuss any challenges you have dealt with and overcome and how this will help you succeed in college and beyond.</p>
16.	<p>One (1) letter of recommendation from a leader within the volunteer organization you serve or have served. <i>(Also acceptable from schoolteacher or staff member)</i></p>