

**CHARLES AND LOIS MARIE BRIGHT FOUNDATION
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

NACOGDOCHES, TEXAS

Due Date: February 23, 2024

1. Name (Mr., Ms., Mrs.) _____ Social Security No. _____
2. Date of birth _____ Place of birth _____
3. College, University or Technical School to be attending _____
College Address: _____

4. Planned Major or Field of Study to be taken at
University _____
5. I will live ☐ on campus ☐ off campus ☐ commute from home
6. Home Address _____ Phone _____
Email address: _____
7. Parent's or Guardian's name & address (Mr. & Mrs. Mr. Ms.)

(Street) (City) (ST) (ZIP) (Phone)
8. Applicant Marital Status
☐ Married
No. of Children ____
☐ Single
☐ Other
9. Citizen of U.S.
☐ Yes
☐ No
10. Texas Resident: ☐ Yes ☐ No
11. High School Attended _____
(Name) (City) (ST)
12. Date (or anticipated date) of graduation from high school _____
13. Number in high school graduating class ____ Your approximate rank in class ____

14. Adjusted Gross Family Income according to last year's income tax return\$ _____
15. Have you completed the FASFA application? _____ What is your Estimated Family Contribution (EFC)? _____
16. Estimated Current Year's Adjusted Gross Income\$ _____
(please do not leave blank or write \$0 if you are unsure) Please see #26 and explain if there have been any significant changes to income since last year.
17. Father's or Guardian's Occupation and place of employment:

18. Mother's or Guardian's Occupation and place of employment:

19. No. of dependent children in family (including yourself) _____ Ages _____
20. Extent to which you can expect financial assistance from your parents (if you are A dependent) _____
21. Other financial resources and amounts available to you for educational purpose such as GI Bill, Educational Insurance Policies, Social Security, Fellowships or other Scholarships, etc. _____

22. Applicant's income applicable to college expenses:
Summer earnings (approx.): \$ _____ School Year (approx.) \$ _____
23. List extra-curricular activities and honors for High School _____

For College _____

24. List previous scholarships and amounts received _____
25. List other scholarships you will receive for the academic year in which you are applying (also indicate other scholarships for which you are applying) _____

26. Please address any unique situations that the selection committee needs to know about (EX: Not living with parents, family illness, loss of job, extra children living in a household that would not be claimed on taxes, setbacks,etc).

NOTE: In order to be considered by the Scholarship Selection committee, this application must include ALL of the following:

1. Completed Application Form (Use separate sheets of paper if needed to complete the application requirements)
2. High School transcript (does not have to be complete). Also include a College Transcript if you have taken college courses. Please include ACT or SAT scores if you have taken either of these.
3. Letter from you explaining why you need this scholarship and what you would do with it.
4. Letters of recommendation: (a) Personal - No family member
(b) Academic (Teacher, Counselor, etc.)
5. Official FASFA Confirmation sheet (NOT just the confirmation page that shows it was completed, but ALL of it)
6. Please sign below. ALSO, be sure to initial the guidelines and information sheet that is attached.
7. Attach a current photo or photocopy of your ID to the application (this does not have to be an official photo. A photo copy is fine).
8. Must attend a school that is located in the county of Nacogdoches.

***The committee will ONLY review and consider applications that are 100% complete, with ALL requested information submitted. Should an applicant turn in any incomplete information, the application will NOT be considered.**

APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATION: To the best of my knowledge, I certify that the information reported above is complete and correct.

Date:_____ **Signature of Applicant:**_____

Counselor: _____

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Scholarship Information and Guidelines

1. All recipients must be a U.S. citizen.
2. Scholarships may be awarded for enrollment in four-year degree plan universities, junior colleges, or vocational/technical schools that are located in the state of Texas.
3. Funds will be credited to the student's account at the school/college/university in which the student is enrolled. Funds will not be paid directly to the student.
4. The recipient is **required** to fill out FAFSA and EFC forms. The recipient will be required to continue to fill out a FASFA each spring semester.
5. The Charles and Lois Marie Bright Foundation Scholarship is a secondary scholarship to any another other scholarships, awards, or grants that are received by a student. Scholarships are given in differing amounts.

*The scholarship recipient is required to complete (PASS AND GET CREDIT) a **minimum** of 12 hours per full time fall/spring semester. Failure to complete 12 hours per semester may result in losing eligibility for the scholarship.

*Any scholarship amount given for students attending technical or vocational schools will be set, according to the discretion of the Charles and Lois Marie Bright Foundation Board, on an individual basis, taking into account the cost of the vocational/technical school selected to attend. Technical and vocational school students are required to take full courses, as established by the school.

*All books must be purchased through the university/school to be included on the main bill.

6. The recipient **MUST** maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 to remain eligible for the scholarship. Should a student fall below a cumulative 2.0, the student will be notified by the Foundation that he/she has been put on a paid scholarship/probation status from the Foundation, for no more than one semester, so that the student is given the opportunity to bring the GPA back up to 2.0 or higher. If a student falls below the 2.0 cumulative again, at any given time, the student will become ineligible for the scholarship. *NOTE: This applies to Fall and Spring Courses.

7. Recipient **MUST** turn in all documentation, **EACH** semester, **NO LATER than two weeks prior to classes starting.** Documentation includes **proof of enrollment** for the upcoming semester (printout of classes-minimum of 12 hours). The recipient **MUST** also provide a **transcript** from the previous semester that shows the current GPA, as well as cumulative GPA. (It is strongly recommended that a student provide a transcript within a week of receiving grades). If a student fails to provide proper documentation to the Foundation in a timely manner (listed above), it will be at the discretion of the Charles and Lois Marie Bright Foundation to determine if the student will remain eligible for the scholarship.

8. Scholarships are eligible for renewal each year, for up to 8 full time, and consecutive semesters (4 years of school). The renewals will take place one time a year, in April, after a student has completed the fall and most of the spring semester. Each scholarship recipient will be required to submit a letter to the board requesting renewal of his/her scholarship for another year. *Scholarship renewals for any number of semesters past 8 full time consecutive semesters is to be considered at the discretion of the Charles and Lois Marie Bright Foundation. *Also, technical/vocational school attendees must complete specific requirements for attendance and course terms as set forth by that particular school, and semesters/terms must be consecutive.

9. Once enrolled in a school/university, the scholarship recipient MUST go to the school/university's admissions office and sign a letter of release to the Charles and Lois Marie Bright Foundation. *It is the student's responsibility to make sure with the Admissions office that the Foundation has the ability to access grades and any financial information at any time.

10. The recipient will notify the Foundation within 10 days of ANY changes of address (regular or email), phone numbers, name changes, or changes in schools/universities.

11. By accepting the Charles and Lois Marie Bright Foundation scholarship, the recipient agrees to advise the Foundation of any other scholarships, awards, or grants that are received, and/or have not been previously disclosed to the Foundation. The Foundation will reduce the scholarship amount being paid each semester by the amounts of any awards, grants, or scholarships that the recipient receives.

12. The recipient agrees to notify the board of any refunds he/she may receive from the university. The refunds will be subtracted from the amount a student will receive from the scholarship for the next semester, should the refund go directly to the student. Also, a student should NEVER drop a class without consulting a Foundation representative first. If the Foundation agrees, then any funds associated with that class will be subtracted from the amount being awarded for the next semester.

13. Regarding online classes: In the past, the Charles and Lois Marie Bright Foundation scholarship has only allowed for one online class to be taken per semester. However, due to Covid-19, the board has agreed to waive this requirement, allowing students to take online classes when necessary. NOTE: To be eligible for costs associated with dorms/dining to be paid, a student MUST take a MINIMUM of two classes to be attended "in person." The minimum requirement cannot include a hybrid class. Again, to be eligible for dorms/dining with the scholarship, the minimum class requirement must be two "in person" classes that are in the recipient's degree plan. If a recipient cannot find a minimum of two classes being offered to take "in person," unfortunately, the Foundation will not pay for dorm/dining/on campus living.

It is your responsibility to inform the board of all hybrid and online classes.

*You must notify the Bright board through the Bright Scholarship coordinator before any classes are dropped. We do not recommend dropping classes, but should you have to drop a class, you must first gain our approval. You will have to maintain (and pass) your 12 hour minimum. Also, the amount that we paid for that class/books will be deducted from any amounts awarded to you the next semester.

14. The recipient agrees for a one time mandatory sit-down meeting, with a Foundation representative, to go over the scholarship information and guidelines. This meeting will have to occur before any funds are issued to schools/universities on behalf of the recipient.

15. No student who has kinship, blood, or affinity, with a member of the Board of Directors of the Foundation shall be eligible to receive the scholarship.

16. Student agrees that failure to comply with any of the information and guidelines, as listed above, may result in the loss of the Charles and Lois Marie Bright Foundation Scholarship. It is at the discretion of the Charles and Lois Marie Bright Foundation to terminate the scholarship at any time, for any reason, that may or may not be stated above. Behavior deemed detrimental to the mission or values of the Charles and Lois Marie Bright Foundation, can be grounds for immediate termination of the scholarship. Disrespectful behavior to any board member or representative can also be grounds for immediate termination.

Best wishes and good luck in your future endeavors!

Sincerely,

The Charles and Lois Marie Bright Foundation

X _____ Please initial that you have read and understand this application, and guidelines. Please return to your school counselor on (or before) February 23, 2024. No exceptions will be made for applications turned in after this date.

