

THE JAMES F. BYRNES 2015 APPLICATION PACKET

Thank you for your interest in the James F. Byrnes Scholarship Program. **Please read the entire application packet carefully so that you understand both the qualifications and responsibilities associated with this scholarship.** Refer to the application checklist to ensure that you have provided all the necessary information for your application to be processed. Applications will be screened by the Board of Directors in February and March, and semi-finalists will be invited to interview with the Board in April. Scholarship recipients will be notified immediately thereafter. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Scholarship Description

Since the first scholarships were awarded by Governor Byrnes in 1949, more than a thousand young South Carolinians have been assisted in obtaining a college education. The scholarship award is \$3,250 for each of the normal four years required for a bachelor's degree. The award cannot be used at technical schools or for associate degrees.

Yearly scholarship renewal is contingent upon the recipient's maintenance of satisfactory academic standing, participation in Byrnes Scholar activities, and a continual need for financial assistance.

"Byrnes Family" Activities

While Governor and Mrs. Byrnes were living, they strove to provide personal attention to every Byrnes Scholar; and, in their absence, the Byrnes Foundation Board of Directors, the executive secretary, and the Alumni attempt to do the same. Even though they realize that no one person or group of people can take the place of a lost parent, alumni and scholars alike refer to themselves as members of the "Byrnes Family." Family bonds are created, in part, by spending quality time together. Therefore, **applicants who accept a Byrnes Scholarship also accept the responsibility for participating in three activities each year:**

The Byrnes Scholars Luncheon is held the 2nd Saturday in June each year in Columbia, SC. At the June Luncheon, new scholarship recipients are introduced to the "Byrnes Family" and graduating seniors are recognized.

The Byrnes Scholars Super Weekend is normally held the 3rd weekend in March at Garden City Beach, SC. Super Weekend brings together Scholars, alumni and Byrnes friends of the family for a 2½ day filled with fun, food and fellowship.

The Byrnes Scholars Fall Dinners are held in October of each year. The Fall Dinners are hosted by alumni and held in their homes or occasionally in a local restaurant in cities close to the major colleges across the state. These gatherings allow Byrnes Scholars to meet other scholars and alumni living in the area.

THE JAMES F. BYRNES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Please note: Applications will **NOT** be considered if:

- Returned before January 2, 2015
- Any part is missing or incomplete, or
- Any part, including references, is postmarked after February 6, 2015

Please mail the hard copy of your application; electronic applications will not be accepted.

Eligibility

In order to be eligible for the James F. Byrnes Scholarship, a student must:

- Have one or both parents deceased.
- Be a South Carolina resident and a United States citizen.
- Be a current Senior in High School.
- Plan to pursue a bachelor's degree at an accredited four-year college or university as a freshman.
- Have a satisfactory academic record and have need of financial assistance to attend college.

If selected as a semi-finalist, applicants must be available to attend an interview scheduled for either Thursday, April 16th or Friday, April 17th, 2015, in Columbia.

Application Checklist

- Application **must be completed in the original format**. Do not retype the application.
- Please type or print when completing the application. **Leave no spaces blank**.
- Application must be completed by the applicant - not the parent, teacher or counselor.
- Attach a photograph, *trimmed to fit the space* on the first page of the application.
- You must write "your story," a brief autobiography (no more than 3 typed pages). Be sure to include descriptions of your home situation, the death of your parent(s), your reasons for wanting a college education, your career ambitions, the reasons you need financial assistance, and how you plan to finance your college costs, etc.
- Information on the back side of pages will not be considered. Please copy information from the back of pages and submit it as a separate page.
- Students **must include an official copy of your high school transcript**. Transcript must include class rank, # of students in your class, and GPA as of the end of the fall semester.
- Include a copy of your ACT and/or SAT scores** if not recorded on your transcript. **If you have not received your score at the time of sending the packet, your PACKET WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**
- Two references letters are required - at least one reference must be a current guidance counselor or teacher. Do not use relatives. It is your responsibility to give a reference letter outline to the individuals you choose and the letters must be returned (do not put the letters in separate envelopes). It is also *your* responsibility to ensure that the reference letters are submitted to the Foundation Office. **Your application will not be considered if your reference letters are not included.**
- It is important that the applicant complete all questions in the packet (including financial page) and be prepared to discuss with interviewing committee.
- All of the items on the Application Cover sheet must be checked.
- Application must be submitted after January 2 and postmarked by February 6. Applications postmarked outside the application window will not be accepted.**



Seldom does a man significantly affect the world around him during a lifetime. A remarkably fewer number continue to influence our lives after their own passing. One such man was James Francis Byrnes. His career in public service is well documented in the history of the twentieth century. When one looks at his brilliant career in public service, it becomes even more remarkable that he said on many occasions that the most rewarding thing that he and Mrs. Byrnes ever did in their long lives was to start the James F. Byrnes Foundation.

Established in 1948, The Byrnes Foundation has provided both the means and the inspiration for hundreds of South Carolina's young men and women to achieve college educations. Mr. Byrnes' legacy continues today in the lives of young people who proudly bear the designation, Byrnes Scholars. The Foundation and scholarships have been financed from the proceeds of Mr. Byrnes' books, Speaking Frankly and All in One Lifetime, as well as through contributions from friends and the Byrnes alumni.

The James F. Byrnes Foundation is a public charity organization and functions under the auspices of a twelve member Board of Directors. Each Board Member was also a Byrnes Scholarship recipient. For additional historical or current information, please visit our website at www.byrnesscholars.org.

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APPLICATION COVERSHEET

~ Please return this sheet on top of your completed Application Packet ~

Print Applicant Name _____ Date Mailed _____

Please check all of the items included in the packet. Missing items not included, in this packet may result in your application not being accepted.

> Items should be returned **IN THIS ORDER** ... *packets missing items from the list will not be accepted.*

- Completed Application.
- Attached photo, please trim photos to fit neatly in the space. Glue or tape and place within space provided. Do not staple or paperclip. Do not send oversized pictures.
- Official copy of transcript, which includes class rank, # of students in your class, and GPA at the end of the fall semester. *If that information is not on your transcript, have your guidance counselor submit that information on school letterhead and sign for verification.*
- A copy of your ACT and/or SAT, if not recorded on your transcript.
If you have not received your score at the time of sending the packet YOUR PACKET WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.
- Your Story - a brief autobiography - no more than 3 typed pages
- Letters of Support – must be included in this packet – they will not be accepted if they are sent separately. *DO NOT SUBMIT LETTERS IN SEPRATE ENVELOPES.*
 - NOTE – *they should not be more than 1 page, front only.*
 - #1 : Completed by _____
 - #2 : Completed by _____

DO NOT

- Submit information printed on the back of pages .
- Include class schedules and/or school profiles.
- Staple or paper clip papers.
- Fold the application.

MAKE SURE YOU

- Make a copy of the application packet to keep.
- Return EVERYTHING in ONE Large Envelope (mail to JFBF, PO Box 6781, Columbia, SC 29260). **POSTDATED AFTER FEBRUARY 6, 2015 -- WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
- Have enough postage on the package – insufficient postage will be returned to sender.
- RETURN THIS SHEET AS THE FIRST PAGE of your completed application package.
- Double check to make sure all items on the checklist are complete.
- Be available to participate in an interview time appointed to you, for either April 16th or 17th.

Initial here to indicate you have verified everything on the list is in the package _____

APPLICANT
DO NOT WRITE IN THIS AREA

SAT _____ V + _____ M = _____ ^
ACT _____ ^
_____ JFBB
Class Rank _____ of _____ = _____
TOTAL _____ = _____

THE
James F. Byrnes
FOUNDATION

College Scholarship Application

2015

**Attach or Insert
Photograph to fit neatly
in this space**

**- Do Not Use Staples or
Paperclips -**

(2.25" x 2.25")

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**Please Type or Print using Black/Blue Ink
Do not reformat the application**

I. PERSONAL DATA:

Name _____, _____, _____ Preferred Name _____
Last First Middle

Date of Birth ____ / ____ / ____ Male ___ Female ___ Single ___ Married ___ # of Children ____

Phone: home (____) _____ cell (____) _____ Email Address _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Work Phone _____



High School _____ Guidance Counselor _____

School Mailing Address _____

Phone number _____ Date of Graduation _____



College Preference _____ Major Area of Study _____

Alternate College Choice _____ Alternate Area of Study _____

Do you plan to live on campus? _____



How did you hear about the James F. Byrnes Scholarship? _____

If you heard about the foundation from a Byrnes Scholar, please provide their full name, scholar year and phone number. _____

II. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Offices or leadership positions held in high school:

School clubs, organizations, sports, honor societies, fine arts, etc. in which you have actively participated:

Special interests and hobbies outside of school (personal, church, community, etc.) :

Special talents (singing, musical instruments, etc.):

Briefly describe any work experiences (paid or voluntary). What was the length of employment?

Have you ever been –

- **found responsible for a disciplinary violation at any educational institution you have attended from the 9th grade forward? __ Yes __ No**
- **adjudicated guilty or convicted of a misdemeanor, felony or other crime? __ Yes __ No**

If yes, to either question, please explain the circumstances and outcome reflecting on what you learned from this experience.

Do you plan to work the summer prior to entering college or while in college? Please explain.

What is the ONE most interesting thing about you that you want us to know?

III. FAMILY INFORMATION

Parent/Guardian with whom you live: _____ Relationship _____

Parent/Guardian occupation & employer: _____

Step-parent: _____ Step-parent Occupation/employer: _____

Name of Deceased Parent _____ Cause of Death _____ Year _____

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Brother / Sisters Name	Age	Living at home?	Attending school? Elem. Middle, High, College
1)			
2)			
3)			
4)			
5)			

IV. FAMILY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Residence: Own ___ Rent ___ Monthly mortgage/rent pmt. \$ ___ # Cars in family ___

Make and year of each car - 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____

Do you have a car now? _____

Will you have a car while in college? _____ How did you acquire your car? _____

College Financial Aid: (other scholarships, grants, loans, etc., for which you have applied or will apply.)			
<u>Financial aid name:</u> Include Trust / College Funds and College Savings Accounts	<u>Annual amt:</u> \$	<u>Status:</u> (granted, pending, denied, etc.)	<u>Duration:</u> (# yrs. you expect to receive this assistance)
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

(Attach additional page if more space needed. Do not write on the back of this form.)

Anticipated Annual College Costs:

Tuition: \$ _____ Books and supplies: _____

Housing: _____ Travel (if commuting): _____

Food Plan: _____ Other expenses: _____ Total costs: _____

Family Income (Gross - before taxes):	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Annually</u>	<u>Termination Date</u>
Salary/wages of parent/guardian	\$ _____	\$ _____	
Salary/wages of step-parent	_____	_____	
Retirement income	_____	_____	
Dividend/Interest income	_____	_____	
Social Security benefits - Parent	_____	_____	_____
Applicant	_____	_____	_____
Other family	_____	_____	_____
Other income (give sources)	_____	_____	
_____	_____	_____	
_____	_____	_____	
Total family income:	_____	_____	

Annual college costs for other family members: _____

Applicant income for summer/after school jobs _____ (last year) _____ (current year)

<u>Assets:</u>		<u>Liabilities:</u>	
Cash on hand: Checking accounts	\$ _____	Mortgage: Home balance	\$ _____
Savings accounts	_____	Other balance	_____
Certificates of deposit:	_____	Notes payable: Car balance	_____
Notes, bonds & accounts receivable:	_____	Other	_____
Stocks: (market value)	_____	Outstanding medical bills:	_____
I.R.A.'s & other retirement accounts:	_____	Other debts: (list creditors)	_____
Real estate: (market value) Home	_____	_____	_____
Other (land, buildings)	_____	_____	_____
Business: (market value)	_____	_____	_____
Trust funds: Parent	_____	_____	_____
Applicant	_____		
Family members	_____		
College Funds / Savings	_____		
Other Assets: _____	_____		
<u>Total assets:</u>	\$ _____	<u>Total liabilities:</u>	\$ _____

Scholarship Letter of Recommendation Outline

_____ has applied for a James F. Byrnes Scholarship.

Please provide a ONE PAGE Letter of Support – FRONT ONLY - addressing the questions listed below. Please do not write answers on this sheet.

- In what capacity and for how long have you known the applicant?
- Does the applicant apply himself/herself in school? / At work?
- Please describe the applicant's reputation/character.
- Please describe the applicant's interpersonal relationships/skills.
- Does the applicant have the potential for making a worthwhile contribution to society? Please explain.
- Does the applicant have a sound foundation in college preparatory courses and the intellectual ability to complete a four-year college degree successfully?
- To the best of your knowledge:
 - Is there a definite need for financial assistance in order for the applicant to attend college?
 - Are either or both of the applicant's parents deceased?
 - With whom does the applicant reside? Is there a step-parent in the home?
- Please give an overall rating for this applicant on a scale of one (1 = lowest) to five (5 = highest).
- Please include within the letter your Name, Occupation, Mailing Address, City, State, Zip, phone number/s, and signature.

NOTES:

Letters of support should be returned to the applicant.
If letters are mailed separately *they will not be considered.*
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