



Scholarship Overview

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.** Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Overview

The James F. Byrnes Foundation is a public charity organization and functions under the auspices of a twelve member Board of Directors. Each Director was also a Byrnes Scholarship recipient.

Established in 1948, The Byrnes Foundation has provided both the means and inspiration for hundreds of South Carolina's young men and women to achieve college educations. Mr. and Mrs. Byrnes' legacy continues today in the lives of young people who proudly bear the designation, Byrnes Scholars.

For additional historical or current information, please visit our website at www.byrnesscholars.org

Eligibility

To be eligible for the James F. Byrnes Scholarship, a student must meet the following qualifications:

- have one or both parents deceased
 - be a United States citizen and a South Carolina resident
 - have need of financial assistance to attend college
 - be a current senior in high school
 - have a satisfactory academic record
 - plan to pursue a bachelor's degree at an accredited four-year college or university
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Selection of Recipients

Applications will be screened by the Board of Directors in February and March to select semi-finalists. If selected as a semi-finalist, applicants must be available to attend an interview scheduled for **April 12 or 13, 2018**. Scholarship recipients are selected after semi-finalists' interviews.

Awards

If selected as a recipient, the student will receive a \$3,500 award, renewable for a total of four years. Awards are for undergraduate study only.

Obligations

Recipients have the following obligations to the James F. Byrnes Foundation. They must maintain a 2.0 GPA and send semester grades to the Foundation office after each semester is complete. Each year, recipients must participate in the following activities:

- Byrnes Scholars' Luncheon in Columbia on the second Saturday in June
 - Super Weekend in Garden City Beach, SC, the third weekend of March
 - Fall Dinner in his/her area held in October – dates to be determined
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Application Coversheet

Please mark off each item once you have verified it is included with your submission and sign the bottom of this page.

Please include this page as the first sheet of your submission packet.

Application Checklist

All items must be completed by the applicant in the original format and submitted in one envelope. Please print or type your application responses, filling in every blank. Refer to the checklist below to ensure that you have provided all the necessary information for your application to be processed. **Note: Incomplete or electronic applications will not be considered.** Please include the application contents in the following order:

- This Coversheet with all items marked off upon verification and signed at the bottom.
 - Completed Application with photo attached. Tape or glue a current photograph of the applicant - trimmed to fit in the appropriate area on page one of the application. Do not use staples or paper clips to attach the photograph.
 - Official copy of transcript that includes class rank, number of students in class and GPA through the fall semester of your senior year.
 - Copy of ACT and/or SAT scores.
 - Your Story – Brief Autobiography of no more than 3 typed pages (fronts only). Please include a description of home situation, the death of parent(s), reasons for wanting a college education, career ambitions, reason applying for financial assistance, and plans for financing a college education.
 - Reference Forms (Must have exactly two). At least one reference **must** be a current guidance counselor or teacher. Relatives may not be used as references. The student should give a reference form to an individual he/she chooses and the person will return the completed form to student in a sealed envelope. It is the student's responsibility to ensure reference letters are submitted with the application.
 - Applications must be submitted after January 2, 2018 and postmarked by February 1, 2018. Applications postmarked after the deadline will not be accepted. Return to: PO Box 6781, Columbia, SC 29260.
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Submission Tips and Reminders

Please note the following items to ensure your application contains all the necessary information and is received in time so it can be considered.

- No information is printed on the back of pages.
 - Do not use staples or paper clips.
 - Do not fold your application. Return everything together in a **Large Envelope**.
 - You have included enough postage on the package. Items with insufficient postage will be returned.
 - You should keep a copy of the application for your records.
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Verification

I have verified ALL the contents of my package are accurate and complete. Signed: _____

II. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Offices or leadership positions held in high school:

Organization / Group	Start	End	Position / Description

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

Organization / Group	Start	End	Description

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

Interest / Hobby	Start	End	Description

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

Talent	How Long

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

Company / Organization	Start	End	Position / Description

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: _____ Phone: (____) _____

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)

IV. COLLEGE FINANCIAL INFORMATION

What Funding have you applied for or been provided?

Source (Scholarships, Grants, Loans, Gifts, Trusts, etc.)	Amount	Duration (one-time, annual, etc.)	Status (granted, applied, pending, denied)

Total Funding: \$ _____

Expenses (per Year)

Expense	Amount
Tuition	
Food	
Housing	
Books / Supplies	
Transportation	
Other	

Do you plan to live on campus? Yes _____ No _____ Total Expenses: \$ _____

V. FAMILY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Family Residence: Own _____ Rent _____
 Monthly Amount: _____
 Do you have a car now? Yes _____ No _____
 Will you have a car while in college? Yes _____ No _____
 If so, how did you acquire your car?

Family Vehicles:

Year	Make	Model

Assets

Total combined value of family assets.

Type	Amount
Available Cash ¹	
Investments ²	
Home ³	
Other Real Estate ⁴	
Business ⁵	
Retirement ⁶	
Other	
Total Assets:	

Debts

Current outstanding balances of family debts.

Type	Amount
Real Estate	
Vehicles	
Credit Cards	
Medical	
Education	
Other	
Total Debts:	

Monthly Income

All income: Salary, Disability, Retirement and any other wages or public / private assistance of family.

Type	Amount
Applicant Wages	
Parent / Guardian Wages	
Step-Parent/Guardian Wages	
Social Security	
Interest / Dividends	
Real Estate	
Other	
Total Income:	

Additional Information (if needed)

Notes for Assets:

- 1 - Checking, Savings, Money Market, CD, Other
- 2 - Trusts, Stocks, Bonds, 529, Coverdell, Other
- 3 - Personal Home / Residence

- 4 – Rental Property, Land, Buildings, Other
- 5 – Current Market Value + Cash-On-Hand
- 6 - 401K, IRAs, Pension, Annuity, Other



Candidate Reference

You have been selected by the scholarship candidate as a reference. This reference form must be completed and returned to the candidate in a sealed envelope so that it can be included with their application. Due to the nature of our scholarship foundation, your honest feedback is critical to provide the selection committee with the information necessary to help evaluate the candidate.

Candidate Name:

Reference Name:

Reference Phone: - - Reference Email:

How long have you known the candidate: _____ In what capacity: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please complete the following rankings based on a 1 to 5 scale – 1 is the lowest and 5 is the highest.

Characteristic	1	2	3	4	5
Leadership	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Integrity	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Compassion	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Diligence	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Honesty	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Perseverance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Motivation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Practicality	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Determination	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ambition	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Comments (Please do not write on the back. You may attach a one page letter with more comments if needed):

