

Bernie Scholarship Awards Program Application Checklist

Please understand that you will NOT be able to save a copy of the application and return to it later. We therefore recommend that you set aside sufficient time to complete the application and carefully review all items in the checklist below before you begin at www.berniescholarships.org.

- Information about who provides your housing (e.g., Housing Opportunities Commission (HOC), Rockville Housing Enterprises, Scotland Community, Edgewood Management Corporation, Forest Park Apartments). You will be asked to upload your proof of housing subsidy to <http://bit.do/bernie-proof-of-subsidy>.
- Information about your family's annual household income. The applicant and, where the applicant is a minor, the adult member of the household, give(s) permission for release of information related to household composition, household income and financial aid information to The Bernie Scholarship Selection Committee for the sole purpose of determining award eligibility by evaluating applicant's financial need.
- A scanned (PDF or image) copy of your high school transcript, if you are a high school senior or graduate.
- A scanned (PDF or image) copy of your college transcript, if you were/are enrolled in college.
- A scanned (PDF or image) copy of a statement of satisfactory progress from your school if you are enrolled in a non-credit or non-graded program of study.
- Upload your transcript or statement of satisfactory progress to <http://bit.do/bernietranscript>.
- Verification that you have researched and, as applicable, applied for other financial aid, beginning with the Free Application or Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and those available through completion of FAFSA. See other financial aid resources listed on the Application Form.
- A listing of types and amounts of other financial aid that you have sought. Prepare an estimate of the funds you will need for one academic year, including tuition, room and board, books, transportation, child care and other costs you may incur to further your education.
- Information about your community service activities.
- The names and email addresses of up to 4 references who are not relatives who can speak to your academic and community service record. **(2 references are required)**.
- Reference Link <http://bit.do/bernie-recommendation>. **Please be sure to follow up to ensure that your references have submitted about you no later than March 20th, the submission deadline.**
- A 100-350 word statement of your goals, explaining (1) your strengths as they relate to your goals, (2) what you want to study and why, and (3) what career you would like to have five years from now.

If you have any questions or to confirm that your entire application package is complete, please email The Bernie Scholarship Awards Program at contact@berniescholarships.org.