

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Q: What qualifies for community service?**

**A:** In keeping with Brandon's kind heart community service can be anything from helping an elderly neighbor mow their lawn, shovel their driveway or fixing the hinge on their door. It may also be volunteering in activities such as dozer day that help to raise money for community activities. It can also include collecting food donations for the local food pantries. If in doubt about community service do a little more to help others as it always makes everyone involved feel good, and you may be able to use this as part of your community service.

### **Q: How do I prove that I did do something for someone else?**

**A:** When completing the Community Service section and in the section below write what it is that you have done and for whom. Include where, when and a contact person for whom this was done. **Example:** Mrs. Sorrell, 121 Station Street, Peru, 518-643-5555, January 12, 2010.

### **Q: Can I apply for this scholarship if I have been out of school for a semester?**

**A:** Yes- This is a scholarship to help those in need who want to better themselves, either in their careers or to further their education.

### **Q: Who should write my recommendation letter?**

**A:** The reference letter is one of the most important aspects of your application packet and should be written by those who have known you for a period of time in multiple situations. Your recommendation should come from a person who has known you for some time and is familiar with your experience, educational goals, and career aspirations. We highly recommend teachers, guidance counselors, supervisors, or civic, religious, or community leaders. The second letter may come from a peer that may understand your goals in another manner. This could be a peer from school, work or even a peer's parent that has known you for a period of time,

### **Q: I am not a U.S. citizen. Am I eligible to apply?**

**A:** Applicants must either be U.S. citizens or permanent U.S. residents to be eligible to apply.

### **Q: I am attending school in Canada. Am I eligible to apply?**

**A:** Applicants must attend an educational institution in the United States to be eligible to apply.

**Q: I am enrolled in online classes. Am I eligible to apply?**

**A:** You are eligible to apply if you are enrolled in online classes at an accredited college or university.

**Q: Are part time students eligible to apply for a scholarship award?**

**A:** Part time students must be enrolled in at least 2 classes to be eligible.

**Q: The person whom I asked to write a recommendation letter wants to send it in separately from my application. Is that possible?**

**A:** No- due to the high volume of applications we receive it is impossible for us to sort applications and piece them together. Every application that comes in missing pieces is disqualified.

**Q: What is the deadline for submission of scholarship applications?**

**A:** All complete scholarship packets are required to be received/post marked no later than **Saturday, April 29, 2017 at 5:00 pm EST**. There are NO exceptions.

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