



## BEECH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

## 2026 HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE APPLICATION CHECKLIST

### PLEASE REVIEW CHECKLIST BEFORE SUBMITTING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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**Note:** *It is the responsibility of each applicant to submit all required information and documents. It is not possible for our office to request missing information, so be sure to submit all required documents. To help us, and yourself, please review the checklist carefully. The Beech Scholarship Fund reserves the right to withdraw, without notice, any application that is not complete.*

- ☐ Signed and completed Beech Scholarship Fund application (**high school & college/university**).
- ☐ Official high school transcript. Must be issued directly from the high school or testing center. (**high school only**)
- ☐ Official college/university transcripts/current grades required from current college/university (**college only**).
- ☐ SAT/ACT test scores if taken (**high school only**).
- ☐ 1,000-word typewritten essay, double-spaced, using Times New Roman 12 font.
- ☐ Copy of valid state issued driver's license/photo identification card/valid passport and valid school ID.
- ☐ Copy of acceptance letter from attending college/university for the upcoming semester (**high school only**).
- ☐ Two signed recommendation letters (**letters must be signed, dated, and no more than 2-years old**).

### ESSAY

The Scholarship committee wants to know about you and why you are a good candidate, so your essay is your chance to make yourself stand out and to highlight your attributes for why you deserve a scholarship from the Beech Scholarship Fund. Make sure you personalize your essay towards the scholarship you are applying for because the evaluators will know if you are giving them a generic essay.

Double check that you are sending your essay to the right place to avoid an embarrassing mix-up! Get your essay done early and make sure to have another pair of eyes look at your essay, preferably your teachers and ask for some notes before you send it, so you can avoid any spelling or grammatical mistakes that you did not catch during your proofreading round.

### LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Try to obtain letters from two trusted people. Ask a teacher who knows you and your achievements well, a supervisor at a job or volunteer position, a coach, or a professional whom you know quite well, church member, pastor or neighbor (**do not use family members**). Supply the two people that you ask with a "brag sheet" where you list your accomplishments and why you are a fit for the said scholarship. Give them at least a month to write your letter, so they have time to think about what to say, and you have time to make sure that they finish the letter before the deadline. **Your recommendation letters must be signed!**

The signed Scholarship Application, including the typewritten essay, signed recommendation letters, transcripts, and all pertinent documents must be uploaded no later than **April 17, 2026 at 3:00pm**. Hand delivered or mailed applications will not be accepted.