GOapply – Barberton Community Foundation Application Portal

https://goapply2.akoyago.com/barbertoncf

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High School Seniors – setting up a new account in GOapply:

1. Visit our GOapply site using the address above.
2. On the right-hand side of the page, click the <u>create a new account</u> link
3. Select to register as an <Individual>
4. Fill in your name, email address, and create a password
   a. DO NOT USE YOUR BHS EMAIL ADDRESS – USE A PERSONAL EMAIL ADDRESS
   - This is critical so we can contact you and track your records for future semesters
5. Click <Register>

You will be registered, logged in, and directed to the Opportunities tab within GOapply.

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After logging into GOapply, navigate to the **Opportunities** tab in the purple bar at the top of the page and click <View> next to the **Barberton Local Scholarship Application – 2026.**

- Click the purple <Apply> button on the next page.

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<mark>**IMPORTANT NOTE: CLICK <SAVE DRAFT> AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE OFTEN SO YOU DO NOT LOSE YOUR DATA**</mark>

Page 1 - Student information:

On this page, you will fill out contact information, demographic information, and information related to your high school and college status.

Please answer this information accurately, as our system will match you to scholarships based on your responses.

Some notes on this page:

- Required questions are marked by a red asterisk *
- Your eligibility for any scholarships is not dependent upon granting permission for BCF to text you. This is simply for ease of future communication
- Your eligibility for any scholarships is not dependent upon your answers to ethnicity or gender
- A Non-Traditional Adult Student is someone who enrolls in higher education more than 1 year after their senior year of high school
- Please be careful to use proper spelling, such as names of schools you list, or our system may not recognize answers that may otherwise qualify you for a specific scholarship
- Some questions may not apply to you but are required for specific donor-funded scholarships. Please answer these questions appropriately according to your situation.
- After completing this page, click <Save Draft> and <Next>

Page 2 – Activities & Goals:

This is your opportunity to list the activities and volunteering you participated in during high school, showcasing your involvement, commitment and leadership. If there is a year where you did not participate, simply respond "N/A."

> *If you would like to include files or attachments that illustrate your activities, you may do so at the top of the page, but attachments are not required.*

This page also gives you space to describe your goals and plan for the future. Our committees read each application, and this is your chance to stand out

- After completing this page, click <Save Draft> and <Next>

Page 3 – Financial Information:

While our core BCF scholarships are solely merit-based, many of our donor-funded scholarships take into consideration financial need. This page provides information for those donor committees to make decisions according to their wishes.

FAFSA applications are required and can be found at: https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa

- After completing this page, click <Save Draft> and <Next>

Page 4 – Academic Information:

This page is where you will fill in your GPA, unweighted (4.0 scale) and weighted (5.0 scale), your ACT score, and upload your high school transcript. Please see your guidance counselor for your transcript if you do not have online access to it.

- After completing this page, click <Save Draft> and <Next>

Page 5 – Verification:

We expect integrity and personal effort from students during this process. On this page, please sign in the box provided, attesting that the information is true and correct. You will also sign later attesting that you are the author of any written documents required by individual scholarships.

If information you provide is found to be false, you may be disqualified from consideration.

On this page, you are also giving us permission to share the information in your application **only** with BCF staff, BHS staff, and scholarship review committees. We will never provide your information to other sources without your express permission.

Barberton Community Foundation does not maintain formation educational records and accordingly will not be relied upon as an authoritative source for the information contained in the scholarship application for any other purpose such as producing official transcripts to third parties.

- After signing this page, click <Submit>

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SCHOLARSHIP MATCHING:

*Please follow the instructions on your screen. Exiting the window early will interrupt the matching process. Until you are ready to Submit All, this page can be accessed later under the **Matched Scholarships** tab at the top of your GOapply screen.*

All scholarships that you qualify for, based on the answers in your application, will

- You must click the check box next to any qualifying scholarship that you wish to be considered for
- Some scholarships will have additional information or responses required
  - Once you check the box next to the scholarship, a button to <Complete Application> for that specific scholarship will appear
  - Be sure to complete this step for each scholarship where this button appears **before** clicking <Submit All>
- If you do not wish to complete this additional step for an application, uncheck the box next to the scholarship or click <Opt Out> within the screen where additional information is requested
- Once you have completed all additional information, click <Submit All> on the Matched Scholarships screen and wait until you receive on-screen confirmation before logging out and closing your window.

Call Tiffany Peters at 330-745-5995 with technical issues – Contact your guidance counselor for assistance completing the application