

Bridges to College

Application Criteria for Last Dollar Grants

2012-13 School Year

Bridges to College will offer last-dollar renewable grants of up to \$1,000 to selected graduates of Greenville High School and Ansonia High School who have demonstrated unmet need. Grant award winners will be selected by a review committee.

ELIGIBILITY:

To be considered for a last-dollar grant, all applicants must meet the following guidelines:

1. Graduating high school seniors attending high schools served by Bridges to College (this is Greenville High School and Ansonia High School only in 2012) are eligible to apply. Students are eligible to apply up to 5 years after graduation from high school.
2. Students shall be considered for a grant only after they have demonstrated that they have applied for all other sources of financial aid, and they demonstrate financial need as determined by federal guidelines.
3. Students must meet the minimum Grade Point Average requirement of 2.0 annually.
4. To be eligible for grants, student must attend an accredited post-secondary institution. Students enrolling full-time (12 credit hours or more) will receive the maximum benefit of the scholarship award. Students enrolling part-time (6 to 11 credit hours) will receive a prorated or adjusted scholarship award based on enrollment. Grants will be awarded for undergraduate education only.
5. All grants will be paid directly to the post-secondary institution at the beginning of each term.
6. Students shall submit to the Bridges to College office their registration for the upcoming quarter/semester before grants for subsequent terms will be issued to the college or university.
7. Recipients of the Bridges to College grants must volunteer 15 hours of community service in Darke County each grant year.
8. Receipt of grants for any term or year does not guarantee receipt of grants in any additional year or term.
9. Upon further review by the Board of Trustees, students who fail to complete a term in which they received grants shall pay back such grants to Bridges to College.
10. The scholarship committee will give consideration to students who have participated in Bridges to College's mentoring program.
11. All decisions of Bridges to College with respect to the grant are final and not subject to additional review or appeal.

TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION PROCESS:

1. Applicant must have applied for financial aid from federal, state, and college/school sources before that institution's priority deadline or May 15, 2012, whichever comes first.
2. Applicant must have a 2.0 cumulative grade point average.
3. Applicant must mail the documents necessary to complete this application to: Bridges to College, P.O. Box 223, Greenville, OH 45331. It must be postmarked by **June 15, 2012**.
4. Applications that are incomplete on this date will not be considered for funding for any part of the 2012-13 school year.

CHECK LIST OF DOCUMENTS THAT NEED TO BE COMPLETED:

- _____ A copy of the Financial Aid Certification Form (included in the grant packet) has been given to the Financial Aid Office at your college.
- _____ Attach a copy of your application, completed and signed.
- _____ Attach a copy of your high school transcript or your most recent college grade report.

Completed applications must be postmarked by June 15, 2012.



Last Dollar Grant Application

Part 1: Personal Information (Please print clearly)

Name _____ Preferred Nickname _____
Address _____ City _____
Home phone number: (____) _____ - _____ Cell phone (____) _____ - _____
Preferred email address: _____ Preferred phone # _____
High School granting your diploma: _____ Year/Month _____
If a 2012 graduate, your high school grade point average _____ College GPA _____

Part 2: College Information

Have you applied for OR received this grant before? _____ Year/Years _____
Name of institution you will attend in 2012-13 Academic Year _____
College mailing address for GRANT money (this is where grant money, if awarded, will be sent):
College Name and Department: _____
College Address: _____
City, State and Zip _____
Your major: _____ Year: Freshman _____ Soph _____ Jr. _____ Sr. _____
Expected year of graduation: _____ Expected degree _____

Part 3: Parental Information

Names of Parent(s)/Guardian _____
Address (with city/state/zip) _____
Email address _____ Phone _____

Highest educational level of mother:

___ Less than high school diploma
___ High school diploma
___ Some college
___ Associate's or technical degree
___ Bachelor's degree or higher

Highest educational level of father:

___ Less than high school diploma
___ High school diploma
___ Some college
___ Associate's or technical degree
___ Bachelor's degree or higher

Part 4: Additional Scholarships and Grants.

Please list the scholarships you have applied for this year. Circle those that you received.

Part 5: Additional Information

If there are any special circumstances that you feel our scholarship committee should know in considering your grant, please explain below:

Part 6: Agreement to Rules Governing Last Dollar Grants from Bridges to College

The undersigned agrees that Bridges to College may use, transmit, or receive information from this and from the undersigned's FAFSA, PROFILE and PELL GRANT reports, as well as from the undersigned's college award letter when used for admission, determining aid eligibility, or referral, and may also request the undersigned's high school and college grade point average and/or transcript. The guidelines for last dollar grants from Bridges to College are available at the Bridges to College's office, located in the media center, at Greenville High School. Initial grants are offered only to persons who have graduated from a high school served by Bridges to College. For the 2012-13 academic year, this is Greenville High School and Ansonia High School graduates. The maximum amount of each year's grant is \$1,000. Unmet need for financial aid is determined by the student's postsecondary school in its analysis of the student's most recent FAFSA form. Bridges to College does not discriminate in awarding last-dollar scholarship grants on the basis of race, sex, religion, national origin, employment, handicap, marital status, sexual orientation, or age. By signing this application, the undersigned hereby acknowledges receipt of the guidelines and agrees to abide by them. The undersigned also gives permission for this completed application to be shared with any other organizations that grant scholarships for which the undersigned may qualify.

Student signature _____ Date _____

Parent or Guardian Signature (if student under age 18) _____ Date: _____

If selected to receive the Last Dollar Grant, I agree to:

- A. Complete a minimum of 15 hours of community service in Darke County. Yes _____ No _____
B. Give my permission to use my pictures for promotional purposes. Yes _____ No _____

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- ____ A copy of the Financial Aid Certification Form has been given to the Financial Aid office at your college.
____ Attach a copy of your transcript or most recent college grade report.

FAX 937-548-3082

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OFFICE 937-423-2442

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Financial Aid Certification Form

To be considered for a Last Dollar Grant from Bridges to College in Darke County, Ohio, students are required to submit information about the financial aid that they have received. This information will assist Bridges to College in determining the correct scholarship amounts to award its potential award winners. Please return this form no later than **June 15, 2012**, to: **Bridges to College, P.O. Box 223, Greenville, OH 45331. Fax: (937) 548-3082. Phone: (937) 423-2442.**

(To be filled out by student)

Student Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

I give permission to the Bridges to College organization to obtain information about my financial aid status. This information will be utilized to determine my eligibility for its Last Dollar Grant.

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent or Guardian's Signature (if student is under age 18): _____

Parent or Guardian's Name: _____ **Date:** _____

(To be filled out by the College/University Financial Aid Office)

College or University Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Undergraduate Cost of Attendance/Budget (tuition, room, and board only): \$ _____

Student's EFC (as determined by the FAFSA): _____

Gift Financial Aid:

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| Pell Grant | \$ _____ | Athletic Scholarships | \$ _____ |
| SEOG | \$ _____ | Ohio College Opportunity Grant | \$ _____ |
| Institutional Scholarships | \$ _____ | Other Grants | \$ _____ |
| Other Scholarships | \$ _____ | | |

Self-Help Financial Aid: *(Please exclude any parent loans)*

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| Work-Study | \$ _____ | Perkins Loan | \$ _____ |
| Stafford/Direct Loans | \$ _____ | Other Self-Help Aid | \$ _____ |

Total Financial Aid Package: *(Excluding parent loans)* \$ _____

Unmet Financial Need: COA minus (Student's EFC and Financial Aid Package) \$ _____

Signature of Financial Aid Official: _____ **Date:** _____

Printed Name: _____ **Title:** _____

Phone Number: _____ **E-mail address:** _____

Please return this completed form no later than June 15, 2012, to:

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