



CSF of B-G-M

Dollars for Scholars®

“Where People Help Their Neighbors Pay for College and are Proud of It!”

July 2020

Dear BGM Graduate,

As you continue with your post-secondary education, we hope things are going well for you during this pandemic, and you're finding a new normal as you prepare for a successful future. It's now time to apply for the Raymond M. Foster Second Year Scholarship (Class of 2019), Edelen/Mohler Third Year Scholarship (Class of 2018) or Edelen/Mohler Fourth Year Scholarship (Class of 2017) which are available for 2nd, 3rd, and 4th year students.

The items listed below are required in order for you to complete this process:

1. *Apply for the Scholarship – Opens August 1, 2020 . . . Deadline August 31, 2020*

- a) Go to www.b-g-m.dollarsforscholars.org and click on the Students and Parents tab. Log on under your existing profile (**please do not create a new profile, continue to use the same student profile you created while attending high school at BGM**).
- b) Update all pertinent information (i.e. email address, phone number, home mailing address, and college information if you have transferred or graduated from a 2-year college and are now enrolled in a new college).
- c) Click on the “My Scholarships” to apply for this year’s scholarship. Please make sure you submit your application for only the one BGM scholarship for which you are applying (ie. 2nd year, 3rd year, or 4th year). Detailed instructions for submitting your scholarship are available online.
- d) **YOU MUST SUBMIT THE APPLICATION BY AUGUST 31, 2020 DEADLINE!** All award opportunities will be forfeited if this deadline is missed!

2. *Accept Award – Deadline September 30, 2020*

- a) You will not be able to accept your award until after the August 31st deadline. A notice will be sent via email.
- b) You must accept your award online at the www.b-g-m.dollarsforscholars.org website on your Dollars for Scholars Student Profile. Click “Accept Scholarship” and provide the required information.
- c) **YOU MUST ACCEPT THE SCHOLARSHIP BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2020 DEADLINE!** Instructions for accepting your scholarship are available online. All awarded scholarships will be forfeited if this deadline is missed!

3. *Data Application and Official Documentation*

- a) Please complete the Data Application and return it along with the required official documentation per the instructions outlined on the application. A check will not be sent to you until these requirements are met.

If submitting documents by email to Louise VanErsvelde at vvfarms@netins.net . . . please attach only PDF files. If you can not create a PDF file, please paper mail.
- b) **Distribution Process for 2nd, 3rd and 4th Year Scholarships Only** – You will be issued your total scholarship amount in one lump sum distribution. Your award check will be made to the school you will be attending. This check will be mailed to you after we have received your information as outlined on the Data Application form.

4. *Important Information* – Refer to the back page of this letter for additional important information.

Important Notes

- 1) A check will not be issued until all requirements are completed.
- 2) After all requirements have been completed, your award check will be mailed to you in September (or when all documents have been received). The check will be made payable to the school you will be attending and mailed to the address listed on your Data Application. It is your responsibility to forward the check on to your school.
- 3) This scholarship cannot be assigned to any other person. If you do not use it by attending an *accredited* post-secondary school, the funds will be returned to the endowment fund.
- 4) Maintain your student profile with current information as you will continue to use it for future scholarship award opportunities. It is important to update this with your college email address and your college ID number.

Delay of Education

If you are awarded a 2nd, 3rd or 4th year 2020 CSF of BGM Dollars for Scholars scholarship and you decide to not attend an accredited post-secondary school in the Fall of 2020 due to military service or for a personal circumstance and would like to have your scholarship held to use at a future date, please complete the steps outlined below. This will be required in order to ensure you are taking the proper steps to hold your scholarship.

- 1) **Accept Your Scholarship** – Even if you are delaying your education, **you must accept your scholarship by the SEPTEMBER 30, 2020 Deadline**. All awarded scholarships will be forfeited if this deadline is missed!
- 2) **Delay due to Military Service** – If you join the military before continuing your education, complete the Data Application and return with a copy of your military orders in place of the documentation requested. This will place your scholarship on hold. After your military release, your scholarship will be available for you to use up to one year from your discharge date.
- 3) **Delay due to Personal Circumstance (Requires Awards Committee Approval)** – If you endure a personal circumstance which will prevent you from entering an accredited post-secondary school this Fall and need to have your scholarship available to use at a future date, please mail the following items to us as soon as possible:
 - a) A written request explaining your personal circumstance, and
 - b) The Data Application form (Complete the Applicant Data and Signature sections only).

If this is your situation, we recommend you contact either of the following:

Louise VanErsvelde (Awards Chairperson):

Phone: 641-522-7919

Email: vvfarms@netins.net

Becky Gwin-Lint:

Refer to contact information below.

Please do not hesitate to contact myself or any board member if you have any questions! And good luck in the upcoming school year!

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