

Bette Ade Scholarship Fund

A 501(c)(3) Corporation founded by the Texas Mothers of Multiples

Instructions and Requirements

*The **Bette Ade Scholarship Fund** provides scholarship awards for higher education to students attending accredited universities, colleges, junior colleges, trade schools or vocational schools. The following criteria will be used to determine the scholarship recipient(s): Application, financial need, scholastic records, grades and class ranking, extra-curricular activities/work experience, recommendations, essay and long-term goals of the applicant.*

ELIGIBILITY

1. To be eligible for the scholarship, applicants must be:
 - a) A member in good standing of a member club in good standing of the Texas Mothers of Multiples for at least two (2) years immediately preceding the submission of the scholarship application, or
 - b) A Multiple Birth Child or a Sibling of Multiples of a member in good standing of a member club in good standing of the Texas Mothers of Multiples for at least two (2) years immediately preceding the submission of the scholarship application. The term Multiple Birth Child includes a twin, triplet or other higher order multiple (quadruplet, quintuplet, etc.) child including any legally adopted, foster or step child.
 - c) The membership shall be verified by the local Club President. The President may notify the committee of any extenuating circumstances affecting eligibility of applicant (i.e. illness or death of qualifying member, etc.).
2. Applicant must be enrolled (or plan to be enrolled) in an accredited educational institution that is authorized to provide a program that is acceptable for full credit toward a bachelor's or higher degree or a program of training to prepare students for gainful employment in a recognized occupation. The institution must maintain a regular faculty and curriculum and have a regularly enrolled body of students in attendance at the place where it carries on its educational activities and may be a university, college, junior college, trade school or vocational school. All of these schools will be considered equally.
3. The applicant may not be a current Trustee, Fund Treasurer or member of the scholarship selection committee of the *Bette Ade Scholarship Fund*, nor the Multiple Birth Child or Sibling of Multiples of a current Trustee, Fund Treasurer or member of the scholarship selection committee.
4. The scholarship cannot be awarded to any one individual more than two times.

SCHOLASTIC REQUIREMENTS

5. The scholarship shall be limited to high school graduates or the equivalent. A grade point average of 3.0 ("B") or better is required for those applying for college. It is not required for a vocational school or trade school applicant, but some indication of ability in the chosen field must be demonstrated/indicated.

AWARD PAYMENT

6. The amount of the scholarship shall be \$1,000 for a multiple birth child, \$1000 for a sibling of a multiple or \$1,000 for a parent of a multiple birth child. The scholarship shall be paid in one (1) installment directly to the financial aid office of the recipient's school. You must include a payment form with the application.
7. The scholarship must be used for:
 - a) Tuition and fees paid to enroll in, or to attend, an educational institution described above, or
 - b) Fees, books, supplies, and equipment that are required for all students in the courses of education at an educational institution described above.
8. If the scholarship recipient becomes ill or for some reason must interrupt his/her studies, and if the scholarship chairman is notified immediately of the circumstances requiring the delay, the scholarship may be held until the applicant can resume his/her schooling, provided that it shall be within one (1) year.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

9. The completed Multiple, Sibling or Parent's Application Form must be received by the Scholarship Chairman by the due date – postmarked by deadline date.
10. Applicant's high school or college transcripts, containing the school's official seal, or a GED certificate, must be included with the application (or sent directly to the Scholarship Chairman). Any application that does not have a high school or college transcript will be disqualified.
11. Proof of acceptance from college, technical or trade school. Note: Certificate of enrollment may be used provided it contains the school seal. This must be provided before payment is made.
12. Applicant must complete the Scholarship Payment Form before payment is made.
13. A letter from two different sources such as a school educator, religious or community leader or employer (NOT A RELATIVE), attesting to applicant's character, community service, scholastic accomplishments, work ethics and/or desire to further education must be included with the application (or sent directly to the Scholarship Chairman).
14. A two hundred (200) word essay on "What Goals I Hope to Attain by Furthering My Education" must accompany the application. This essay must be double spaced on 8 1/2" x 11" paper and include comments regarding applicant's reasons for beginning or resuming the academic career at this time.
15. A short essay (150 words) explaining your experience as a Parent of Multiples, Sibling of Multiples or as a Multiple.

All required material must be received by the Scholarship Chairman postmarked no later than February 1st and marked "CONFIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION ENCLOSED" in lower left hand corner of the envelope. Do not send any applications by certified mail or in any format that requires a signature receipt.

The Name and Address of the Scholarship Chairman is:
Shelli Jones, 3614 Thurman, Amarillo, TX 70109 806-674-8537