

# **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR 2021 COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM COVER**

**Applications must be submitted by 5:00 PM on April 15, 2021**

**TO BE COMPLETED BY HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR STUDENT**

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## **PURPOSE OF THE BOARD OF COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE:**

To advise the Board of Supervisors on providing financial assistance and support to non-profit and 501 (c) organizations and groups with monies received from the Valley Forge Casino Resort who propose projects and plans having a direct impact on the community and residents of Upper Merion Township and to provide college scholarships to noteworthy high school seniors.

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## **TIMETABLE FOR PUBLICITY AND ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS:**

- Relaunch program 75 days prior to Application Due Date –**April 15, 2021**
  - Announcement to public: UMT Social Media, eNewsletter, LED sign, and UMGA-TV will scroll 2021 BCA Application Announcement – February 1, 2021
  - Applications **must be postmarked by 5:00 PM on April 15, 2021**
  - BCA Review of Applications from April 16 – May 3, 2021
  - BCA Presentation to BOS, Announcement of Award Recipients - **May 13, 2021**
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**MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION by CLOSE OF BUSINESS (5:00 PM)  
on APRIL 15, 2021 to:**

Board of Community Assistance  
c/o Gerri Vattimo  
Upper Merion Township  
175 West Valley Forge Road  
King of Prussia, PA 19406

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**STUDENT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TOWNSHIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE OF BIRTH:** \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Father, Stepfather, or Male Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Employed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Mother, Stepmother, or Female Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Employed by: \_\_\_\_\_

List all other scholarship(s) that you have applied for or expect to apply for.

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If you are currently anticipating receiving student aid, please identify the source, amount and duration of the award.

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Secondary School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_ Weighted GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

The approximate number of students in graduating class: \_\_\_\_\_

List any special honors, prizes or recognition you received from your school:

List extracurricular school activities you were engaged in during secondary school years: music organizations, athletics, publications, etc. Indicate the year or years you participated.

Are there any special circumstances that the Board of Community Assistance should consider? Please describe and explain.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT**

You are required to submit with this application a project plan which includes a minimum of 15 community-service hours that you are REQUIRED to perform if granted a BCA scholarship. **Your service project must commence after June 1, 2021.** NOTE: You cannot submit a past community service project that has been already completed or is near completion. For example, senior graduation projects cannot be used as your proposed BCA community service project. NOTE: Prior community service can be included in the application to demonstrate the student's character, but will not be considered as the proposed project.

In your project plan, please describe and explain how you expect to fulfill this obligation. Indicate whether your community service will be performed OUTSIDE or WITHIN Upper Merion Township. **A letter from the person/organization acknowledging cooperation with your project is required; please attach.**

The BCA will award a scholarship based on the merit of the application. The dollar amount of the scholarship awarded will dictate the minimum number of hours required to receive the scholarship as detailed in the following section (e.g., If the BCA grants the student \$3,000, they must complete 30 hours of relevant community service). Note: Do not base your community service project plan by hours yet to be performed.

### **Community Service Commitment:**

If awarded a scholarship of:

\$7,000 - \$10,000	you must complete <b>50</b> hours of your planned project
\$5,000 - \$6,999	you must complete <b>40</b> hours of your planned project
\$3,000 - \$4,999	you must complete <b>30</b> hours of your planned project
\$1,500 - \$2,999	you must complete <b>20</b> hours of your planned project
\$500 - \$1,499	you must complete <b>10</b> hours of your planned project

As part of receiving the BCA Scholarship, you are required to submit a letter from the host organization that is monitoring your progress. This letter, which is to certify the completion of the required number of service hours is due by **November 30<sup>th</sup>** of the year the award is granted (**2021**).

If your plan does not involve an organization, then the responsible adult is to issue a letter and you need photos to validate your service hours and project completion. All letters of verification are due by **November 30, 2021**.

The BCA will follow up with each scholarship recipient in the fall to ensure that each individual has a plan for completion of their community service project by **November 30<sup>th</sup>**. Note: Failure to submit a completed validation letter and project service hours by the deadline constitutes a breach of this agreement and a nullification of the final scholarship award.

Please acknowledge whether you are willing to agree to comply with this requirement of implementation of your community service project.

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Name of College or University you plan to attend (if undecided, please note “undecided;” upon deciding, kindly contact the Township, so the BCA members can be informed of your choice of school):

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What general course of study do you plan to take? \_\_\_\_\_

Please estimate your annual college expenses for:

Tuition: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Room and Board: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Books & Fees \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Minus College Grants \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Minus Scholarships \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Minus Other Funding \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Minus Loans \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Net Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please attach the following Required documents to your application:**

- (1) Transcript of secondary school scholastic record.**
- (2) Letter of Recommendation to be signed by your teacher(s), principal or guidance counselor.**
- (3) Copy of college/university acceptance letter.**
- (4) Financial Aid Cover Letter**
- (5) A signed letter by the recipient of your project acknowledging they have approved the project and will accept your work**

**WAIVER:** The Board of Community Assistance will be publicly discussing your personal information as submitted with this scholarship application (grades and other matters). Please sign the release below.

**Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent or Guardian (if applicant is under 18):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATION:**

I hereby certify that the information contained in this application for Community Assistance is correct to the best of my knowledge.

I hereby certify that I have read the Board Policy related to the Board of Community Assistance and Disbursement Guidelines and fully acknowledge that I understand the policy and guidelines set forth.

I hereby certify that I am a high school senior in good standing and qualified and eligible to submit Part II of the Application for Community Assistance.

I hereby authorize Upper Merion Township to investigate the truthfulness of all information which I have provided in this application. I understand that my misrepresentation or omission of information requested in this application may be cause for disqualification.

Further, I understand that failure to submit a completed project report per due date (**November 30, 2021**) constitutes a breach of this agreement and a nullification of the final scholarship award.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of High School Senior: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Guardian (if under 18): \_\_\_\_\_