# CITY OF GREENBELT EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM GUIDELINES

The City of Greenbelt recognizes the importance of education to our community and supports Greenbelt students interested in pursuing their education beyond high school. The purpose of the Scholarship Program is to help Greenbelt students/residents cover the cost of higher education and continuing education opportunities. Students/residents should be enrolled in or have been accepted into a Maryland college, university, or vocational training program. <u>The Greenbelt Scholarship Program will</u> award \$10,000 to eligible students.

Students must reside within the City limits, be either a current senior at Roosevelt High School, a private school, a homeschool or have graduated in either 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, or 2024.

The application period is open February 1, 2023 through May 30, 2024, at 4 pm. Students selected to receive the scholarship will be notified by mid-June.

The scholarship of \$10,000 will be paid directly to the educational institution to cover up to two school years. Funds will not be paid directly to the applicant.

## WHO CAN APPLY

The scholarship is for Greenbelt residents who are new or current college students or continuing education students who plan to attend a post-secondary school in Maryland.

By the time the scholarships are awarded, you must have:

- Graduated from high school, or completed a GED program from 2020-2023.
- Will be graduating by June 2024.
- And be admitted or accepted to a post-secondary education institution.

## **NEW COLLEGE STUDENTS:**

You need to plan to enroll as a full-time student in a two-year or four-year university or college.

<u>CURRENT COLLEGE STUDENTS:</u> You need to be enrolled as a full-time student in a two-year or four-year university or college.

**CONTINUING EDUCATION STUDENTS:** You need to be enrolled or plan to enroll in an accredited trade school, or a vocational school.

#### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

- Must be a City of Greenbelt resident.
- Applicant is a high school senior on target to graduate or receive a GED in 2024 or graduated and/or received a GED in 2020, 2021 2022, or 2023.
- Applicant is planning to pursue post-secondary education and has proof of acceptance to a post-secondary school or vocational school/ training program.

- Needs to have an email address to apply. If you do not have an email address, you will need to create one before applying.
- If the applicant is a student enrolled in a two-year or four-year college /university or vocational training program, the applicant must provide an official educational institution transcript to validate your full-time fall enrollment.
- Must meet income eligibility requirements.

### FINANCIAL AWARDS CAN BE APPLIED TOWARDS THE 2023/2024 FALL & SPRING SEMESTER/QUARTER

- Tuition Cost or an allowable expense under the educational institution's guidelines such as:
  - School, Lab, or Class Fees
  - Other Costs Directly Related to Education/Training

## APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS WITH THEIR APPLICATION

- Signed Application Form.
- Must provide two (2) character reference letters which can include a teacher, principal, guidance counselor, coach, community leader, etc. (Letters of reference should not be written by any Greenbelt City Councilmember).
- Acceptance letter or notification of enrollment for newly enrolled students.
- Official Transcripts with cumulative grade point average or proof of GED completion.
- A copy of the parents/guardians 2022 tax return or a copy of a 2022 W2 or two most recent pay stubs (parents/guardians pay stubs).
- Proof of residency, can include a copy of most recent utility bill, telephone bill, or signed lease.
- Student essay (maximum 500 words). Please choose ONE of the below essay topics:
  - O What traits do you possess that will enhance your education or future career?
  - o How have you contributed to the Greenbelt community?
  - O What are your academic/professional goals?

# **INCOME GUIDELINES**

**Income Guidelines for Mortgage and HOA/Co-op Fees Assistance -** FY 2021 HAF Income Limits for Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD HUD Metro FMR Area:

Greater of 100%	1-Person	2-Person	3-person	4 -person	5 -person	6 - person	7- person	8 - person
Income AMI or								
100% U.S.								
Median Income								
	\$90,300	\$103,200	\$116,100	\$129,000	\$139,000	\$149, 650	\$160,000	\$170,300

Chart from State Homeowner's Assistance Fund Proposal – DHCD

Applications and questions must be submitted to scholarship@greenbeltmd.gov