Bloomingdale Community Scholarship Fund  
honoring B.J. Stelter

Sponsored by the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association  
Website: www.bloomingdalehoa.com  
Email: bloomingdale.homeowners@gmail.com

**Purpose:** This scholarship is to reward and encourage high school seniors who are residents of the Bloomingdale community to pursue a college career and to honor the exemplary efforts and outstanding dedication of B.J. Stelter, Bloomingdale Senior High School’s (BSHS) Principal from 1991 thru 2005.

**Awards:** One award is given to a pending graduate of the current school year. It is non-renewable.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

❖ Candidate’s parent/guardian must be a resident of Bloomingdale, as defined on the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association website: www.bloomingdalehoa.com.

❖ Proof of residency requirement is required before scholarship disbursement.

❖ Candidate’s parent/guardian must be a member of the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association in good standing. Membership must be current when the submission of an application occurs.

❖ Candidate must be a graduating high school senior from the Bloomingdale Community.

❖ Candidate must have, according to the latest available Progress Report, at least a weighted 3.2 grade point average. Proof of grade point average will be required before disbursement.

❖ Candidate must be accepted at a 2- or 4-year accredited college or university. Students may apply for a scholarship prior to acceptance, but proof of acceptance will be required before scholarship disbursement.

❖ The award will be made without regard to financial need.

❖ Children or grandchildren of current Bloomingdale Homeowners Association Directors are not eligible.
Selection Criteria: Recipients will be chosen on the basis of the following selection criteria, listed from most important to least important:

❖ Community Service
❖ Extra-curricular activities
❖ Essay
❖ Academics
❖ Letter (s) of Reference

Important Dates:

❖ January 6
  o Scholarship opportunity posted in the Gazette, Facebook and at BSHS. Applicants may attend other schools as long as they live in Bloomingdale.
  o Applications are available at BSHS, at the BHA office, via email at bloomingdale.homeowners@gmail.com and on the BHA website at www.BloomingdaleHoa.com.
  o Applicants with questions may call 813-681-2051 for information.

❖ April 1
  o Deadline for applications. No exceptions.

❖ May 12 - Bloomingdale Homeowners Association board meeting.
  o Winner will be invited to attend this meeting and his/her name will be announced.

Essay: Each candidate will complete a typed essay of no more than 500 words. The student must select one of the following topics for his essay:

- “What receiving this scholarship would mean to me”
- “What performing Community Service has meant to me”
- “How living and growing up in Bloomingdale has shaped me as a person”

Submission Each candidate will be required to submit the following by the above defined deadline:

☐ A completed application
☐ The typed essay
☐ One letter of reference from a high school faculty member, or, a representative of a Community Service organization listed on the application. While either is acceptable, the latter is preferable.
☐ An official transcript from their high school.
☐ An official Discipline Record from their high school.
☐ A Summary Worksheet from their high school detailing service hours.
Submit Applications To:

Bloomingdale Homeowners Association  
ATTN: BJ Stelter Scholarship  
3509 Bell Shoals Road  
Valrico, FL 33596

Phone: 813-681-2051  
bloomingdale.homeowners@gmail.com

Additional Information

❖ Scholarship awards will be paid directly to the Director of Financial Aid at the recipient’s school of choice.
❖ Funds may be used to support any educational expenses, allowed by the college/university.
❖ No notification will be made to those applicants not selected.
❖ All submissions become the property of the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association and will not be returned.
❖ Incomplete submissions will be disqualified.
❖ Winners will be invited to the Scholarship Award Announcement, at the meeting of the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association during May, and agree to have their names/photos published by any interested news organization.
❖ By submitting an application, candidates agree to all rules contained in this document.
❖ The decision of the Selection Committee is final. No appeals are permitted.
BJ Stelter 2020 Bloomingdale Community Scholarship Application Form

Student Name: ________________________________________________________________

Parent/Guardian Name: __________________________________________________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________________

Student email: ___________________________ Parent/guardian email: ___________________________

Phone #: ____________________________

High School Attending: [ ] Bloomingdale  [ ] Other: ______________________________________

Most Recent Cumulative Weighted GPA: ___________

# of Community Service Hours (as shown on accompanying school’s Summary Worksheet): _______

College/University planning to attend: ________________________________________________

List any academic or community service honors or awards received throughout your High School Career:

List any school extra-curricular community service activities throughout your High School Career, including clubs, competitions, conferences, etc.
Community Service Activities (You may copy this page and/or attach additional sheets if necessary)

Activity: ____________________________________________________________

Approximate dates involved: ______________________________ Total Hours: __________________

What relevant experiences did you bring to this activity?

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Why were you involved with this activity?

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What achievements/awards/recognition resulted from your involvement?

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