



**2021 Bloomingtondale Neighborhood Scholarship  
honoring B.J. Stelter**

**Sponsored by the Bloomingtondale Neighborhood Association**  
**Website: [www.bloomingtondalehoa.com](http://www.bloomingtondalehoa.com) or [www.bloomingtondale.life](http://www.bloomingtondale.life)**  
**NEW! Email: [bl.neighbor1@gmail.com](mailto:bl.neighbor1@gmail.com)**

**Purpose:** This scholarship is to reward and encourage high school seniors who are residents of the Bloomingtondale community to pursue a college career and to honor the exemplary efforts and outstanding dedication of the late B.J. Stelter, Bloomingtondale Senior High School (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 Bloomingtondale, as defined on the Bloomingtondale Neighborhood Association website: [www.bloomingtondalehoa.com](http://www.bloomingtondalehoa.com). Or, [www.Bloomingtondale.Life](http://www.Bloomingtondale.Life)
- ❖ Proof of residency requirement is required before scholarship disbursement.
- ❖ Candidate's parent/guardian must be a member of the Bloomingtondale Neighborhood 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 Bloomingtondale 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 Bloomingtondale Neighborhood 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 9
  - Scholarship opportunity posted in the Gazette, Facebook and at BSHS. Applicants may attend other schools as long as they live in Bloomingdale.
  - Applications are available at BSHS, at the BNA office, via email at [bl.neighbor1@gmail.com](mailto:bl.neighbor1@gmail.com) and on the BNA website at [www.BloomingdaleHoa.com](http://www.BloomingdaleHoa.com).
  - Applicants with questions may call 813-681-2051 for information.
- ❖ April 1
  - Deadline for applications. No exceptions.
- ❖ May 11- Bloomingdale Neighborhood Association board meeting.
  - 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”
- “How has COVID-19 changed your life”

**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.

**Submit Applications To:**

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

**Phone: 813-681-2051/8132-252-0252  
[bl.neighbor1@gmail.com](mailto:bl.neighbor1@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 Neighborhood 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 Neighborhood 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 2021 Bloomington Neighborhood Scholarship Application Form**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Student email: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/guardian email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Attending: [  ] Bloomington [  ] Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Most Recent Cumulative Weighted GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Community Service Hours (verified by student's counselor): \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor Name/Contact # \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name and # for 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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