



Best Buy Scholarship Program

Best Buy Children's Foundation is awarding up to \$1.2 million in scholarships to recognize and reward students who have made extraordinary contributions both inside and outside of the classroom.

Best Buy Scholarship Program is administered by Scholarship Management Services, a division of [Scholarship America](#). Scholarship Management Services is the nation's largest designer and manager of scholarship and tuition reimbursement programs for corporations, foundations, associations and individuals.

Guidelines and Application

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Be students currently in grades 9-12 living in the United States or Puerto Rico. Students from public, private, alternate, or home schools are eligible to apply. Students attending school on a military base using an APO address are not eligible.
- Have a minimum cumulative high school grade point average of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale), or equivalent.
- Demonstrate commitment to and involvement in community volunteer service or work experience.
- Be planning to enter a full-time undergraduate course of study at an accredited two- or four-year college, university, vocational-technical school, or online school/program in the United States or Puerto Rico following high school graduation. Applicants who are current high school seniors must enroll no later than fall 2012. Applicants who are in grades 9-11 must plan to enroll no later than the fall term following high school graduation.
- Have never been selected as a Best Buy Scholarship recipient.

Award Criteria

Selection of recipients will be based on solid academic performance and exemplary community volunteer service or work experience. Consideration may also be given to participation and leadership in school activities. Financial need is not considered.

Awards are for undergraduate study only and are awarded without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, age, gender or disability.

The authorized distribution for awards will not exceed \$1.2 million. Up to 1,200 scholarships of \$1,000 each will be granted.

Awards are one-time only and are not renewable. Previous recipients may not reapply for another award.

Application Procedure

Students must provide a unique and valid email address and create a password. Correspondence throughout the application process will be by email. Students failing to use a valid email address that will accept bulk email and students who do not regularly check their email will not receive consideration.

Be sure to add bestbuy@scholarshipamerica.org to your Contacts, Address Book, or 'Safe Senders' list.

The registration process does require verification of your email address prior to your being able to access an application account. Follow the prompts on screen and in email messaging to successfully register for the program.

Applicants may wish to gather the following information that is necessary for the application:

- List of student's community volunteer service, work experience and participation in school activities
- Student's high school transcript of grades
- High school address and phone number
- Principal name

Begin the electronic application process by clicking on the [Register as an Applicant](#) link in the *Scholarship Links* menu in the left margin.

After registering and activating your account through your email, you can leave and re-enter the application site prior to submitting the application. To leave the site, click on the *Logout* link, which you'll find located at the top of the left margin of your application. To return, you must enter your email and password as provided when you registered.

Carefully review your application before submission. All pages must be completed and entered in the format described in order to submit the application. **Proper punctuation and standard capitalization (Jill Smith, 10 Main Street, New York, NY) must be used when entering data.**

Once the application is submitted, no further additions or changes may be made. The application must be submitted electronically by **11:59 p.m. EST on February 15, 2012.**

Applicants are solely responsible for submitting all information necessary for the application process. Scholarship Management Services will email acknowledgment of receipt of all submitted applications and reserves the right not to process applications found to be incomplete as of the application deadline. All information submitted is considered confidential and is reviewed only by Scholarship Management Services.

Notification of Recipients

PROVISIONAL RECIPIENTS ONLY WILL BE NOTIFIED via email by March 5, 2012. Provisional recipients will be required to submit additional information about their community volunteer service and work experience, a high school transcript of grades and a publicity release form. Provisional recipients failing to mail the required documents to Scholarship Management Services and students whose application information is not substantiated will be ineligible.

Not all applicants to the program will be selected as provisional recipients. **Only provisional recipients will be notified.**

Payment of Scholarships

Scholarship Management Services processes scholarship payments on behalf of Best Buy Children's Foundation. Payments are made in one installment on August 15 following your high school graduation. The check will be mailed to your home address and is made payable to the school for your account.

Students selected as recipients in grades 9-11 will be tracked annually by Scholarship Management Services. **Upon graduation from high school** and submission of eligible enrollment in an accredited two- or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical school in the United States or Puerto Rico, award payment will be made.

Recipient Obligations

Provisional recipients are required to mail a high school transcript of grades, validation of information about their community volunteer service and work experience and a publicity release form to Scholarship Management Services. Signing the application and release form constitutes permission to use the student's name for purposes of advertising, public relations, or other publicity Best Buy may participate in. No other obligations are expected of scholarship recipients.

Additional Information

Best Buy employees cannot answer questions about this scholarship program. Click on the *Frequently Asked Questions* link in the left margin for additional information.

Additional questions should be addressed to:

Best Buy Scholarship Program

Scholarship Management Services, Scholarship America

Email: bestbuy@scholarshipamerica.org

To submit a question or report a problem, please use the *Help* link in the left margin of this page.

To the Applicant

By completing the information required in this application, you will demonstrate your eligibility to receive funds contributed by Best Buy to provide students with financial support for postsecondary education. Selection of recipients is made by Scholarship Management Services.

Applicants are responsible for gathering and submitting all necessary information. Applications are evaluated on the information supplied; therefore, answer all questions as completely as possible.

About Best Buy and Best Buy Children's Foundation

Best Buy Children's Foundation grants scholarships to students who excel inside and outside of the classroom. The program provides up to 1,200 scholarships to high school students who will enter an accredited U.S. or Puerto Rico university, college, or vocational-technical school in the fall after their senior year. Recipients are selected based on academic achievement, community service and work experience. The application period will run from December 26, 2011 to 11:59 p.m. EST on February 15, 2012.

Access = Opportunities

Best Buy and Best Buy Children's Foundation serve a diverse population of young teens in the areas of learning, life skills and leadership by providing access to opportunities through technology. From inspiring new personal connections to making career opportunities possible, technology holds the promise of living a richer, more meaningful life and a brighter future. That's why in today's world, access to technology is a basic human need. Best Buy can be a conduit for teens to reach development opportunities that are important through support of out-of-school programs for youth. Best Buy will help teens develop the technology skills that teens will need for success in college, careers and life and will provide access to education for students in grades 9-12 through its scholarship program.

Since 1996 Best Buy and Best Buy Children's Foundation has provided more than \$256 million to communities.

Best Buy's scholarship program has awarded nearly \$19.6 million in scholarships to more than 15,400 students.

Best Buy encourages volunteerism through its Tag Team Award Program by providing grants to organizations where employees share their talents. Since the program's inception, \$14.2 million has been awarded to nonprofit organizations in Best Buy communities nationwide.

The company also connects with the United Way to meet local community needs, supports national organizations whose programs are making a difference in the lives of teens, and works with the Red Cross to provide support in times of disaster. For more information, visit www.bestbuy-communityrelations.com.

Register and apply now!

To apply to the Best Buy Scholarship Program, you must first [register as an applicant](#) on this website. You will then be asked to complete an application by providing information about yourself, your academic achievements, your community service and your work experience. Remember to add bestbuy@scholarshipamerica.org to your email Contacts or Address Book - activating your account will require your response to an email confirmation message.

