**BBFAA EDUCATIONAL GRANT PROGRAM**

The Big Bend Filipino Association (BBFAA) will award an Educational Grant to financially assist the undergraduate studies of eligible Florida local area students, within a 100 mile radius of Tallahassee, Florida. The local area includes: Leon, Gadsden, Wakulla, Taylor, Madison, Jackson, Bay and Jefferson counties. Applications are screened and verified for eligibility prior to submission to the BBFAA Education Selection Committee(s). The BBFAA has membership requirements, but there are no association membership requirements for the educational grant program.

**Eligibility**

1. Senior in High School, or Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, or Senior in an accredited institution of higher learning.
2. Overall GPA 3.0 --- High School Applicants
3. Overall and Current GPA 3.0 and above for applicants already attending an eligible academic institution.
4. Must reside, in Florida, within the Tallahassee Area.
5. **Any Ethnic Group**

Applications for the upcoming academic year are available between November 1 and April 30. Completed application packages with all required documents must be sent BBFAA between January 1 and May 10, incomplete packages or packages **postmarked** after May 10 are ineligible for consideration.

 **Required Documents**

1. High School Seniors Only: High School Transcript, showing the overall GPA prior to graduation, verified by school officials.
2. High School Seniors must include a copy of the Letter of Acceptance from their academic institution of choice.
3. College applicants must include a current transcript showing their overall GPA.
4. A signed, completed BBFAA Educational Grant Program Application.
5. A minimum 500 word essay on a topic to be determined by the Grant Selection Committee

The grant(s) are valued at $500 to students attending an accredited academic institution. The grant amount and total number of grants awarded are dependent upon funds available.

All contributions are used solely for educational purposes, and there are no administrative or other fees charged. The program is totally dependent on donor and fund raising support.

Grants are awarded in each program based on the applicant's academic record, character, leadership skills, writing ability, and versatility. **Financial need is not a consideration**.

Students are ranked using the criteria above, by a screening committee. Recommendations from the screening committee are presented to the Grant Selection Committee for final determination. Those chosen to receive the grant are notified by mail from the BBFAA. For High School Seniors, the High School and the Academic Institution that they will attend will also receive notification of the student awarded the grant. A check is mailed on September 1 to the recipient's school of choice. The scholarship funds may be used for tuition, fees, room and board (on or off campus), books, supplies, meals, or transportation. The recipient will be requested to furnish a photograph for publicity purposes.

Individuals who are interested in assisting these deserving students may make a tax-deductible donation to the BBFAA USA Educational Grant Program.

BBFAA Educational Grant

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