

The Big Bend Filipino American Association (BBFAA) Pilar Hinchcliffe Educational Grant Application 2023-2024

Rules and Guidelines

I. Purpose

The BBFAA Educational Grant program is designed to encourage High School Graduates to pursue an associate, bachelor or graduate/postgraduate degree. The number and amount of grants awarded depends on available funding and on the number of qualified applicants.

This educational grant is named after Pilar Ramirez Hinchcliffe, past officer and active member who encouraged community participation and education. She exemplified and believed in the Filipino spirit of kaisahan (unity), bayanihan (cooperation) and damayan (involvement).

II. Requirements and Eligibility

a. Who can apply?

- i. High school seniors or undergraduate college students (up to junior/rising senior status) of all ethnic backgrounds who plan to pursue an associate's or bachelor's degree are encouraged to apply.
- ii. Students must reside within the Big Bend area of Florida, which includes Franklin, Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Taylor and Wakulla counties.
- iii. Past awardees may reapply annually.

b. Evaluation criteria

- i. Applicants may apply by submitting a TikTok video or writing an essay that addresses the annual topic or question.
- ii. Applicants must choose to apply for the Essay entry **OR** the TikTok entry. Applicants cannot apply for both.
- iii. Applicants must apply for the subcategory listed under the Essay entry or TikTok entry that corresponds to the applicant's current education status. For instance, high school seniors who are submitting an essay should answer the question listed under the "high school" subcategory. And college students who plan to submit a TikTok entry should follow the rules listed under the "college" subcategory.
- iv. For more specific details on submitting your entry, please refer to the evaluation criteria guidelines for TikTok submissions or the evaluation criteria guidelines for Essay submissions which follows the Rules and Guidelines section.

c. Application

- i. Completed application form (attached) and transcript along with submission of evaluative criteria.
 1. High School Students

- a. Include proof of acceptance to an accredited college or university. This must be an original letter (or copy) on college or university stationery from the admissions office or the registrar.
 - b. Official High School Transcript (Senior Year, with current GPA)
 - i. While an unofficial high school transcript can be submitted at the time of submission, an official high school transcript must be submitted prior to the announcement of the finalists.
 - c. Proof of acceptance/registration from the University/College.
2. College Students, currently enrolled
- a. Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
 - b. An official, original transcript from your college, university, or institution of higher learning
 - i. While an unofficial college transcript can be submitted at the time of submission, an official college transcript must be submitted prior to the announcement of the finalists.
 - c. For college students, proof of enrollment.

III. **Deadline**

- a. The deadline to submit all of your forms and documents is **March 31, 2023** by 11:59 pm ET.

IV. **Notification of Award Recipients**

- a. Winners will be announced on the Big Bend Filipino-American Association, Inc. Facebook profile and posted on the BBFAA website: BBFAA.org. The date of announcement will be determined.
- b. The TikTok video link will be posted on the BBFAA.org website and the BBFAA Facebook profile.
- c. The panel of TikTok Contest Judges will select the winners based on a criteria set by BBFAA.

V. **Grant Allocation**

- a. Grant awards are awarded in June and are valid for one year.
- b. A check in the amount of \$500 will be sent to the college or university bursar in the following September in the student's name.
- c. Grants may be used to pay for tuition or textbook costs related to the degree program.

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Evaluation Criteria Guidelines for Essay Submissions

1. Write an original essay for the following topic:

Poverty and inequality remain in the Philippines. Constraints, opportunities, and the proportion of households living below the official poverty level in the last 4 decades are declining slowly and unevenly as reported. Briefly discuss the main causes of poverty, key findings, and recommendations to accelerate poverty reduction and achieve more inclusive growth in the Philippines.

- a. High school subcategory

- i. High school seniors are required to write a 500-800 word original essay answering the question above.

- b. College subcategory

- i. College students are required to write an 750-1,000 word original essay answering the question above.

2. Your essay must be formatted as follows:

- a. Double-spaced.
- b. 12-point Times New Roman font.
- c. 1" inch margins (top and bottom, left and right).
- d. MUST follow a citation style (eg, APA, MLA, Chicago Style, etc).
- e. MUST cite sources within the content of the essay using citation style (eg, APA, MLA, Chicago Style, etc), in addition to providing a list of references.
- f. Title page with title, name, educational institution, and email address.
- g. Page numbers.
- h. Essay must follow appropriate word count (as noted in section 1a or 1b above), excluding title page, reference list, and page numbers.

3. Essays will be judged on:

- a. Quality and comprehensive nature of the essay, including supporting details.
- b. Organization of paper.
- c. Basic editing/proofreading of paper (e.g., syntax and grammatical errors).
- d. Originality. Note: Essays that have been plagiarized will automatically be disqualified.

4. Grant recipient/awardee will be announced on the Big Bend Filipino-American Association, Inc. Facebook profile and posted on the BBFAA website: BBFAA.org. The date of announcement will be determined.

5. The deadline for submissions is **March 31, 2023**.

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Evaluation Criteria Guidelines for TikTok Video Submissions

1. Creating your TikTok video:
 - a. Create a brief, solo TikTok video on performing arts. It can include any of the following formats: Dancing, singing, drama, instrumental music, poetry, etc. Your performance should reflect some aspect of Filipino culture and promote the goals of the BBFAA organization. The video genre can be classic, traditional, or pop culture but it has to demonstrate an aspect of Filipino culture and promote the goals of the BBFAA organization. (For more information on BBFAA's mission statement, please visit: <https://bbfaa.org/association/about-us/>)
 - b. Time limit
 - i. High school subcategory
 - TikTok video must be no longer than 1.5 minutes.
 - ii. College subcategory
 - TikTok video must be no longer than 2.5 minutes.
 - c. Rules:
 - i. The video must not be offensive or violate any of TikTok's community guidelines, or it will be disqualified.
 - ii. The TikTok video must reflect or express some aspect of Filipino culture.
 - iii. The TikTok video should promote the goals of the BBFAA organization.
 - iv. The TikTok video must focus on some type of performing art as mentioned above.
 - v. It **must** be a TikTok video. No other type of format will be accepted.
 - vi. The **correct** TikTok video link must be submitted so that it can be viewed.
 - vii. The link submitted must be available for viewing at the time of submission.
 - viii. Only TikTok videos with solo acts qualify. TikTok videos with group acts will not be considered.
 - ix. A signed parental consent form must accompany the application if the Entrant is under 18 years of age.
 - d. Grant recipient/awardee will be announced on the Big Bend Filipino-American Association, Inc. Facebook profile and posted on the BBFAA website: BBFAA.org. The date of announcement will be determined.
 - e. The TikTok video link will be posted on the BBFAA.org website and the BBFAA Facebook profile.
 - f. The panel of TikTok Contest Judges will select the winners based on a criteria set by BBFAA.

- g. The deadline to submit all of your forms and documents is **March 31, 2023**.
- 2. For the TikTok URL...
 - a. Tag your TikTok video with the following: **#BBFAA2023**
 - b. Provide your TikTok profile name.
 - c. Include a description of your video as noted in the application form.
- 3. Complete, sign, and include the consent form with your application form.
 - a. If you are under 18 years of age, you must have your parent or legal guardian sign the parental consent waiver form and include it with your completed application.

III. Type of Entry

Which type of entry will you be submitting? (Check only one)

Essay

(If choosing to submit an essay, then go to **Section IV: Essay Entry** and skip Section V.)

Tiktok Video

(If choosing to submit a Tiktok Video, then go to **Section V: Tiktok Video Entry** and skip Section IV)

IV. Essay Entry

Title of Essay _____

Essay Checklist:

Is the title page (with contact information) included? _____

Does your submission include page numbers? _____

Which citation style does your essay follow? (eg, APA, MLA, Chicago Style, etc)? Did you cite within the content? _____

Final word count (excluding title page, page numbers, and reference list): _____

V. TikTok Video Entry

TikTok URL link _____

TikTok profile address _____

Did you tag **#BBFAA2023** on your TikTok video? _____
****Note: This is a requirement.****

Brief Description of TikTok Video (200 words or less):

Did you complete and include the TikTok Video Entry Consent Form? _____

VI. Entry Submission

- Submission checklist
 - Completed BBFAA U.S. Education Grant Application form.
 - Official or Unofficial Transcript.
 - For **high school students**: A copy of proof of acceptance/registration from the University/College.
 - For **college students**: A copy of proof of enrollment.
 - Essay attached, if participating in the essay submission.
 - TikTok Video, if participating in the TikTok submission. This includes:
 - URL link for video;
 - Description of TikTok video;
 - TikTok signed Entrant Consent; and
 - TikTok signed Parental/Legal Guardian Consent form (if under 18 years of age).
- Submissions can be sent via U.S. Postal Service or Email.
 - To send your application via mail, documents can be sent to:
BBFAA Educational Grant
P.O. Box 227
Tallahassee, FL 32302
 - To send your application via Email, documents can be sent to one of the committee co-chairs:

Dinah Johnson, djohnson3333@comcast.net
 - Or Virginia Cardenas, virginia.cardenas@med.fsu.edu
- The deadline to submit your completed grant application is **March 31, 2023**.

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TikTok Video Entry Consent Form

By submitting your TikTok video link to the BBFAA Educational U.S. Grant Scholarship Contest, participants agree to the following:

1. You must have downloaded the TikTok app, which is free.
2. You tagged **#BBFAA2023** on your video.
3. Grant award will be given to only one winner per entry, paid directly to the college/university that he/she/they will be attending as indicated in the application form.
4. Agree to follow the [TikTok Community Guidelines](https://www.tiktok.com/community-guidelines?lang=en), which can be found at the following link: <https://www.tiktok.com/community-guidelines?lang=en>
5. The TikTok video must not, in any way, be offensive, graphic, threatening or violent. TikTok video submissions that do not follow this rule will automatically be disqualified.
6. As a condition of entry into the Contest, and by submitting an Entry into this Contest, except where prohibited by law, each Entrant grants to the Contest Entities a non-exclusive, unrestricted, unconditional, unlimited, transferable, sublicensable, irrevocable, royalty-free, worldwide license to publish and promote the Entrant's entry and other submitted information through social media, or any other media formats. This includes announcing the winner through the BBFAA website (BBFAA.org) and the BBFAA Facebook profile.
7. By signing this consent, the Entrant agrees to these conditions.
8. If under 18 years of age, the Entrant is required to obtain parental consent and contact number below.
Note: Parent or Legal Guardian may be contacted for further verification.

Signature of Entrant

Date

Entrant: Print name legibly

Parental Consent (Required if Entrant is under 18 years of age)

By signing below, I acknowledge and agree that my child can participate in the TikTok contest for the Big Bend Filipino-American Association, Inc. and am aware that he/she has submitted a TikTok video for entry into the BBFAA U.S. Education Grant contest.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian (Required if entrant is under 18 years of age)

Date

Parent/Legal Guardian: Print name legibly

Phone number