

Bovay Foundation College Scholarship Guidelines

General Information

- The Bovay Foundation will award scholarships to students from the specific schools listed on the Scholarship page. The scholarships cover tuition, school fees, books/supplies (within reason), on-campus housing and meal plans. Parking decals may also fall under supplies.
- Scholarships for Lamar County Alabama students at Bevill State will be handled through the college and The Bovay Foundation Guaranteed Tuition Program, with an application deadline of July 31, prior to fall attendance. Scholars must graduate from high school or earn the GED by June 1, take the ACT by June 30, and complete both the Alabama Tuition Assistance Grant application and Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) www.fafsa.ed.gov by July 31.
- Generally, Scholars are expected to begin their higher education with the fall semester immediately following high school graduation and continue in consecutive years.
- Scholars are expected to enroll as full-time students, as defined by the college or university. Federal standards require that full-time students complete a minimum of 12 credit hours each semester or a total of 24 credit hours for the full college year, or its equivalent.
- It is the Scholar's responsibility to determine what income tax, if any, is due on his or her scholarship payments.
- Scholarship aid cannot be transferred or assigned.

Responsibilities of Scholars

- Before June 1 of each subsequent year, the Scholar must provide (a) a statement of intent to return to the college or university of record, (b) an official transcript, and (c) a copy of the financial aid letter for the upcoming enrollment period.
- At the end of each fall semester (or its equivalent), the Scholar must send the Bovay Foundation a copy of his or her grade report. Scholars are required to maintain a **3.0 GPA** during each semester or quarter. Official transcripts are only required at the end of the school year, as above. Additionally, a final transcript is required at the completion of the Scholar's undergraduate studies.
- If the Scholar's grade point falls below the 3.0 GPA threshold for two semesters/quarters in a row, the student must send a letter of explanation as to why to the Foundation.
- If transferring to another university following a full academic year, the Scholar must furnish the Bovay Foundation a copy of the letter of transfer acceptance from the new institution and an official transcript before June 1. If transferring at

mid-term, the Scholar must furnish the above items by January 1 and instruct the university to return to the Bovay Foundation any unused portion of scholarship aid.

Special Circumstances

- Under special circumstances, and subject to approval by the foundation of a Scholar's written request, a reasonable break in continuous education may be allowed for pursuit of a service activity or an educational endeavor that is part of an organized program run by a recognized nonprofit organization or academic institution. Breaks to pursue employment or engage in business-oriented ventures (other than internships that earn college credit) are not allowed.
- Scholarship aid may be canceled at the foundation's discretion if the Scholar does not fulfill the outlined responsibilities or because of academic failure, lack of academic progress, or withdrawal for other than approved reasons or upon the request of the Scholar's college or university.
- In the event that illness or disability interrupts progress, upon written request of the Scholar that is accompanied by written verification from a physician, the foundation may approve a reasonable break in continuous education.

Taxability of Scholarships General Rules

- Scholarship funds are not considered gross income for income tax purposes if the amount is received as a qualified scholarship by an individual who is a candidate for a degree at an educational institution.
 - A "qualified scholarship" includes any amount received by an individual as a scholarship that the individual can prove is used for qualified tuition and related expenses.
 - "Qualified tuition" is tuition and fees required for enrollment or attendance at an educational institution. "Related expenses" are fees, books, supplies and equipment required for courses of instruction. Scholarship funds used for other expenses, such as room and board, must be included in gross income.
- Each Scholar is responsible for determining whether scholarship aid, in whole or in part, must be included in gross income. In other words, the Scholar is responsible for determining what portion of the scholarship payments were used for qualified tuition and related expenses.
- Scholars should contact a tax advisor for assistance or see IRS Publication 970 – Tax Benefits for Education, available on the IRS Web site at:
<http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p970.pdf>.