



2016-2017

BRIDGING THE GAP SCHOLARSHIP

AWARD

The Board will determine Annually the total amount of funds available for scholarships within that school year and establish a maximum amount per scholarship by May 31st 2016.

- Total annual amount available to be no more than 50% of funds in the scholarship account divided by applicable scholarship awarded.
- Individual scholarship awarded not to exceed 50% of deficit.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Who would be eligible? – Families with joint household income of \$60,000 or less
2. What do they receive if eligible? – Determine sliding scale based on funds available.
 - A. 30% of the gap between state scholarship and the tuition per semester if income \$60,000 - \$50,000
 - B. 40% of the gap between state scholarship and the tuition per semester if income \$49,000 - \$40,000
 - C. 50% of the gap between state scholarship and the tuition per semester if income \$39,000 - below
3. When: Scholarships can be awarded for 1 or 2 semesters
(Semester 1: August - December), (Semester 2: Jan - June)
4. What is expected of the scholar and their family in return?
 - See below for amount of strictly documented volunteer hours in school and/or in fundraising efforts. Future scholarship eligibility would be rated on fulfillment of this obligation.
 - A. 5 hours per month, if eligibility meets requirement A
 - B. 7 hours per month, if eligibility meets requirement B
 - C. 10 hours per month, if eligibility meets requirement C
5. The application process
 - Application to include a letter of necessity and how Abi's Place can make a difference, along with financial tax documents to qualify financial need. (1040's, 1120's if officer, W2, 1099)
 - Evaluation of impact of the program on the student and family.
 - Funds available verses funds needed
6. Deadline for the applications
 - Deadline for submission of application should be 45 days prior to the start of school year or semester. For 2016-2017 school year semester 1 will be July 1st 2016, semester 2 will be November 1st, 2016.
7. Non-Discrimination: Abi's Place does not and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its activities or operations. These activities include selection of scholarship recipients. We are committed to providing an inclusive and welcoming environment for all members.
8. Guidelines and application process may be subject to change with notice.



9. Important dates to remember.

Semester 1	Semester 2
Application Deadline July 1st	Application Deadline November 1st
Awarded Notice July 18th	Awarded Notice November 25th
Awarded Date December	Awarded Date June

HOWTOAPPLY

The application must be completed in full and signed by the applicant. The applicant's parent or guardian must also sign so that the Bridging The Gap Scholarship Scholarship Committee can verify membership in good standing.

The following information MUST be submitted with this application:

- Tax documents
- List all current abilities
- Funds available verses funds needed
- If awarded, list volunteer activities and availability (write "none" if applicable and state reason)
- An essay statement from applicant

Please note that **ONLY** email submission will be accepted. Application and documents submitted will not be returned.

Send completed application with all required information to

scholarship@abisplace.com

Applications must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday, July 1st 2016



APPLICATION 2016-2017 BRIDGING THE GAP SCHOLARSHIP

Please print or type (Attach additional pages if needed.)

Name of student _____ D.O.B. _____

Name of parent(s) or guardian(s) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Occupation of parent(s) or guardian(s) _____

Name of current school _____

Address of school _____ Expected date of transfer _____

Number of people in your household _____

List current abilities:

Behavior

Comprehension

Eye Sight

Fine Motor

Gross Motor

Imitation

Math

Reading

Self Help

Speech/Language

Funds available verses funds needed

_____ Available

_____ State Funding

_____ Ask from Abi's Place

If awarded, list volunteer activities and availability. For example, Sending thank you's, Collect in-kind donations, Decorations, Organize PTG, Assist Events Committees and etc. (write "none" if applicable and state reason.)

Availability _____

I hereby apply for the 2016-2017 Bridging The Gap Scholarship and agree to abide by the decision of the scholarship committee. I understand that the decision of the committee is final.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Signature of Student

Date

Date

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