

Brandon Groveland Youth Assistance

Skill Building Scholarship Policy

1. Brandon Groveland Youth Assistance (BGYA) Board of Directors has adopted a Skill Building Policy for the purpose of processing Skill Building Scholarship requests in an equitable and fair manner. Skill Building Scholarships are provided to students in the Brandon-Groveland area in the interest of keeping them active and involved in positive, esteem-building activities. This policy is a guideline for reviewing and approving requests for scholarships and is subject to exceptions on an individual basis with consensus of BGYA. The youth applicant must be a resident of Brandon or Groveland Township, attend Brandon Schools, and be 13-18 years old. Parents/Guardians are required to submit a completed Student Enrichment Application Form to be eligible for the scholarship.
2. The family must meet existing Community Development Block Grant guidelines listed below.

INCOME LIMITS ESTABLISHED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Maximum Income (Effective [Fiscal Year 2017](#))

Family of 2 must be under \$43,950	Family of 3 must be under \$49,450
Family of 4 must be under \$54,900	Family of 5 must be under \$59,300
Family of 6 must be under \$ 63,700	Family of 7 must be under \$68,100

Scholarship approval will be limited to one per student per year; however, a second request may be approved for special circumstances. Skill Building Committee approval is required.

3. If the request is from the BGYA caseworker for a caseload family, or is for an at-risk student who does not meet the above financial criteria, approval will be required from the Executive Board.

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNTS AND REQUIRED CO-PAY

Scholarship Amount	Family Co-Pay Amount	Approval Required
\$100.00 or less	\$10.00*	Skill Building Committee
\$200.00 or less	\$20.00*	Executive Committee
\$350.00 or less	\$25.00*	Executive Committee

4. *Any costs exceeding the scholarship amount are the responsibility of the parent/guardian.
5. Scholarship funds are paid directly to the providing organization and not paid to the parent/guardian.
6. Parents/guardians and the student receiving Skill Building Scholarship funds will be encouraged to volunteer in one or more Youth Assistance activities. Some examples include the Youth Recognition Event, Camp Registration, Fundraising Projects, and other activities as needed.
7. To avoid any conflict of interest, Youth Assistance Board Members are not eligible for Skill Building Scholarship funds.

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