

**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF THE EAST VALLEY
EDUCATIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION GUIDELINES**

How to Apply

Applications for the scholarships are available year round. The deadline for applications is June 30th for the following fall semester or December 31st for the following spring semester. Applications must be received at the Program Service Center (stamped & dated upon receipt) by 5:00 p.m. on the deadline dates.

An application can be obtained from each Branch, Program Service Center, or on-line at www.clubzona.org on the *About* tab.

Eligibility

To be eligible, a member must have been active in the Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley within their last three years of high school (sophomore, junior and senior year) or receipt of their G.E.D. An active member is defined as being a current member attending the Club 20 or more days per year. An attendance report will be pulled to show proof of participation.

A member has twelve months after graduation from high school or receipt of their G.E.D. to apply for a scholarship. If the member is scheduled for service in the military or religious mission, the member must notify Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley in writing of their intention to apply for a scholarship within twelve months after graduation or receipt of their G.E.D. The organization does not guarantee that the scholarship money will be held or guaranteed to any applicant regardless of their situation.

The applicant must be registering as a full-time student and carry at least 12 credit hours. If the student is attending a trade school and the school does not offer 12 credit hours, the student must be enrolled in the maximum credit hours offered. Scholarship recipients who drop out of school during the semester in which they receive funds may be required to repay the organization.

First time scholarship recipients must have a cumulative high school grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0 or a minimum of a 2.5 GPA for the previous college semester. Renewing recipients must have a minimum of 2.5 GPA for the previous semester and must carry at least 12 credit hours.

Applicants must advise the Program Service Center when contact information changes. We strongly recommend using your permanent (i.e. parents) address for all scholarship activity. Recipients are asked to volunteer at the organization at least 10 hours a year while receiving funds.

Upon receipt of application, new applicants must complete an initial interview with the Operations Committee of the Corporate Board. Interviews are conducted the 2nd Tuesday in July and January.

New Applicants Packet Requirements:

- Completed application form;
- Copy of high school transcript and most recent education transcript or explanation for lapse in education and desire for re-entry. If currently in college, a copy of current semester grades;
- Letter of recommendations from a former instructor or acquaintance (other than family) known for 5 years or longer;
- Copy of next semester class schedule;
- Letter of recommendation from the Branch Executive of the member's Boys & Girls Club.

Renewing Applicants Packet Requirements:

- Personal letter including academic progress and intent to continue schooling;
- Copy of next semester class schedule;
- Upon receipt, copy of the transcript of previous semester showing at least 2.0 GPA and enrollment in minimum of 12 credit hours per semester. Award contingent upon receipt.

Mailing Information

The completed application, renewal information and all required documents must be sent and received by the deadline to:

**Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley
Program Service Center
Educational Awards Program
1405 E Guadalupe Rd Ste 4
Tempe, AZ 85283**