

Blandin Foundation

2012-13

Education Awards

OVER 19,000 STUDENTS HAVE RECEIVED SCHOLARSHIPS!



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A complete application package consists of the following documents:

1. Application
2. Student Aid Report (SAR)
3. 2011 Federal tax returns for both students and parents (of dependent students)
4. Student Release Form

Note: Please submit our Application along with the Student Release Form as soon as possible. You may submit the SAR and tax forms as soon as they become available, but before May 1.

Important tips to remember:

- Keep in mind that there are scholarships out there for all different kinds of students who meet various criteria.
- Please visit www.northernMNScholarships.org for local scholarship and other financial aid tips.
- File your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and other required financial aid paperwork early.
- Searching for scholarships can be a major undertaking but it also can be well worth it.





What are your dreams for your future?

If you live in the greater Itasca County area, we may be able to help you access the higher education you'll need to get there.

Education Awards are the longest-running program of the Blandin Foundation, now in its 56th year. For some in our home community, these need-based scholarships make all the difference in being able to pursue higher education. Since 1956, more than 19,000 local students have benefitted from Blandin Foundation Education Awards.

Honoring the legacy of founder Charles K. Blandin, for whom higher education ironically was out of reach in his youth, the Foundation hopes to support students who may not otherwise have pursued community college, college, trade schools, certificate programs – the whole realm of post-secondary educational options (other than graduate or professional programs).

Blandin Foundation Education Awards are made on the basis of financial need, without discrimination on the basis of race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, disability or national origin.

All awards are for educational expenses for one academic year of full-time study at any accredited post-high school educational program, except graduate or professional school. Part-time grants (6-11 credits per semester or quarter) will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

All the information you need to explore Blandin Foundation Education Awards is here in this packet or online at www.blandinfoundation.org. You are welcome to connect with our Foundation staff to discuss questions. Your direct contact is Diana Daigle, scholarships@blandinfoundation.org or (218) 326-0523.

Need help? contact Diana Daigle, scholarships@blandinfoundation.org
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Are you eligible?

Yes, if you:

- a) graduated from one of the following schools: Grand Rapids, Greenway, Bigfork, Deer River, Nashwauk-Keewatin, Northland (Remer), Hill City, Blackduck, Northome, Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig, Northern Lights Community School. Homeschooled students who would have graduated from one of the eligible schools also qualify.
- b) are under the age of 25 as of September 1, 2012.
- c) are registered as a full-time student (12 credits per semester or quarter); part-time awards (6-11 credits per semester or quarter) are available on a case-by-case basis.
- d) are making satisfactory academic progress toward the degree/certificate program.
- e) are enrolled at any accredited educational institution in the US.

Are you going to Itasca Community College?

(Please do not complete the enclosed application if you plan to attend ICC.)

Blandin Foundation provides support for ICC students through direct funding to ICC, which administers the funds through their financial aid office for eligible students.

Students attending Itasca Community College must complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) as soon after January 1 as

your income taxes are filed. List school code #002356 to have your results sent to Itasca Community College. If you have questions, please call the ICC Student Services Office at (218) 322-2320.

How to apply

Students applying for a Blandin Foundation Education Award must complete the FAFSA. Students are encouraged to use the FAFSA on the web (www.fafsa.gov). If you prefer to use a paper FAFSA, a PDF version is available at www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov. Students can also call (800) 433-3243 to order a paper FAFSA.

1. Accessing FAFSA online:

- a) Be sure to apply for a PIN before submitting your FAFSA; for dependent students, a parent must apply for a PIN as well. You may register for a PIN through www.pin.ed.gov.
- b) Once you have submitted your online FAFSA, and if you provided your email address when you applied, you will receive an email notification containing a direct link to your Student Aid Report (SAR) online. There are two versions of the SAR available, either HTML or PDF. Please send a copy of all pages of your SAR to the Blandin Foundation.

2. If you make any corrections to your SAR, please submit a corrected copy of your SAR to us.

3. Complete the Application included in this brochure and return it to our office no later than **May 1, 2012**.

4. Send us a copy of your 2011 federal tax return and your parents' federal tax return (for dependent students) form 1040, 1040A or 1040EZ. If your family owns a business/corporation, please send us the appropriate schedule for that particular business/corporation. If your family operates a farm or has experienced high medical costs, include Schedules A and F. Please do not send us your Minnesota state income tax form. The Blandin Foundation may ask for additional financial information, such as W-2s, or Form K-1/subcorp forms, to verify income.
5. Complete and return the enclosed Student Release Form along with your Application.

Note:

1. It is important that you submit all necessary financial aid papers to the Financial Aid Office at the school you plan to attend as soon as possible. This will enable us to get the additional information we need to complete your file.
2. Please be sure to complete the FAFSA correctly – pay attention to instructions.

Have you received an Education Award from us before?


You may reapply each year by following steps 1–5 in the application process.

To receive an award, you must meet the financial aid criteria each year based on current financial data. Once you receive a baccalaureate degree or reach age 25 before September 1, 2012, you may no longer apply for an award. If you receive an award from us, we will send a new application directly to you the following year. If you do not receive one, you may request one by calling our office at (218) 326-0523 or access a copy online at www.blandinfoundation.org.

Has your situation changed?

It is important that you keep us informed of any change of plans during or after the application process: different school, change of address, marital status, etc.





Payments: how and when?

Award disbursements will be made in equal installments, on a quarterly or semester basis, depending on your school's academic schedule. During the last week of September 2012, we will either send a paper check or electronically transfer the award to the school's financial aid office. You will continue to receive your award as long as you are enrolled full-time (12 credits per semester or quarter) or part-time (6-11 credits per semester or quarter) and making satisfactory academic progress toward your degree program (at least 2.0 GPA or higher). Part-time grants (6-11 credits per semester or quarter) will be made on a case-by-case basis and pro-rated accordingly, for those experiencing unusual circumstances.

Note: If you have been approved for an award from the Blandin Foundation, payments will be made to one school; we are unable to make multiple payments to accompany attendance at more than one school per semester/quarter during an academic year.

Award amounts and renewals

Applications are evaluated on the basis of financial need. The amount of individual awards will depend on the cost of the institution

you select and the amount that you and your parents are expected to contribute towards these educational expenses. Factors such as income levels, family size, assets and the number in college are used to determine the amount of your award. Other financial aid sources such as Pell, state (if applicable) and other scholarships and grants are taken into consideration to determine your unmet need. The Blandin Foundation is able to award a percentage of unmet need, dependent on income and the amount of funding approved by the Board of Trustees. Financial data is analyzed by a computer program and individually reviewed by our staff and Education Committee.

Awards range from \$1,000 to \$4,000 for one year of study. Awards are made on a year-to-year basis. Please do not assume renewals will be automatic.

Note: You may reapply each year by following steps 1–5 in the application process. Once you receive a baccalaureate degree or reach age 25 before September 1, 2012, you may no longer apply for an award. The amount of any future award will reflect current financial need.

When will you know?

Letters of notification will be sent on or before July 1, 2012.



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also available at www.blandinfoundation.org

1. Name _____ Maiden Name *(if married)* _____
(last) (first) (m.i.)

2. Student Email Address _____
(please print)

3. Daytime Phone _____

4. Permanent Address _____
(street) (city) (county) (state) (zip)

5. Date of Birth _____ 6. Social Security Number _____

7. High School Attended _____ Graduation Date _____

8. College/Technical College (2012-13) _____

Institution Address _____
(please notify us immediately if you change schools)

How many years will you have completed at a post-secondary institution as of June 2012? _____

Have you received a baccalaureate degree? Yes _____ No _____

9. Please check appropriate box for 2012-13 school year:

- Dependent living on campus Dependent living off campus
 Dependent living with parents (or other relatives) Independent student

10. When do you plan to graduate from post-secondary school: Month _____ Year _____

11. How did you hear about this Blandin Foundation program? _____

12. Father's, Guardian's or Spouse's Name _____

Employer _____ Address _____

Mother's or Guardian's Name _____

Employer _____ Address _____

13. Other Siblings in College/Technical College _____

(Do not list family members that are considered independent or are enrolled in the Post-Secondary Education Option (PSEO) Program)

Financial Information

14a. Parents: Cash (Savings & Checking) \$ _____ Trust Fund \$ _____ CDs \$ _____

Stocks/Bonds/Mutual Funds \$ _____ Education IRAs \$ _____

14b. Students: Cash (Savings & Checking) \$ _____ Trust Fund \$ _____ CDs \$ _____

Stocks/Bonds/Mutual Funds \$ _____

Parents: do not include employer 401(k) plans, pension plans, or IRAs.

15. List any other scholarships, grants or aid you have been awarded for the institution, minority aid programs, service organizations, etc. for the 2012-13 school year and keep us informed of any changes or additions to this list.

\$ Amount

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

(continued on back)

Unusual circumstances

Are there unusual circumstances that have a direct impact on your financial need? Has your family experienced a drop in income in recent months due to loss of employment, divorce or death? Has your family experienced high out-of-pocket medical costs during the past year? Part-time scholarships (6-11 credits) are also available to those applicants with unusual circumstances, such as illness, courses not offered during a specific semester/quarter or work-related issues. Therefore, if you plan to be enrolled part-time, or have experienced other unusual circumstances, additional paperwork must be completed and returned to the Blandin Foundation. Please contact Diana Daigle at the Foundation office (218) 326-0523 or email: scholarships@blandinfoundation.org.

Your situation will be taken into consideration when award decisions are made during the last week of June.

Remember to mail a copy of your 2011 federal tax return and a copy of your parents' (for dependent students) 2011 federal tax return (form 1040, 1040A or 1040EZ). If your family owns a business, please include the appropriate schedule for that particular business/corporation, Form K-1/subcorp. If your family operates a farm or has experienced high medical costs, include Schedules A and F. Please do not send us your Minnesota state income tax form.

Questions?

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Certification

In submitting this application, I certify that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Falsification of information may result in termination of any scholarship granted.

Date _____

Signature _____

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Date

Dear Financial Aid Director,
MOHE Representative and/or Blandin Foundation:

I have applied for an educational award from the Blandin Foundation, a private foundation which administers a number of awards for area students.

Please provide them with any information they request regarding my financial aid package, GPA, need analysis results or information (ISIR) I provided on the FAFSA. This will enable them to determine if I meet the need-based criteria necessary to receive an award. Thank you for your assistance in this process.

I acknowledge and authorize the Blandin Foundation's use of my name, address, educational institution, and scholarship award as required by law on its annual 990PF tax return.

Sincerely,

Student Signature

Student Printed Name

Student's Social Security Number

College you plan to attend



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