



**Bloomingtondale Community Scholarship Fund,
in honor of BJ Stelter**

**Sponsored by the Bloomingtondale Homeowners Association
Website: www.bloomingtondalegazette.com**

Purpose: The objective of the Scholarship is to reward and encourage high school seniors who are residents of the Bloomingtondale community to pursue a college career, and to honor the exemplary efforts and outstanding dedication of B.J. Stelter, the first Principal of Bloomingtondale High School who served from 1991 thru 2005.

Awards: All awards are for graduates of the current school year and are non-renewable.

Eligibility Requirements

- ❖ Candidate's parent/guardian must be a resident of Bloomingtondale, as defined on the Bloomingtondale Homeowners Association website: www.bloomingtondalegazette.com
- ❖ Proof of residency requirements will be required before scholarship disbursement.
- ❖ Candidate's parent/guardian must be a member of the Bloomingtondale Homeowners Association in good standing. Membership must be current when the submission of an application occurs.
- ❖ Candidate must be a graduating high school senior from the Bloomingtondale Community.
- ❖ Candidate must have, according to the latest available Progress Report, at least a weighted 3.0 grade point average, at the time of Scholarship disbursement. Proof of grade point average will be required before disbursement.
- ❖ Candidate must be accepted at a 2 or 4 year accredited college or university. Students may apply for a scholarship prior to acceptance, but proof of acceptance will be required before scholarship disbursement.
- ❖ The Award will be made without regard to financial need.
- ❖ Children or grandchildren of current Directors of the Bloomingtondale Homeowners Association are not eligible.

Selection Criteria: Recipients will be chosen on the basis of the following selection criteria, listed from most important to least important:

- ❖ Community Service
- ❖ Extra-curricular activities
- ❖ Essay
- ❖ Academics
- ❖ Letter of Reference

Important Dates

- ❖ February 1st
 - Scholarship opportunity posted in the Gazette and at the High School
 - Applications available at Bloomingdale High School Guidance Office
 - Applicants with questions or desiring to obtain an application may email the BHA at bloomingdale.homeowners@gmail.com.
- ❖ April 1st
 - Deadline for Bloomingdale Homeowners Association to receive the application.
- ❖ May 13th - Bloomingdale Homeowners Association Board meeting.
 - Winner will be invited to attend this meeting and his/her name will be announced.

Submission: Each candidate will be required to submit the following by the above defined deadline:

- A completed application
- A formal, typed essay*
- One letter of reference from a high school faculty member, or, a representative of a Community Service organization listed on the application. While either is acceptable, the latter is preferred.
- An official transcript from their high school.
- An official Discipline Record from their high school.
- A Summary Worksheet from their high school detailing service hours.

***Essay:** Each candidate will submit a typed essay of no more than 500 words. The student must select one of the following topics for his essay:

- “What receiving this scholarship would mean to me”
- “What performing Community Service has meant to me”
- “How living and growing up in Bloomingdale has shaped me as a person”

Submit Applications To:

**Bloomington Homeowners Association
BJ Stelter Scholarship
3509 Bell Shoals Road
Valrico, FL 33596**

**Phone: 813-681-2051
bloomington.homeowners@gmail.com**

Additional Information

- ❖ Scholarship awards will be paid directly to the Office of Financial Assistance at the recipient's college or university of choice.
- ❖ Funds may be used to support any educational expenses as allowed by the college or university.
- ❖ No notification will be made to applicants not selected.
- ❖ All submissions become the property of the Bloomington Homeowners Association and will not be returned.
- ❖ Incomplete submissions will be disqualified.
- ❖ Winners will be invited to the Scholarship Award Announcement, at the meeting of the Bloomington Homeowners Association during May, and agree to have their names/photos published by any interested news organization.
- ❖ By submitting an application, candidates agree to all rules contained in this document.
- ❖ The decision of the Selection Committee is final. No appeals are permitted.



BJ Stelter 2014 Bloomington Community Scholarship Application Form

Student Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Student email: _____ **Parent/guardian email:** _____

Phone #: _____

High School Attending: [] Bloomington [] Other: _____

Most Recent Cumulative Weighted GPA: _____

Number of Community Service Hours (as shown on accompanying Summary Worksheet): _____

College or University planning to attend: _____

List any academic or community service honors or awards received throughout your High School Career:

List any school extra-curricular community service activities throughout your High School Career, including clubs, competitions, conferences, etc.

Community Service Activities (You may copy this page and/or attach additional sheets if necessary)

Activity: _____

Approximate dates involved: _____ **Total Hours:** _____

What relevant experiences did you bring to this activity?

Why were you involved with this activity?

What achievements/awards/recognition resulted from your involvement?
