



**2025 Bloomingtondale Neighborhood Scholarship
honoring B.J. Stelter**

Sponsored by the Bloomingtondale Neighborhood Association

Website: www.Bloomingtondale.Life

Email: Bl.Neighbor1@gmail.com

Purpose: This 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 the late B.J. Stelter, Bloomingtondale Senior High School (BSHS) Principal for 16 years.

Awards: One award is given to a pending graduate of the current school year. It is non-renewable.

Eligibility Requirements:

- ❖ Candidate's parent/guardian must be a resident of Bloomingtondale, as defined on the Bloomingtondale Neighborhood Association website:
www.Bloomingtondale.Life
- ❖ Proof of residency requirement is required before scholarship disbursement.
- ❖ Candidate's parent/guardian must be a member of the Bloomingtondale Neighborhood 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 3.2 grade point average. 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 Bloomingtondale Neighborhood Association Directors or Staff are not eligible.

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

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

Important Dates:

- ❖ Jan 13
 - Scholarship opportunity posted in the online Bloomingdale Gazette, BNA Facebook page and at BSHS. Applicants may attend other schools as long as they live in Bloomingdale.
 - Applications are available at BSHS, via email at Bl.Neighbor1@gmail.com and on the BNA website at www.Bloomingdale.Life.
 - Applicants with questions may call 813-681-2051 for information.
- ❖ April 4
 - Deadline for applications. No exceptions.
- ❖ April 22 - Bloomingdale Neighborhood Association board meeting.
 - Winner will be invited to attend this meeting and his/her name will be announced.

Essay: Each candidate will complete an 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”

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

- A completed application
- The 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 preferable.
- An official transcript from their high school.

Submit Applications To:

**Bloomingdale Neighborhood Association
ATTN: BJ Stelter Scholarship
P. O. Box 6313
Brandon, FL 33508**

**Phone: 813-681-2051
Bl.Neighbor1@gmail.com**

Additional Information

- ❖ Scholarship awards will be paid directly to the Director of Financial Aid at the recipient's school of choice.
- ❖ Funds may be used to support any educational expenses allowed by the college/university.
- ❖ No notification will be made to those applicants not selected.
- ❖ All submissions become the property of the Bloomingdale Neighborhood 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 Bloomingdale Neighborhood Association during April 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 2025 Bloomington Neighborhood 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: _____

of Community Service Hours (verified by student's counselor): _____

Counselor Name/Contact # _____

College/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: _____

Contact Name and # for 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?
