

# Bennett Clayton Foundation Scholarship Program

## THE PROGRAM

The Bennett Clayton Foundation for Children with OI has established a scholarship program to assist students with Osteogenesis Imperfecta who plan to continue education in college or vocational school programs. Renewable scholarships are offered each year for full-time study at an accredited institution of the student's choice.

This scholarship program is administered by Scholarship America<sup>®</sup>, the nation's largest designer and manager of scholarship, tuition assistance and other education support programs for corporations, foundations, associations and individuals. Awards are granted without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, gender, disability or national origin.

# **ELIGIBILITY**

Applicants to the Bennett Clayton Foundation Scholarship Program must be -

- Diagnosed as having Osteogenesis Imperfecta (OI) substantiated by doctor's statement,
- High school seniors and undergraduates who reside in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, North Dakota or South Dakota.
- Planning to enroll in full-time undergraduate study at an accredited two-year or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical school for the entire upcoming academic year.

#### **AWARDS**

If selected as a recipient, the student will receive a \$3,000 award. The award may be renewed for up to three additional years or until a bachelor's degree, or equivalent, is earned, whichever occurs first. Renewal is contingent upon satisfactory academic performance in full-time study and continuation of the program by The Bennett Clayton Foundation.

Awards are for undergraduate study only.

## APPLICATION

Interested students must complete the attached application and mail it along with a current, complete transcript of grades and a doctor's statement with diagnosis of OI to Scholarship America postmarked no later than **March 1**. Grade reports are not acceptable. Online transcripts must display student name, school name, grade and credit hours earned for each course, and term in which each course was taken. Applicants will receive acknowledgment of receipt of their application, via email. If an acknowledgment email is not received within three weeks, applicants may call Scholarship America to verify that the application has been received.

Applicants are responsible for gathering and submitting all necessary information. Applications are evaluated on the information supplied; therefore, answer all questions as completely as possible. Incomplete applications will not be evaluated. All information received is considered confidential and is reviewed only by Scholarship America.

## SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS

Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of academic record, demonstrated leadership and participation in school and community activities, honors, work experience, statement of goals and aspirations, personal statement, unusual personal or family circumstances, and an outside appraisal. Financial need is not considered.

Selection of recipients is made by Scholarship America. In no instance does any officer or employee of The Bennett Clayton Foundation play a part in the selection. All applicants agree to accept the decision as final.

Applicants will be notified by early May. Not all applicants to the program will be selected as recipients.

#### PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship America processes scholarship payments on behalf of The Bennett Clayton Foundation. Payments are made in one installment on August 1. Checks are mailed to each recipient's home address and are made payable to the school for the student.

#### **OBLIGATIONS**

Recipients have no obligation to The Bennett Clayton Foundation. They are, however, required to supply Scholarship America with complete transcripts when requested and to notify Scholarship America of any changes of address, school enrollment, or other relevant information.

## **REVISIONS**

The Bennett Clayton Foundation reserves the right to review the conditions and procedures of this scholarship program and to make changes at any time including termination of the program.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Questions regarding the scholarship program should be addressed to:

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