

**GEORGE BELL YOUTH OPPORTUNITY FUND
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
2010**

The George Bell Youth Opportunity Fund Scholarship is available to qualified students graduating from an accredited high school in Illinois or current college students who graduated from an accredited high school in Illinois. The award may be used only for college education expenses (*e.g.*, tuition, fees, books and housing) and will be awarded based on a student's academic record, demonstrated leadership and participation in school and community activities, honors, work experience, personal essay and unusual personal or family circumstances.

The George Bell Youth Opportunity Fund scholarship awards are \$500 each for one year of full-time study in an undergraduate program. Scholarships will be renewable for each scholarship recipient's remaining years of college based on grades earned (minimum "C" average while attending school on a full-time basis). A supplemental application package will need to be completed to qualify for renewal of previously awarded scholarships. All high school applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Applicants must have at least a "B" average for their last two years of high school
- Applicants must be graduating from an accredited high school in Illinois by June of the year for which the scholarship will be given
- Applicants must be enrolling in a full-time course of study in a two- or four-year degree program, either public or private, in the school calendar year of high school graduation
- Applicants must provide a letter of acceptance from the college or university

Once awarded, scholarship payments for tuition will generally be made payable directly to the student's college or university. Expenses other than tuition will be paid or reimbursed only upon submission of appropriate documentation.

The application packages must be completed and post-marked on or before April 30, 2010. All information will be held in strictest confidence. Mail the application to Linda B. Backe, George Bell Youth Opportunity Fund, P.O. Box 187, Libertyville, IL 60048-0187 by April 30, 2010.

The following items must be included in the application package:

- 1) The completed scholarship application form. **Applicant identities will be kept anonymous during the Scholarship Committee's review and selection process.** Accordingly, the student's and parents' names and addresses should only appear on Page 1 of the application form.
- 2) Certified high school and college transcript (if applicable).
- 3) Letter of acceptance from a college or university.
- 4) The essay referred to on Page 4 of the application. The applicant's Social Security Number should appear at the top of the essay. ***The applicant's name should not appear.***
- 6) Letters from counselors/advisors are optional. If a recommendation letter is submitted, the **student should be identified only by SS# - Student's name should not appear.**

Thank you for taking an interest in the George Bell Youth Opportunity Fund scholarship program!

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Student Information (To be completed by student)

Name: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Family Information (To be completed by parent(s) or guardian)

Father or guardian of applicant: _____

Address: _____

Mother or guardian of applicant: _____

Address: _____

We certify that all information supplied on this scholarship application is accurate. We understand that any financial aid awarded by the George Bell Youth Opportunity Fund is to be used exclusively for the student's college education expenses (*e.g.*, tuition, fees, books and housing).

Student signature _____ Date _____

Parent (or guardian) signature _____ Date _____

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Student Social Security Number: _____

High School and College (if Applicable) Attending: _____

Year in School: _____

Remember - Attach your certified high school and college (if applicable) transcript(s)!

Indicate test scores: SAT: Verbal _____ Math _____; ACT: Comp. _____

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES (Attach a separate sheet if necessary)

<u>Activities</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Positions Held</u>	<u>Honors and Awards</u>
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WORK EXPERIENCE (Attach a separate sheet if necessary)

<u>Name of Employer</u>	<u>Dates Employed</u>	<u>Average Hours per Week</u>
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POST HIGH SCHOOL PLANS

School you plan to attend or are attending: _____

Address: _____

Letter of acceptance attached? _____

POST HIGH SCHOOL PLANS (Continued)

What will be (is) your course of study or major?

Please describe briefly your long-range goals.

FINANCIAL NEED

Please itemize approximate total cost of school year for which you need aid:

Tuition/Fees _____

Room & Board _____

Books, Transportation,
Personal Expenses _____

TOTAL EXPENSES _____

Please itemize your plans to finance your education:

Family _____

Student jobs and summer earnings _____

Loans, scholarships or grants _____

TOTAL FINANCING _____

REMAINING FINANCIAL
NEED _____

Have you applied for other scholarships or loans for the coming year?
Please list with results, if known.

Please answer the following questions by writing an essay (1-3 pages):

What would you consider to be one of your greatest accomplishments to date?

What do you hope to gain from your college education?

What work have you done to earn money toward your education?

What plans have you made for earning money in this coming year?

Is there something else you would like the Bell Fund Scholarship committee to know about you?

FAMILY INFORMATION (To be completed by parent(s) or guardian)

Father (or guardian):

Employed by: _____ Position: _____

Mother (or guardian):

Employed by: _____ Position: _____

Household gross income (check one):

___ Below \$29,999 ___ \$30,000-\$59,999 ___ \$60,000-\$90,000 ___ Over \$90,000

List ages of all children still supported by parents (*no names please*):

How many children have gone to college? _____

How many children will be in college this fall? _____
Where?

Please include other information important for evaluating this application, including any unusually large financial burdens.

***[THIS FORM SHOULD BE COMPLETED ONLY IF
APPLYING FOR A SCHOLARSHIP RENEWAL]***

REQUEST FOR RENEWAL

**GEORGE BELL YOUTH OPPORTUNITY FUND
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For the _____ School Year

****PLEASE ATTACH A TRANSCRIPT OF STUDENT'S COLLEGE GRADES****

Student Information (To be completed by student)

Name: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Name of College Attending: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Family Information (To be completed by parent(s) or guardian)

Father or guardian of applicant: _____

Address: _____

Mother or guardian of applicant: _____

Address: _____

We certify that all information supplied on this scholarship renewal application is accurate. We understand that any financial aid awarded by the George Bell Youth Opportunity Fund is to be used exclusively for the student's college education expenses (*e.g.*, tuition, fees, books and college-approved room and board).

Student signature _____ Date _____

Parent (or guardian) signature _____ Date _____

Transcript Attached