



Big Brothers Big Sisters[®]

OF SHELBY & DARKE COUNTY

2026 Bold Path to a Bright Future \$1,000 Scholarship

- Awarded to up to four Shelby County and Darke County students for the 2026-2027 college academic year who have participated in our Lunch Buddies Program or volunteered with our organization.
- Recipients will be selected by the board and notified in early May.
- Scholarships will be awarded on May 12, 2026 a Big Brothers Big Sisters Board Meeting at 6:15pm, location TBD.
- **In addition to our traditional Bold Path to A Bright Future Scholarships the agency will award one of the 2026 graduates selected with the Damian Bruns Memorial Scholarship. Damian's legacy is one of deep impact, touching countless lives both within our organization and in the wider community. It's in his memory that we established the annual Damian Bruns Memorial Scholarship in 2025. Each year we will award a scholarship to a recipient who mirrors the qualities that made Damian such an exceptional mentor.**

Minimum Requirements to apply:

- Student must have maintained at least a 2.5 GPA throughout high school.
- Must be a high-school senior enrolled in a Shelby County or Darke County school.
- Must be or have been involved as a volunteer for Big Brothers Big Sisters in the last two years.
- Applicants must plan to pursue a degree or certificate in any field of study at an accredited two-or four-year college, university, technical school, or trade school.

Application Process:

- Part 1: Complete this application.
- Part 2: Two References (forms included): Teacher, guidance counselor, principal, and/or Community Service Coordinator (excluding Big Brothers Big Sisters)
- Part 3: Submit a typed, double-spaced essay on why mentoring is important for the community. (500-word minimum, no more than 1,500 words) Must include factual information about the impact of mentoring as well as personal reasons for volunteering with a Big Brothers Big Sisters program.

- **Submit no later than April 30, 2026 to: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Shelby & Darke County, Attn: April Brubaker, P O Box 885, Sidney, OH 45365 or email to april@bbbsshelbydarke.org**

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Part 1 – APPLICATION

Date: _____

Name: _____ Nickname: _____
(First, Middle, Last)

Birth Date: _____ Home Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

Name of High School: _____ Date of Graduation: _____

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Principal's Name: _____ School Office Phone: _____

Guidance Counselor's Name: _____ Email: _____

Grade Point Average: _____ Did you attend the Upper Valley Career Center/MVCTC? Yes No

If yes, Address of UVCC/MVCTC: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

UVCC/MVCTC Principal/Guidance Counselor: _____ School Office Phone: _____

Community Service/Volunteer Activities:

Hobbies: _____

What do you plan to study in college?

What are your career interests upon completing college?

What college/Technical school/Trade school do you plan to attend: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

THIS APPLICATION MUST BE SIGNED BY THE APPLICANT'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN.

(Parent/Guardian Signature) (Relationship) (Date)

STUDENT MUST BE NOMINATED AND/OR ENDORSED BY A BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS STAFF MEMBER.

(Staff Signature) (Nomination or Endorsement?) (Date)

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PART 2 – RECOMMENDATION/REFERENCE (need two completed)

TO BE FILLED OUT BY A PRINCIPAL, GUIDANCE COUNSELOR, TEACHER, OR NON-BBBS COMMUNITY SERVICE COORDINATOR

The student whose name appears below has applied for the Big Brothers Big Sisters Bold Path to a Bright Future Scholarship.

Name of Applicant: _____

ALL REPLIES WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL AND SHOULD BE RETURNED DIRECTLY TO BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF SHELBY & DARKE COUNTY VIA MAIL OR EMAIL. Do not return to the student.

Initiative (choose one)	<input type="checkbox"/> Actively creative	<input type="checkbox"/> Resourceful	<input type="checkbox"/> Does ordinary tasks	<input type="checkbox"/> Relies on others	<input type="checkbox"/> Waits to be told
Dependability (choose one)	<input type="checkbox"/> Of superior dependability & responsibility	<input type="checkbox"/> Most often dependable & responsible	<input type="checkbox"/> Usually dependable & responsible	<input type="checkbox"/> Shows some dependability & dependability occasionally	<input type="checkbox"/> More unreliable than dependable
Leadership (choose one)	<input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding leader	<input type="checkbox"/> Leads when comfortable and confident	<input type="checkbox"/> Leads occasionally	<input type="checkbox"/> Let's others lead	<input type="checkbox"/> Unable to lead

What is the student's greatest strength?

What is the student's greatest weakness?

Overall rating as a candidate for a scholarship: Outstanding Good Average Poor

Please add any further information about the applicant which you feel would assist us in evaluating him/her as a candidate for the Big Brothers Big Sisters Bold Path to a Bright Future Scholarship:

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Position: _____ School: _____

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