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Application Criteria for Last Dollar Grants 2019-20 School Year

Bridges to College will offer last-dollar renewable grants of up to \$500 to selected graduates of Ansonia, Franklin Monroe, and Greenville school districts who have demonstrated unmet need. Grant award winners will be selected by a review committee.

ELIGIBILITY (ALL APPLICANTS):

1. Students must be a high school senior in or recent graduate of a school district served by Bridges to College (Ansonia, Franklin Monroe, and Greenville). Bridges to College defines recent graduate as a student who has graduated from a school district served by Bridges to College within the last 5 years.
2. Students shall be considered for a grant only after they have demonstrated that they have applied for all other sources of financial aid and still demonstrate financial need after receiving financial aid from other sources. We determine unmet need based on federal guidelines and our completed Financial Aid Certification Form.
3. Students must be completing their first undergraduate degree only and in their first four years of college.
4. Students must have a minimum Cumulative High School GPA of 2.0 and maintain a Cumulative College GPA of 2.0.
5. Students must attend an accredited post-secondary institution and must be enrolled full-time (12 credit hours or more) during each school year awarded. No grants will be awarded to part-time students.
6. The recipient of the Bridges to College grant must volunteer 15 hours of community service in Darke County during each school year grant is awarded. The grant school year is from June 1, 20XX to May 31, 20XX.
7. Last Dollar Grant Applications must be received by the deadline. This includes a COPY of the Financial Aid Certification Form that was signed and presented to your college.
8. We will NOT accept late applications unless prior approval is received by and an acknowledgement of extension is granted by Bridges to College. An extension of time (if granted) to file the application will only be until the end of the month.
9. We allow the colleges until May 31st to complete and return the completed Financial Aid Certification Form to our office.

ADDITIONAL FIRST YEAR RECIPIENT REQUIREMENTS:

1. Students shall submit to the Bridges to College Director their current class schedules and grades from their prior semester (if applicable) prior to receiving scholarship money for current semester. Deadline dates are August 31 for Fall Semester and February 1 for the Spring semester. No late paperwork will be accepted unless prior approval has been received and an acknowledgement of extension is granted by Bridges to College.

ADDITIONAL RENEWAL RECIPIENT REQUIREMENTS:

1. Students will submit a new Last Dollar Grant Application and Financial Aid Certification Form each year
2. The grant cannot be renewed more than 3 times for any recipient of the grant
3. Students shall submit to the Bridges to College Director their current class schedules and grades from their prior semester (if applicable) prior to receiving scholarship money for current semester. Deadline dates are August 31 for Fall Semester and February 1 for the Spring semester. No late paperwork will be accepted unless prior approval has been received and an acknowledgement of extension is granted by Bridges to College.
4. Community service hours must be completed. If student doesn't complete the hours, they will not be eligible to renew the grant.

OTHER ITEMS:

1. The scholarship committee will give consideration to students who have participated in Bridges to College's mentoring program and College programs.
2. The grant will be paid in two installments directly to the post-secondary institution. The first ½ of the grant will be paid before the beginning of the Fall semester and other ½ of the grant will be paid before the beginning of the Spring semester.
3. **All decisions of Bridges to College with respect to the grant are final and not subject to additional review or appeal.**
4. A student, who upon discovery by the Board of Trustees fails to complete a semester in which they received a grant, shall pay back such grant to Bridges to College.

TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION PROCESS:

1. Applicant must have applied for financial aid from federal, state, and college/school sources before that institution's priority deadline or May 1, 2019 whichever comes first.
2. Applicant must mail the documents necessary to complete this application on or before **May 1, 2019** to:
Bridges to College, P.O. Box 223, Greenville, OH 45331

CHECK LIST:

- _____ Sign and submit the Financial Aid Certification Form (enclosed) to the Financial Aid Office at my Institution
- _____ Submit the following documents to the Bridges to College Office on or before the deadline:
 1. A completed and signed Last Dollar Grant Application
 2. A copy of the signed Financial Aid Certification Form given to the Financial Aid Office at my Institution
 3. A copy of my high school transcript and my most recent post-secondary institution grade report (if applicable)
 4. A copy of any other documents that I wish to provide in connection with my application
- _____ The Financial Aid Office at my Institution has completed and returned the Financial Aid Certification Form to the Bridges to College Office on or before the deadline

If you have any questions, please contact Anne McKinney at (937) 423-2442 or ohiobridges2college@gmail.com.



Last Dollar Grant Application

Due May 1, 2019

Part 1: Personal Information (Please print clearly)

Name _____ Preferred Nickname _____
Address _____ City _____
Home phone number: (____) _____ - _____ Cell phone (____) _____ - _____
Preferred email address: _____ Preferred phone # _____
High School granting your diploma: _____ Year/Month _____
Your high school grade point average _____ Current College GPA (if applicable) _____

Part 2: College Information

Have you applied for OR received this grant before? _____ Year/Years _____
Name of institution you will attend in 2019-2020 Academic Year _____
College mailing address for GRANT money (this is where grant money, if awarded, will be sent):
College Name and Department: _____
College Address: _____
City, State and Zip _____
Your major: _____ Year: Freshman ____ Soph ____ Jr. ____ Sr. ____
Expected year of graduation: _____ Expected degree _____

Part 3: Parental Information

Names of Parent(s)/Guardian _____
Address (with city/state/zip) _____
Email address _____ Phone _____

Highest educational level of mother:

- Less than high school diploma
- High school diploma
- Some college
- Associate's or technical degree
- Bachelor's degree or higher

Highest educational level of father:

- Less than high school diploma
- High school diploma
- Some college
- Associate's or technical degree
- Bachelor's degree or higher

Part 4: Additional Scholarships and Grants.

Please list the scholarships you have applied for this year. Circle those that you received.

Part 5: Additional Information

If there are any special circumstances that you feel our scholarship committee should know in considering your grant, please explain below or attach an explanation to this application:

Part 6: Other Items:

If selected to receive the Last Dollar Grant, I agree to:

1. Complete a minimum of 15 hours of community service in Darke County: Yes _____ No _____
2. Give my permission to use my pictures for promotional purposes: Yes _____ No _____

I acknowledge to be considered for a Last Dollar Grant the following items:

1. I must sign and submit the Financial Aid Certification Form to the Financial Aid Office at my Institution
2. I must submit the following documents to the Bridges to College Office on or before the deadline:
 - a. A completed and signed Last Dollar Grant Application
 - b. A copy of the signed Financial Aid Certification Form given to the Financial Aid Office at my Institution
 - c. A copy of my high school transcript and my most recent post-secondary institution grade report (if applicable)
 - d. A copy of any other documents that I wish to provide in connection with this application
3. The completed Financial Aid Certification Form [completed by Institution] must be received by Bridges to Colleges on or before its due date (*failure to do so will result in your application not being considered*)

Part 7: Agreement to Rules Governing Last Dollar Grants from Bridges to College

The undersigned agrees that Bridges to College may use, transmit, or receive information from this and from the undersigned's FAFSA and PROFILE reports, as well as from the undersigned's college award letter when used for admission, determining aid eligibility, or referral, and may also request the undersigned's high school and college grade point average and/or transcript. The guidelines for last dollar grants from Bridges to College are available at the Bridges to College's office, located in the media center, at Greenville High School. Initial grants are offered only to persons who have graduated from school districts served by Bridges to College. For the 2019-2020 academic year these are the applicable school districts: Ansonia, Franklin Monroe, and Greenville. The maximum amount of this year's grant is \$500. Unmet need for financial aid is determined by the student's postsecondary school in its analysis of the student's most recent FAFSA form. Bridges to College does not discriminate in awarding last-dollar scholarship grants on the basis of race, sex, religion, national origin, employment, handicap, marital status, sexual orientation, or age. By signing this application, the undersigned hereby acknowledges receipt of the guidelines and agrees to abide by them. The undersigned also gives permission for this completed application to be shared with any other organizations that grant scholarships for which the undersigned may qualify.

Student signature _____ Date _____

Parent or Guardian Signature (if student under age 18) _____ Date: _____

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Financial Aid Certification Form

To be considered for a Last Dollar Grant from Bridges to College, students are required to submit information about the financial aid that they have received. This information will assist Bridges to College in determining the correct grant amounts to award its potential award winners. Grant applicants please provide a signed form to your institutions Financial Aid Office and include a copy of the signed form with your Last Dollar Grant Application due May 1, 2019. Institution Financial Aid Office personnel please complete and return our office by May 10, 2019.

(To be filled out by student)

Student Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

I give permission to the Bridges to College organization to obtain information about my financial aid status. This information will be utilized to determine my eligibility for its Last Dollar Grant.

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent or Guardian's Signature (if student is under age 18): _____

Parent or Guardian's Name: _____ **Date:** _____

(To be filled out by the Institution Financial Aid Office)

College or University Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Undergraduate Cost of Attendance/Budget (tuition, room, and board only): \$ _____

Student's EFC (as determined by the FAFSA): _____

Gift Financial Aid:

Pell Grant	\$ _____	Athletic Scholarships	\$ _____
SEOG	\$ _____	Ohio College Opportunity Grant	\$ _____
Institutional Scholarships	\$ _____	Other Grants	\$ _____
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Self-Help Financial Aid: *(Please exclude any parent loans)*

Work-Study	\$ _____	Perkins Loan	\$ _____
Stafford/Direct Loans	\$ _____	Other Self-Help Aid	\$ _____

Total Financial Aid Package: *(Excluding parent loans)* \$ _____

Unmet Financial Need: COA minus (Student's EFC and Financial Aid Package) \$ _____

Signature of Financial Aid Official: _____ **Date:** _____

Printed Name: _____ **Title:** _____

Phone Number: _____ **E-mail address:** _____

Please return this completed form to:
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