



Application for Admission

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Application Guidelines

Complete application is due **Friday, December 1, 2006**:

- General Information
- Candidate Form
- Parent Form
- Financial Aid Form
- Report Card and Test Scores
- Teacher Evaluation Form

ANTI-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

Boston Scholars Program, Inc. ("BSP") is a non-profit organization organized to further educational opportunity for meritorious children of proven financial need through scholarships and mentoring programs. BSP is dedicated to building a diverse community by awarding scholarships, by administering its mentoring programs, and by enabling employment, volunteer and internship opportunities. No person shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any BSP program or activity on the basis of age, race, culture, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin or ethnicity, or disability. BSP will comply with all applicable laws prohibiting such discrimination. If you would like more information on BSP's anti-discrimination policies, please contact us at Boston Scholars Program, Inc., 75 Federal Street – 5th Floor, Boston Massachusetts.



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GENERAL INFORMATION

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Candidate's Name _____ Male Female

Usually Called _____ Date of Birth _____

Home Address _____
 Number Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Telephone _____ Candidate's email _____

Mobile phone _____

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Current School: _____ Grades Attended: _____

School Address: _____

Principal: _____ Guidance Counselor: _____

Have you ever skipped or repeated any grades? Yes No

If Yes, Please explain: _____

How did you hear about Boston Scholars? (Circle one)

School Mentor BSP Presentation Website Other: _____

Teacher Recommendation requested from: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

CITIZENSHIP INFORMATION

Candidate's Citizenship _____ Candidate's Place of Birth: _____

Primary Language spoken at home _____ How many languages do you fluently speak? _____

Is English your first language? Yes No

If you speak a language(s) other than English, please specify: _____

Applicant's Ethnic Background/Race (optional):

African American (specify) _____ Asian/Pacific Islander (specify) _____ Caucasian _____

Native American _____ Latino/Hispanic (specify) _____ Other: _____



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FAMILY INFORMATION

[1] Parents/Guardians Name _____ Mr. Mrs. Ms. Other _____

Relationship to Candidate: _____

Home Address _____

Home Phone _____

Mobile Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Email _____

Occupation _____

Employer _____

Citizenship _____

Country of Birth _____

[2] Parents/Guardians Name _____ Mr. Mrs. Ms. Other _____

Relationship to Candidate: _____

Home Address _____

Home Phone _____

Mobile Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Email _____

Occupation _____

Employer _____

Citizenship _____

Country of Birth _____

Parents/Guardian are: Married Never Married Separated Divorced

Student lives with: [1] Parent/Guardian [2] Parent/Guardian Both Other _____

How many older brothers or sisters does the applicant have? _____

How many younger brothers or sisters does the applicant have? _____



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CANDIDATE FORM

Candidate's Name: _____

SHORT ANSWER

1. What tuition-based high schools did you apply to for admission? _____

2. What extra-curricular activities, clubs, and/or programs are you involved in that are particularly important to you and why? _____

3. If given the opportunity, what new activities would you like to try in high school and why? _____

4. What do you find most interesting about the Boston Scholars Program and why? _____

5. What positive contributions do you feel you have made to your school? _____

6. List any honors or prizes you have received during middle school. _____



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7. Indicate a person (other than your parents) who has had a significant influence on you, and describe that influence? _____

8. Do you currently have a mentor, either formal through matching program or informal relationship? Explain. _____

9. How would a Boston Scholar Mentor benefit you? _____

10. Have you participated in a community service activity during the past 12 months?

If yes, describe the activity, how you helped, and how you felt after the activity: _____

If no, describe your ideal community service project and who would benefit from it? _____



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ESSAY QUESTION

Essay Choose an event or moment in your life that has had a positive or negative influence on you and the choices you've made in and/or outside of school. How do you think your life would be different if this event or moment had not occurred? (Limit one page)

BOSTON SCHOLARS COMMITMENT

The Boston Scholars Program evaluates applicants on the basis of individual merit, financial need, and family support. We expect Scholars to fulfill the following obligations of the program:

1. **Consistent Communication with Mentors:** Scholars must schedule time on a regular basis to communicate with their Mentors either by phone or email. We encourage Scholars to use their BSP email address which will be provided.
2. **One-On-One Time:** Scholars must plan time to get together with their Mentors one-on-one for two hours, twice a month. The best way to get to know one another and begin to build a friendship is to spend quality time together one-on-one.
3. **Attendance at BSP events:** Another part of the Scholar commitment to BSP is attendance at our events (5-6 per year). This is a great opportunity for Scholars to see their Mentors and meet other Scholars in the Program.
4. **Schoolwork:** Independent schools are very challenging. We want to help our Scholars succeed educationally, and we encourage Scholars to seek their Mentors' help, whether it is accessing resources at school, tutoring, helping directly with school assignments, or researching colleges and SAT prep courses.
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6. **Consistent Communication with BSP and BBMB:** Scholars are required to keep in touch with us and let us know how things are going, if there is anything they need or if their contact details have changed. In addition, we require that BSP is copied on all high school grades and teacher comments. BBMB also checks in with Scholars and their parents/guardians periodically, and we encourage Scholars and their families to contact BBMB as well with any questions or concerns.

By signing below, the applicant acknowledges that this application is filled out accurately and agrees to fulfill this commitment in the event that he/she is selected for participation in the program. Boston Scholars Program reserves the right to remove the applicant from the program if he/she does not meet the above commitment.

Signature of Candidate: _____

Date: _____

Candidate's Name _____



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PARENT FORM

Candidate's Name _____

What are your child's most notable strengths? (Please include interpersonal skills, athletic talents, and artistic passions, etc.) .

Please describe how your child spends his/her time outside of school. _____

What do you hope Boston Scholars will do for your child if he/she is accepted into the program? _____

Mentoring is a large portion of what Boston Scholars does. If your child is selected into BSP, do you see any possible conflicts with regular mentoring meetings between your child and his/her mentor?

NO If no, how do you think a mentor will benefit your child? _____

YES If yes, please describe your concerns: _____



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THE FAMILY COMMITMENT

(As part of the application process, we ask all prospective scholars and guardians to make a commitment to the program if accepted. The Family Commitment helps establish the expectations of scholars and their families.)

The Boston Scholars Program (BSP) provides partial tuition and stipend assistance for the purpose of helping guardians defray some of the costs of a private high school education. This four-year aid package can begin at \$1,000 per child per year. We expect the guardians to commit to procuring the remainder of the financial burden of their child's education. Guardians are also expected to work closely with the child's mentor/sponsor from the Boston community to help prepare their child educationally and emotionally for the college application and matriculation process.

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By signing below, the parent/guardian acknowledges that this application is filled out accurately and agrees to fulfill this commitment in the event that this candidate is selected for participation in the program. Signature also indicates that if child is selected the Boston Scholars Program may use Scholars name and photo in BSP Publications and on website.

Signature of Guardian: _____

Date: _____

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FINANCIAL AID FORM

Candidate's Name _____

Financial need is a criterion for all applicants to the Boston Scholars Program. The BSP uses qualification in several State & Federal Programs as indicators of financial need.

1. Does your child qualify in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for enrollment in the National School Lunch Program?

YES NO

If Yes, please provide a copy of your child's lunch card pass or letter from the school.

2. Does your child qualify in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for Masshealth Insurance?

YES NO

If Yes, please provide a copy of the letter of acceptance or insurance card.

3. Does the parent/guardian the child lives with qualify for Federal Fuel Assistance Program in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts?

YES NO

If Yes, please provide a copy of the letter of acceptance from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

If you feel your child fits the financial aid criteria to be a Scholar within the Boston Scholars Program, but does not qualify with one of the programs above, please explain. _____

Household Income as stated on 2005 tax return: _____



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ACADEMIC RECORDS

Consent to Release Academic Information

In order to assist the Boston Scholars' staff in attaining a clear view of my child's academic ability and social progress in high school, I hereby authorize the release of complete school records and transcripts for my child,

_____, to the Boston Scholars Program. Thank you.

Candidate's Name

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

TRANSCRIPT

Please attach a copy of Candidate's Transcript for 6-8 grade years.

TEST SCORES

Please attach a copy of Candidate's MCAS and Stanford 9 test scores for 6-8 grade years.

TO THE PRINCIPAL OR GUIDANCE COUNSELOR: The mission of the Boston Scholars Program is to open doors through educational opportunity. We seek to achieve our mission by granting tuition-based school scholarships to meritorious Boston-area high school students who have demonstrated a pressing financial need and by pairing these "Boston Scholars" with mentors from the Boston professional community who share similar academic and professional interests. The above student is applying for admission to the Boston Scholars Program.

Please send 6-8 grade transcripts and test scores for the above student to:
Boston Scholars Program
c/o Laurine Lamour
75 Federal Street, 5th Floor
Boston, MA 02110

Or fax them to: 617-542-8855, attn: Laurine Lamour

Thank you for your help in this process. If you have any questions, please call (617) 956-0216.



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TEACHER EVALUATION FORM

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Candidate's Name _____

What subjects have you taught this candidate? (Subject & Year) _____

How long have you known this candidate? (Years) _____

What three words first come to mind when thinking of this candidate?

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

What benefit do you think Boston Scholars Program could have on this candidate? _____

Do the candidate's grades truly reflect his/her academic ability? Can this candidate accurately and realistically assess his/her own academic abilities? _____



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Candidate's Name: _____

Please comment on the candidate's character, citizenship, and contribution to your community. _____

Please add any additional information that will give us a more complete picture of this candidate. _____

I recommend this candidate to the Boston Scholars Program:

- Enthusiastically Strongly Fairly Strong * Without Enthusiasm * Not Recommended *

* Please explain your recommendation: _____



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		Outstanding	Excellent	Good	Poor	Not applicable
a.	Academic motivation	4	3	2	1	N/A
b.	Attitude towards homework	4	3	2	1	N/A
c.	Study skills	4	3	2	1	N/A
d.	Concern for others	4	3	2	1	N/A
e.	Respect by Faculty	4	3	2	1	N/A
f.	Intellectual curiosity	4	3	2	1	N/A
g.	Willingness to try new activities	4	3	2	1	N/A
h.	Time management	4	3	2	1	N/A
i.	Ability to be a group leader	4	3	2	1	N/A
j.	Class participation	4	3	2	1	N/A
k.	Honesty & Integrity	4	3	2	1	N/A
l.	Ability to work independently	4	3	2	1	N/A
m.	Self-confidence	4	3	2	1	N/A
n.	Ability to accept criticism	4	3	2	1	N/A
o.	Contribution to positive spirit in your classroom	4	3	2	1	N/A
p.	General level of maturity	4	3	2	1	N/A

Thank you for taking the time to give us some valuable information about this candidate. Your opinion is important to this application.

Signature

Date