



## 2024 Busey Bank Bridge Scholarship

**Scholarship information:** *The Busey Bank Bridge Scholarship* offers financial support toward continuing education endeavors to applicants of all ages and educational backgrounds. Applicants will be required to meet specific eligibility requirements. \$25,000 in the aggregate will be awarded annually through the Busey Bank Bridge Scholarship Fund. Such funds will be disbursed through ten, individual, \$2,500 scholarships throughout the Busey Bank service areas. The scholarship funds can be used for tuition, fees, books or supplies for continuing education. Funds cannot be used for personal purchases at the bookstore.

- Scholarship recipients are selected by a Scholarship Committee, appointed by Busey Bank, at its sole discretion.
- In the event a recipient receives a full scholarship from another source, any award received from Busey Bank will be withdrawn.
- Scholarship recipients will also receive a Busey Bank gift.
- The application deadline is **June 3, 2024**.
- Selected scholarship recipients will be notified by July 8, 2024.

### **Eligibility Criteria** *All applicants must:*

Meet the following income requirement: Annual gross family income cannot exceed 80% of the median income in your county. Reference your county's information below.

Be a high school graduate or equivalent.

Be enrolled or eligible for admission at a continuing education facility.

Use the awarded scholarship during the upcoming academic year.

Busey Bank associates and associates' family members are excluded.

Applicants do NOT need to be a Busey Bank customer to apply.

Scholarship recipients will be chosen without regard to race, ethnicity, national origin, sex or gender.

Must reside in one of the following Counties within the applicable States set forth below:

**Illinois:** *Champaign, McLean, Peoria, Tazewell, Macon, Will, Grundy, Cook, DuPage, Madison, St. Clair*

**Missouri:** *St. Louis, St. Louis City County, St. Charles*

**Florida:** *Charlotte, Lee, Sarasota*

**Indiana:** *Hamilton, Marion*

State	County Code	AA_Name	County Name	2023 MFI	LMI Max (inclusive)
IL	17113	AA – Bloomington, IL	McLean County	\$115,000	\$92,000
IL	17019	AA – Champaign-Urba	Champaign County	\$99,900	\$79,920
IL	17143	AA - Peoria	Peoria County	\$91,900	\$73,520
IL	17179	AA - Peoria	Tazewell County	\$91,900	\$73,520
IL	17115	AA - Decatur	Macon County	\$82,200	\$65,760
IL	17197	AA – Chicago-Naperville-Evanston	Will County	\$112,300	\$89,840
IL	17063	AA – Chicago-Naperville-Evanston	Grundy County	\$109,200	\$87,360
IL	17031	AA – Chicago-Naperville-Evanston	Cook County	\$112,300	\$89,840
IL	17043	AA – Chicago-Naperville-Evanston	DuPage County	\$112,300	\$89,840
IL	17119	AA – St. Louis	Madison County	\$101,200	\$80,960
IL	17163	AA – St. Louis	St. Clair County	\$101,200	\$80,960
IN	18057	AA – Indianapolis-Carmel-Anderson	Hamilton County	\$99,400	\$79,520
IN	18097	AA – Indianapolis-Carmel-Anderson	Marion County	\$99,400	\$79,520
MO	29189	AA – St. Louis	St. Louis County	\$101,200	\$80,960
MO	29183	AA – St. Louis	St. Charles County	\$101,200	\$80,960
MO	29510	AA – St. Louis	St. Louis City County	\$101,200	\$80,960
FL	12015	AA – Punta Gorda	Charlotte County	\$77,300	\$61,840
FL	12071	AA – Cape Coral-Fort Myers	Lee County	\$85,900	\$68,720
FL	12115	AA – North Port-Sarasota-Bradenton	Sarasota County	\$98,700	\$78,960

## How to Apply

Complete the Scholarship Application using this form. If you would like to fill out an online application, please visit [Busey.com/scholarship](https://busey.com/scholarship)

Include the following documents with your Scholarship Application:

A copy of your high school transcripts and/or transcripts from any other post-secondary education received.

Proof of enrollment at a continuing education facility.

Three letters of recommendation/reference. One letter should be employment or academic-related and two should be character references. Please attach this information to the Scholarship Application.

Write a 500-word essay stating your aims and goals in obtaining further education. Please refer to the Scholarship Application for essay details.

Proof of income qualification. Examples include a copy of your most recent tax return, proof of public assistance, or any other valid verification. A photocopy is sufficient.

The completed Scholarship Application and supporting documents must be received on or before June 3, 2024.

After the Scholarship Committee has reviewed each submitted Scholarship Application, selected applicants will be notified and sent a Busey gift.

*\*Please note: In situations where a tax return is unavailable, the following list provides a few examples of additional forms of income that can be provided.*

- Unemployment Statements
- Social Security Statements
- Public Assistance Documentation
- Other Valid Verification

Application inquiries and supporting documentation should be directed to [charitableteam@busey.com](mailto:charitableteam@busey.com).

# Busey Bank Bridge Scholarship Advisory Committee Scholarship Application

Please type or print legibly in black ink.

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Applicant's Parent(s) / Guardian(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address Same as above \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

## High Schools/Post-Secondary Schools Attended

Name of School	City and State	Dates
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Year of Schooling: **Fall Freshman** **Fall Sophomore** **Fall Junior** **Fall Senior** **Masters**

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Work Experience

Business & Address	Position Held	Name of Supervisor	Dates of Employment	Average Hours/Week	Annual Household Income

## Extracurricular Activities (include dates and any leadership role held)

A. Academic (Examples: student council, yearbook club, scholastic bowl, honor societies, etc.)

B. Community (Examples: community volunteering, church involvement, Rotary, etc.)

C. Athletics (Examples: teams, coaching)

D. Arts (Examples: music ensembles, photography club, theater, etc.)

### Essay

On a separate sheet of paper, write an essay (500 words or less) stating your aims and goals in furthering your education.

Content, organization, and proper grammar usage will be considered. This essay must be included with the other required documentation or emailed to [charitableteam@busey.com](mailto:charitableteam@busey.com) by June 3, 2024, in order to be considered for the scholarship.

*Please note: All documents must be submitted in a pdf or jpeg format. Google Documents will NOT be accepted.*

### Photo/Video Release

In the event I am awarded a scholarship from Busey Bank, my signature here does hereby give Busey Bank, their assigns, legal representatives, and successors the irrevocable right to use my name, picture, portrait, photograph, image, or voice in all forms and media and in all manners, including publication and advertising of every description, and I waive any right to inspect or approve the finished product, including written copy, that may be created in connection therewith.

I also release Busey Bank and any and all of its representatives from any and all monetary obligations or payments to me or any or all of my authorized representatives for use of video, films, photographs, images and/or voice of myself. I have read this release and am fully familiar with its content.

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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

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DATE

If the person listed above is under the age of 18, the signature of a parent or guardian is required.

I, (printed name) being the parent or legal guardian of the above-named minor, hereby consent and agree to the above.

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SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN

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DATE