

Busey Bank Community Reinvestment Act Advisory Committee Scholarship

Scholarship Objective

To support the academic endeavors of low-to-moderate income students with a desire to continue their higher education.

Scholarship Award

1. The Busey Bank Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) Scholarship, in the amount of \$1,000, can be used by the recipient to cover tuition, fees, books and supplies while pursuing studies in a degree program at a college or university approved by the scholarship committee. (Examples: Florida Gulf Coast University, Edison State College, Hodges University and Barry University)
2. The Scholarship Committee, which is appointed by Busey Bank, will select the recipient from the applications received on or before June 15, 2010. Busey Bank will acknowledge receipt of all applications in writing.
3. In the event a recipient receives a full scholarship from another source, any award received from Busey Bank will be withdrawn.
4. If the recipient cannot accept the award, it will go to the next qualified recipient in order of merit, as determined by the scholarship committee.
5. When the selection has been made, the recipient will be notified in writing by Busey Bank.
6. The \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to the recipient on August 1 of the year in which the award is granted.

Eligibility Criteria

All applicants must:

1. Meet the following income requirement:

Annual gross family income cannot exceed 80% of the median income which is \$49,850 in Lee, Charlotte and Sarasota Counties. This includes the income of everyone over the age of 18 living in the home.
2. Be a high school graduate or equivalent.
3. Be enrolled or eligible for admission as a degree candidate a college or university approved by the scholarship committee. (Examples: Florida Gulf Coast University, Edison State College, Hodges University and Barry University)
4. Use the awarded scholarship during the upcoming academic year.
5. Have been a resident of Lee, Charlotte or Sarasota Counties for at least three years prior to applying for the CRA Scholarship.
6. Busey associates and associates' families are excluded.

How to Apply

1. Complete the attached Scholarship Application form. Please type or print legibly in black ink.
2. Send the completed application along with:
 - a. A copy or copies of your high school transcripts and transcripts from any other schools that you have attended since high school. (Former scholarship recipients reapplying for the scholarship must submit transcripts or grade reports from the institution they have attended.)
 - b. Three (3) letters of recommendation/reference. One (1) letter should be employment or academic related and two (2) should be character references. Please attach to this application.
 - c. A 500 word essay stating your aims and goals in obtaining further education. Please refer to the application for essay details.
 - d. Proof of income qualification. Examples include proof of public assistance, a copy of your most recent tax return, or any other valid verification. (Photocopy of one of these is sufficient.)

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3. The completed application and supporting documents must be received on or before June 15, 2010.
4. After the selection committee has reviewed each application, selected applicants will be informed of a date, time and location for an interview with the scholarship committee, after which the final selection will be made.

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Application

Please type or print legibly in black ink.

Name of Applicant _____ Date _____

Home Address _____

City _____ Phone _____

Date of Birth _____ Sex _____

Name of Applicant's Parent(s) / Guardian(s) _____

Home Address _____

City _____ Phone _____

High Schools/Post Secondary Schools Attended

Name of School

City and State

Dates

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

Work Experience:

Business/ Address	Position Held	Name of Supervisor	Dates of Employment	Average Hours/ Worked Weekly
A.) _____ _____				
B.) _____ _____				
C.) _____ _____				

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

A. School _____

B. Community _____

C. Church _____

List any hobbies in which you are actively involved:

If you feel your grades as reported on the transcript(s) do not adequately represent your abilities or achievements, please state reasons:

What are your particular interests:

On a separate sheet of paper, write an essay (500 words or less) stating your aims and goals in furthering your education which will help you attain your personal aims in life. (Content, organization and proper English usage will be considered in the judging.) Attach completed essay to the application.

Signature of Applicant

Date