



# Bond Brothers Scholarship Application 2026



*For consideration for the 2026 School Year, summer or fall enrollment, all applicants should return their application on or before March 24th, 2026.*

*>High School Students should return their completed application to their school guidance office.*

*>Non-traditional applicants (having graduated high school one or more years ago) should email completed application to [hollyneal@cumberlandunitedfund.org](mailto:hollyneal@cumberlandunitedfund.org) (preferable) or mail to the Cumberland County United Fund, 348 Taylor Street, Suite 101, Crossville, TN 38555.*

## Applicant Criteria

1. Must be a resident of Cumberland County.
2. Will have graduated from high school or passed the GED HS equivalency by award presentation time;
3. Have applied to an accredited undergraduate Tennessee college, university, trade or vocational school;
4. Have completed all 4 pages and returned this application by the deadline;
5. Show financial need
6. Show scholastic aptitude (although academic excellence may be assigned a lesser role);
7. Include a (1) one-page essay stating needs and goals;
8. Include contact information for (3) three personal references
9. Complete an interview with the selection committee, if requested;
10. Age will not be a criterion;
11. Receipt of this scholarship does not preclude receiving scholarships from other sources.

## Personal Information (print or type legibly)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Best phone number to reach you \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Are you employed? ( ) Yes ( ) No Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Choose one: ( ) Full Time ( ) Part Time

Are you a community volunteer? ( ) Yes ( ) No Where \_\_\_\_\_

Name of school(s) or college(s) you plan to attend and when (date or term) or current status if already enrolled in post-secondary program \_\_\_\_\_

Field of study \_\_\_\_\_

Admission Status:   ☐ Currently attending;   ☐ Accepted;   ☐ Pending;   ☐ Have not applied

Have you filed the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)   ☐ Yes   ☐ No

If yes, have you been notified if you qualify for a Pell Grant/Work Study, etc.   ☐ Yes   ☐ No

List other sources of financial aid, scholarships, etc., for which you have applied\_\_\_\_\_

Have you received notification from any of the above sources that you have received the award? If so, list name

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Are you currently in the TNAchieves (Tennessee Promise)/Reconnect ?   ☐ Yes   ☐ No

Are you the first in your family to attend college?   ☐ Yes   ☐ No

Do you have personal savings?   ☐ Yes   ☐ No

***Traditional Applicants (current high school student, planning to go to a post-secondary should complete family information below:***

Father/Guardian\_\_\_\_\_ Occupation  
Employer\_\_\_\_\_ & Position  
(Choose one)   ☐ Full Time   ☐ Part Time

Mother/Guardian\_\_\_\_\_ Occupation  
Employer\_\_\_\_\_ & Position  
(Choose one)   ☐ Full Time   ☐ Part Time

Number of other children living at home: \_\_\_\_\_Ages\_\_\_\_\_

Is anyone else in your family attending a post-secondary school? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, how many\_\_\_\_\_

Where will you be living during the school year?:   ☐ On campus   ☐ Off campus   ☐ With parents

Current yearly income range for your family: Choose one:

☐ Less than \$10,000   ☐ \$10,000 - \$20,000   ☐ \$20,000 - \$30,000   ☐ \$30,000 - \$40,000

☐ \$40,000 - \$50,000   ☐ \$50,000 - \$60,000   ☐ \$60,000 - \$70,000   ☐ Over \$70,000

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***Non-traditional applicants (having graduated HS one or more years ago or currently attending post-secondary school and living independently of parents) should complete the following:***

Are you a Military Service/Veteran? ( ) Yes ( ) No Branch of Service \_\_\_\_\_

Significant Other (if any) \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Their Employer \_\_\_\_\_ (circle) Full Time Part Time

Number of children in household \_\_\_\_\_ ages \_\_\_\_\_

Where will you be living during the school year? ( ) On campus ( ) Off campus ( ) With parents

Current yearly income range for you/your family: Choose One

( ) Less than \$10,000 ( ) \$10,000 - \$20,000 ( ) \$20,000 - \$30,000 ( ) \$30,000 - \$40,000

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### Statement of Needs and Goals

***Please write and attach a one-page essay explaining your reasons for submitting this application. Include the following topics in your discussion with each one addressed in a separate paragraph:***

- The personal circumstances related to your need for financial aid to further your education
- Your academic and career goals
- Your current employment and/or school major and its relationship to your future plans
- Your role and involvement in community activities

### Please list 3 Personal References (not family members)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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### Disclaimer and Signature

*I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.*

*If this application leads to the receipt of a scholarship, I understand that false or misleading information in my application and/or subsequent interview may result in disqualification.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Selection and Notification

Applications will be reviewed by a Selection Committee chosen by the United Fund. The Selection Committee will determine recipients. Current High School Applicants will be notified if they have been selected to receive a scholarship during the week of Cumberland County High School Graduation. Non-traditional applicants will be notified prior to their projected enrollment date in the 2026-27 school year.

UF reserves the right not to present a scholarship if no applicants are deemed merited. Unawarded scholarships or monies will be used for future scholarships.

Personal Essay