

# BRIANA MARIE COX FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

## **About the Briana Marie Cox Foundation Scholarship**

The purpose of the scholarship is to help others triumph over loss by giving hope for the future at a time when it is much needed. Awarding college scholarships to deserving high school seniors is one way the Foundation can do its part.

## **Amount of Award:**

A one time, non-renewable, award of \$3,000 will be paid to the school for which the recipient provides proof of enrollment. Awards announced by mid-May at a ceremony for which the date and time are to be determined. Traditionally, this ceremony has been part the Community Foundation Scholarship portion of the Pathfinder Awards held at the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts in West Palm Beach.

## **Scholarship Eligibility Requirements:**

- For any high school senior who, in their lifetime, has lost a parent, legal guardian, or sibling.
- Proof of loss in the form of a copy of the death certificate, or equivalent legal document, is required.
- The student must be enrolled in a public or private high school in Palm Beach or Martin County, Florida.
- Financial need is not a consideration.

## **Judging:**

Judging will be based on each applicant's overall prior and continuing achievements, including activity in school organizations, the community, and athletics, as well as their academic record, and interviews in which the applicants will discuss their career plans and personal aspirations.

All applicants are encouraged to visit the Foundation website:

[www.brianamariemaxfoundation.org](http://www.brianamariemaxfoundation.org)

to better communicate in their application essay how their plans and interests coincide with the vision, mission, motto, and principles of the Foundation.

**GUIDELINES FOR COMPLETING  
THE BRIANA MARIE COX SCHOLARSHIP  
APPLICATION FORM**

1. Submit seven (7) - (1 original plus 6 photocopies) - packets of materials. Each packet should be stapled together (no binders or folders) and be printed on 8 1/2" x 11" plain white paper. The packets may not have more than 20 single-sided pages (no cover or top sheets, please).

All packets **must** include the following in this order:

- a. Completed 2020 Application Form with all signatures
  - b. A verifiable statement of loss including certification (i.e. death certificate)
  - c. A verifiable recommendation letter from Principal, Guidance Counselor, or Teacher
  - d. A verifiable recommendation letter from a Community Leader (i.e. Clergy, Public Official, Non-Profit Corporation Officer, Business Owner, etc...)
  - e. A list of applicant's accomplishments, extracurricular activities, and other important achievements
  - f. A 400-500 word essay describing the applicant and their future goals in keeping with the vision, mission, motto, and principles of the Foundation
  - g. A list of schools or colleges where the applicant has applied and the applicant's planned course of study
  - h. Examples of applicant's work or achievements related to the principles of the Briana Marie Cox Foundation (see [brianamariecoxfoundation.org](http://brianamariecoxfoundation.org))
  - i. An original transcript (please do not leave it in an envelope)
2. Photos: Two (2) color professional wallet sized photographs. No scanned or color copied photos.
    - a. Write name, school, and "BMC Scholarship" on back of pictures with indelible ink (i.e. Sharpie).
    - b. Tape one photo to the front of the original Application Form, place other photo in an envelope and include with your packet.
    - c. Send your best photos - your photo may be included in Foundation promotional material.
  3. Type or print neatly all requested information.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

We will not accept any videotapes, scrapbooks, slides, cassettes, DVD's/CD's, or rolled artwork. No submitted materials will be returned.

**SEND ALL ENTRIES TO:**

Briana Marie Cox Foundation  
286 Kensington Way  
Royal Palm Beach, FL 33414

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:**

Barbara Gaidosh - President      (561) 795-1070

**2020  
BRIANA MARIE COX SCHOLARSHIP  
APPLICATION FORM**

Use one piece of tape to attach a professional portrait photo here. This photo will be used at the awards ceremony if you are a finalist. (Put tape loop on back of photo)

Please type or print neatly.  
Applications must be **postmarked** before  
11:59 pm February 28, 2020

Applicant: First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: (     )     -     

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School City: \_\_\_\_\_ School Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

School Telephone Number: (     )     -     

High School GPA (4.0 scale): \_\_\_\_\_ SAT Total Score: \_\_\_\_\_ ACT Score: \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach the following information to this cover sheet  
(It is **imperative** that **all** signatures appear below)

1. A verifiable certification of loss of sibling or parent (e.g. Death Certificate)
2. A verifiable recommendation letter from Principal, Guidance Counselor, or Teacher
3. A verifiable recommendation letter from a Community Leader (e.g. Clergy, Public Official, etc...)
4. A list of applicant's accomplishments, extracurricular activities and other important achievements
5. A 400-500 word essay describing the applicant and their future goals in keeping with the vision, mission, motto, and principles of the Foundation
6. A list of schools or colleges where the applicant has applied and the applicant's planned course of study
7. Examples of applicant's work or achievements related to the principles of the Briana Marie Cox Foundation
8. An original transcript or photocopy (please do not leave it in an envelope)

**Signature of Principal, Guidance Counselor or Teacher who wrote recommendation letter:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

I agree that all information submitted may be used for publication and I accept the decision of the judges as final for the Briana Marie Cox Scholarship. Neither of my parents or siblings are officers of the Briana Marie Cox Foundation.

**Signature of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that all statements made by, or about this applicant and information regarding grades, rankings, offices, awards, and other school related activities are correct.

**Signature of Principal:** \_\_\_\_\_