

Lee Braford Scholarship For Dedication to Community Service

The Bourbonnais Friendship Festival, Inc, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to family oriented recreation and to the financial support of numerous community organizations. This scholarship has been created to honor the memory of an individual who was a long time festival leader and volunteer. Upon his passing in January of 2007, those people who were touched by his dedication to this community, his selflessness, generosity and giving spirit, donated the money to create this award.

It is the intention of the Bourbonnais Friendship Festival that this scholarship award be granted to an individual whose values reflect those of the late Mr. Leeman Braford and that the \$500.00 stipend is used to support future college or vocational training goals.

Eligibility

To be considered for this scholarship the applicant must meet the following criteria:

1. Must be active in community service projects and/or volunteer opportunities.
2. A Kankakee County high school senior scheduled to graduate this year.
3. Have plans to attend college or enroll in a vocational training program.

Recipient of this scholarship will be chosen on the basis of eligibility, application, essay and references.

The Bourbonnais Friendship Festival shows no bias toward students of any particular race, religion, creed, gender or involvement in any specific volunteer project(s).

Application Guidelines

- Application due on or before April 30, 2026
- Print or type application.
- Essays are to be submitted in paper format and between 150-300 words.
- One letter of recommendation from an individual who is intimately aware of the applicant's involvement in community service.
- Include complete contact information.
- Mail completed application to

Bourbonnais Friendship Festival
Scholarship Committee
600 Main St NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914

Lee Braford Scholarship For Dedication to Community Service Application Form

Applicant Information

Name _____

Date of Birth _____

Contact Information

Mailing Address _____

Phone Number (____) ____ - ____ Alternate Phone Number (____) ____ - ____

Email Address _____

School Information

High School Name _____

Graduation Date _____

Senior Awards Night Date (if applicable) _____

What are your post-graduate plans, and have you been accepted into a college, university,
or vocational training program? _____

What are your future career plans?

Work & Volunteer Information

Did you work during high school? ____ Yes ____ No

If so, where did you work and what were your job duties? _____

What extracurricular activities did you participate in at your high school? _____

What are your hobbies and/or extracurricular interests? _____

If you could do one thing to make this community a better place, what would it be? _____

Describe in detail your involvement in community service and any volunteer opportunities that you were a part of: _____

References

List 1-3 individuals and their contact phone numbers who have worked with you in a volunteer capacity. Please have one of them submit a letter of recommendation on your behalf with this application.

Name_____

Project/Organization_____

Contact Number (____) ____ - _____

Name_____

Project/Organization_____

Contact Number (____) ____ - _____

Name_____

Project/Organization_____

Contact Number (____) ____ - _____

Essay

On a separate page, write an essay between 150-300 words answering the following question: “What is your idea of volunteerism?”