

# 2025 BUSEY BANK BRIDGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



## 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- In the event a recipient receives a full scholarship from another source, any award received from Busey Bank will be withdrawn.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, 2025**.
- Selected scholarship recipients will be notified by July 8, 2025.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- 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, Clinton, Cook, DuPage, Grundy, Jersey, Lake, Macon, Madison, McLean, Peoria, Shelby, St. Clair, Tazewell, Will
  - **Arizona:** Maricopa, Pima
  - **Colorado:** Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas, Elbert, El Paso, Teller
  - **Indiana:** Hamilton, Marion
  - **Florida:** Charlotte, Lee, Sarasota
  - **Kansas:** Butler, Johnson, Sedgwick, Wyandotte
  - **Missouri:** St. Charles, St. Louis, St. Louis City
  - **New Mexico:** Harding, Union
  - **Oklahoma:** Oklahoma, Tulsa
  - **Texas:** Dallas, Denton, Tarrant

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STATE	COUNTY CODE	AA_NAME	COUNTY NAME	2024 MFI	LMI MAX (INCLUSIVE)
IL	17113	AA – Bloomington, IL	McLean County	\$109,400	\$87,500
IL	17019	AA – Champaign-Urba	Champaign County	\$106,200	\$84,950
IL	17143	AA - Peoria	Peoria County	\$92,100	\$73,700
IL	17179	AA - Peoria	Tazewell County	\$92,100	\$73,700
IL	17115	AA - Decatur	Macon County	\$86,900	\$69,500
IL	17197	AA – Chicago-Naperville-Evanston	Will County	\$112,100	\$89,700
IL	17063	AA – Chicago-Naperville-Evanston	Grundy County	\$114,400	\$90,900
IL	17031	AA – Chicago-Naperville-Evanston	Cook County	\$112,100	\$89,700
IL	17043	AA – Chicago-Naperville-Evanston	DuPage County	\$112,100	\$89,700
IL	17119	AA – St. Louis	Madison County	\$103,200	\$82,550
IL	17163	AA – St. Louis	St. Clair County	\$103,200	\$82,550
IL	17083	AA – St. Louis	Jersey County	\$103,200	\$82,550
IL	17097	AA – Chicago-Joliet-Naperville	Lake County	\$112,100	\$89,700
IL	17027	AA – St. Louis	Clinton County	\$103,200	\$82,550
IL	17173	AA – Shelby	Shelby County	\$83,000	\$66,400
IN	18057	AA – Indianapolis-Carmel-Anderson	Hamilton County	\$102,900	\$82,300
IN	18097	AA – Indianapolis-Carmel-Anderson	Marion County	\$102,900	\$82,300
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	\$77,900	\$64,300
FL	12071	AA – Cape Coral-Fort Myers	Lee County	\$88,800	\$74,900
FL	12115	AA – North Port-Sarasota-Bradenton	Sarasota County	\$97,000	\$80,400
AZ	04013	AA – Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale	Maricopa County	\$101,300	\$82,250
AZ	04019	AA – Tuscon	Pima County	\$90,200	\$71,400
CO	08041	AA – Colorado Springs	El Paso County	\$104,000	\$83,200
CO	08031	AA – Denver-Aurora-Lakewood	Denver County	\$130,400	\$102,650
CO	08119	AA - Teller	Teller County	\$94,300	\$75,450
CO	08005	AA – Denver-Aurora-Lakewood	Arapahoe County	\$130,400	\$102,650
CO	08035	AA – Denver-Aurora-Lakewood	Douglas County	\$130,400	\$102,650
CO	08039	AA – Denver-Aurora-Lakewood	Elbert County	\$130,400	\$102,650
KS	20209	AA – Kansas City	Wyandotte County	\$103,100	\$82,500
KS	20015	AA - Wichita	Butler County	\$91,500	\$73,200
KS	20091	AA – Kansas City	Johnson County	\$103,100	\$82,500
KS	20173	AA – Wichita	Sedgwick County	\$91,500	\$73,200
NM	35059	AA - Union	Union County	\$55,200	\$56,500
NM	35021	AA - Harding	Harding County	\$72,300	\$56,800
OK	40109	AA – Oklahoma City	Oklahoma County	\$89,500	\$71,600
OK	40143	AA – Tulsa	Tulsa County	\$86,600	\$69,300
TX	48113	AA – Dallas	Dallas County	\$110,300	\$88,250
TX	48439	AA – Fort Worth-Arlington	Tarrant County	\$101,900	\$81,500
TX	48121	AA – Dallas	Denton County	\$110,300	\$88,250

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## HOW TO APPLY

Complete the Scholarship Application using the form on the following page. 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, 2025.**

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

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

# 2025 BUSEY BANK BRIDGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please type or print legibly in black ink.

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Applicant Parent/Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: Same as Above \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## HIGH SCHOOLS/POST-SECONDARY SCHOOLS ATTENDED

Name of School	City & State	Dates Attended
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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

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

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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

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## 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 [clientandcommunityrelations@busey.com](mailto:clientandcommunityrelations@busey.com) by June 3, 2025, 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.

**Applicant Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **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.

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_