

## 2023 Deborah, Leslie, and Christopher Bright Achievement Fund

*Estimated Scholarship Amount: \$2,000*

*Estimated Number of Scholarships: 2*

The Bright Achievement Fund was established by Dr. Harold J. Bright and Janice W. Bright of Largent to honor the gifts and dedication of schoolteachers everywhere, but especially those of their three children Deborah Bright, Leslie Bright and Christopher Bright. The general purpose of the Bright Scholarships is to afford high school students (grades 9-12) in Morgan and Hampshire Counties hands-on experience in STEAM-based subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math).

**Criteria** – You must be a resident of Morgan or Hampshire counties in West Virginia, currently in high school (public or homeschool) grades 9-12, and must exhibit recognized talent, motivation and achievement, as well as outstanding grades and/or recommendations, in STEAM-based subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math; *arts may include literature, performing arts, media arts or visual arts*). For example, we will consider scientific research and/or training under a research director at a laboratory in a college or university, private company, or federal or state agency. Perhaps you have long wanted to perform an experiment to test an idea you have developed. Now might be the time to try it! As a musician, dancer or artist you may wish to propose to study with an outstanding teacher to develop your brush or pas de deux techniques, or expand your concerto repertoire, or perhaps be trained in the use of new digital video technology. The costs associated with a summer camp or workshop could also be considered. We urge you to try to be creative and original. *This scholarship is not intended for post-secondary education.*

Previous recipients have used a Bright Scholarship to attend the Astronomy Camp at Alfred University, the At First Sight music camp in Collegedale, TN, the Fallingwater Architecture Camp in Mill Run, PA, a summer intensive at the HARID Conservatory in Boca Raton, FL, and a Neuroscience in Health and Disease pre-college courses at Brown University.

**Applying** – To apply for a Bright Scholarship, complete the attached application and submit it along with the items listed below (see Application Checklist). Your statement describing the opportunity for which you would use a Bright Scholarship should be at least one page, double-spaced, and should include an overview of the program, dates and associated costs, and how you expect the opportunity to advance your knowledge and skills. A Bright Scholarship may be used for costs associated with participating in your proposed activity and may include a stipend\*, dependent on substantiated need.

You will be interviewed by a selection committee. If your proposal involves the performing, media or visual arts we shall ask to hear or see your work.

**Reporting** – A report detailing your experience will be required at the completion of the internship or period of instruction funded by the scholarship. The report shall be no less than one page and should include an overview of the concepts you learned and how you have applied or might apply what you learned.

**Payment** – Payment is typically made directly to the institution or individual providing your instruction/internship. If you request a stipend as part of your award, payment will be made directly to you upon receipt of an acceptable final report. *\*A stipend may be requested when participation in proposed activity will result in lost wages and assistance is needed to cover living expenses in order to participate. The request must be accompanied by evidence of financial need (copy of parent's most recent tax return) and verification of employment (pay stub, letter from employer, or name/phone number of supervisor).*

# 2023 Bright Achievement Scholarship Application

(If completing this form electronically, save it to your computer prior to entering information)

## Section I — Personal Information

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

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Section II — Academic Information

High School grade you will enter in the fall of 2023: (check One) Freshman \_\_\_ Sophomore \_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_ Senior \_\_\_

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_ Current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of academic counselor: \_\_\_\_\_ High School Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe your career interest and intended field of study?

## Section III — Program Information

Provide a detailed description about the opportunity for which you are seeking this scholarship. Your description should include a detailed budget of program costs and the portion to be covered by a Bright Scholarship. (Qualified expenses include tuition/fees for enrollment/attendance; course-related expenses, such as books, supplies, & equipment required for all students; room/board and travel expenses are qualified expenses, but not exempt from income tax.)

Cost of program/opportunity: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Bright Scholarship Amount Requested: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Will any of requested amount be used as a \*stipend? If so, how much \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\* A stipend may be requested only if participation in your proposed activity will result in your lost wages which are used to pay for basic living expenses. If you request a stipend, please include a statement of need explaining why a stipend is necessary in order for you to participate in your proposed activity. You must also include verification of employment (paystub, letter from employer) and attach a copy of your parent's/guardian's most recent tax return.

I certify that all information contained within this application is correct and true to the best of my knowledge.

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

### Application Checklist – Be sure to include:

- This completed application form
- One page statement describing opportunity (refer to “Applying” above)
- Two letters of recommendation
- High school transcript
- Letter of acceptance/enrollment from internship site/instructor, if applicable
- If requesting a stipend, parent's most recent tax return and statement of need and evidence of employment*

**Mail/deliver completed application package to 229 East Martin St, Suite 4, Martinsburg, WV 25401,  
or email to: [apancake@ewvcf.org](mailto:apancake@ewvcf.org).**

**Application must be delivered by or postmarked on April 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**Please note: Final selections are approved in mid-May. Scholarship payments cannot be processed before approval.**

**Questions? Contact the Community Foundation at 304-264-0353 or 304-822-7200 or Amy Pancake at  
[apancake@ewvcf.org](mailto:apancake@ewvcf.org)**