

Building a Better Beaufort Scholarship FAQ

What is the Building a Better Beaufort Scholarship?

The “B³ Scholarship” will ensure that any Beaufort County School District graduate who meets certain academic eligibility criteria will be guaranteed at least two free years of college tuition at the Technical College of the Lowcountry.

What is the goal of the scholarship?

Beyond the value of providing two years of free tuition, the scholarship will encourage students to work harder in high school secure in the knowledge that a lack of family financial resources will not keep them from attending college. From an economic development perspective, the county will be able to attract businesses by developing a better-educated workforce.

What is the value of the scholarship?

The B³ can be used to enroll in a one-year occupational, two-year technical or college transfer program at the Technical College of the Lowcountry. The scholarship will cover the remaining tuition costs of attending TCL after all other available scholarship, lottery and financial aid funds have been secured for each student. The initial award must be used during the fall or spring semester following high school graduation.

When will B³ scholarships be available?

The first B³ Scholarships were awarded to students who graduated in the Class of 2014.

How do students apply?

For application information, visit www.tcl.edu/b3. The B³ scholarship is designed to fill in any financial gaps not filled by those scholarship funds. Before applying for a B³, eligible students must first apply for state-sponsored scholarship opportunities such as LIFE, HOPE, the SC Need-Based Grant Program, or the Lottery Tuition Assistance Program.

What are the scholarship’s academic eligibility criteria?

- Applicants must graduate from a Beaufort County School District High School in the Class of 2015
- The student must apply for full-time enrollment in a one year certificate, two year technical degree or college transfer program at the Technical College of the Lowcountry.
- Students who enroll in a transfer program must have a minimum high school grade point average (GPA) of 3.0.
- Students who enroll in a one year certificate or two year technical program must have a minimum high school grade point average (GPA) of 2.75.
- The student must successfully meet TCL’s entry requirements, including South Carolina residency, U.S. citizenship and placement scores for college courses.
- The student must maintain a full-time course load of twelve credit hours per semester.
- The student must maintain a 3.0 GPA for transfer programs and a 2.75 GPA for certificate or technical programs.
- The B³ Scholarship will not cover bridge or remediation type courses.
- Funding is available for two years from the date of high school graduation (summer semesters are included if part of a specific program.)
- The student must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Student Code: 009910.

What’s the application deadline for the B³ Scholarship?

The deadline for the students from BCSD’s Class of 2015 is May 25, 2015.