



# 2021 IBC Scholarship Competition Application

## Sponsored by Colorado's Independent Community Banks and the Independent Bankers of Colorado

Independent Bankers of Colorado (IBC) will award at least two (2) \$1,000 one-year scholarships, to be applied towards the cost of tuition, fees, and books at a public or private university, college, junior or community college, or vocation/trade school. Awardees will be announced April 30, 2021. Payment will be made directly to the school following enrollment and after classes have begun. This is a statewide scholarship contest.

### Eligibility

In order to be eligible, the student must be a full-time high school senior. The student must have applied to, and will attend, a Colorado (or contiguous state) public or private university, college, junior or community college, or vocation/trade school after high school graduation. The student or his/her parent(s) or guardian(s) may not be an employee of the Independent Bankers of Colorado. **In addition, due to the far reaching possible ramifications of Amendment 41, Ethics in Government, that amended Colorado's Constitution, if the student or his/her parent(s) work for any city, state or county office, you may not be eligible for this scholarship contest. Before applying, please consult with your trusted advisor on this issue.**

### Requirements

- A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0
- Student must attend a Colorado (or contiguous state) university, college, junior or community college, or vocation/trade school after high school graduation
- Student or parent(s)/guardian(s) have a banking relationship at an **IBC member bank or branch** for at least six months. To find out if your bank is an IBC member call 720-610-4832 or visit [www.ibcbanks.org/scholarship](http://www.ibcbanks.org/scholarship) for a list
  - **Please note the following financial institutions are NOT members of the IBC: All credit unions, Wells Fargo, Chase, Bank of America, CitiBank, Community Banks of Colorado, KeyBank, USBank, and Vectra**
- Application must be complete, typed, and **signed by a bank representative**
- Student must answer the assigned essay question
- **Deadline for submission to your bank is Friday, March 19, 2021**

### Selection of Scholarship Recipients

IBC's independent scholarship committee will review all applications from IBC member banks and select at least two \$1,000 scholarship winners. Winners will be announced April 30, 2021. The scholarships will *not* be based on financial need but on the quality of the application, references, and essay response. Awards will be presented at IBC's Annual Convention on Thursday, September 16, 2021 at the Vail Marriott Mountain Resort.

### Along with the completed application, the student must also submit:

1. Official school transcript with SAT or ACT test scores (or both).
2. **Three** (3) letters of recommendation, one of which must be from a school counselor or teacher and at least one personal reference.
3. Verification of acceptance to a public or private university, college, junior or community college, or vocation/trade school (if available).

### Student Checklist

Please submit the following in **ORDER** as listed below:

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Completed application and essay. Do NOT print or copy your application double-sided.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. **Three** letters of recommendation, one of which must be from a high school counselor or teacher and at least one personal.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. **Official** school transcript with ACT and/or SAT scores included.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Verification of acceptance to a Colorado (or contiguous state) university, college, junior or community college, or vocation/trade school.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Proper signatures where required.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Application must be complete and either **printed** or **typed**. Essay **must** be **typed** and double-spaced.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Return pages of application in correct order and do **NOT** copy/print double-sided.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Please paper clip or acco clip your application. Do **NOT** staple or place in a binder.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Return completed package to your bank on or before **Friday, March 19, 2021**.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Do **NOT** return this sheet with your application. Return only pages 2-5.



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

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

City/State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City/State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Counselors' Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ SAT/ACT Scores: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated major in college: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated future occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Father/Stepfather/Guardian (circle one): \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother/Stepmother/Guardian (circle one): \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

List the Colorado college(s) or university(ies) you have applied or been accepted to:

College	City	Accepted Y/N
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

List scholarships and/or financial aid you will receive.

Scholarships/Financial Aid	Comments
_____	_____
_____	_____

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

**Employment**

Employer	Contact Person and Phone Number	Dates Employed	Job Description	# of Hours Worked

**Student Activities**

Activity	Grade				Position Held	Grade			
	9	10	11	12		9	10	11	12

**Awards or Honors Received**

Award or Honor Received	Grade				Contact Person	Phone #
	9	10	11	12		

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

**Volunteerism/Community Involvement**

Volunteerism/Community Involvement									
<b>Organization or Agency, City &amp; Phone</b>				<b>Description and level of involvement</b>					
Total Volunteer hours grade 9		Total Volunteer hours grade 10		Total Volunteer hours grade 11		Total Volunteer hours grade 12		Cumulative hours:	
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If you need extra space to report any of the above information you may make additional copies as needed.

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

If there is anything additional you want the scholarship selection committee to know about you, include that information here:

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**Using a separate sheet of paper, type an essay on:**

Think you're up to the challenge of our scholarship contest? Pick out an article in your **local** news that pertains to your community (other than celebrity), and write an essay (two to three pages, double-spaced, 12-point font) describing the economic concepts that pertain to that issue and how it will impact your community.

**ESSAY GRADING CRITERIA**

Essays will be graded using these five criteria: 1. **Comprehension**: How well does the essay reflect a thorough understanding of the economic issues of the topic? 2. **Organization**: Does the argument follow a logical and easily understood progression? Does the corroborating evidence support the essay's main points? 3. **Conclusions**: Do the conclusions follow logically from the argument? Are the conclusions compelling? 4. **Creativity**: Were diverse resources and ideas used to develop the main points? 5. **Writing Style**: Were concise language and correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation used?

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**RETURN THIS APPLICATION AND ESSAY, WITH REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION,  
TO YOUR BANK BY FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2021.**

Bank Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City/State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Bank Representative Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Bank Representative Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Account Holder's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Students' Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for banking and visiting your Colorado independent community bank and participating in the IBC scholarship program. We wish you the best in your college career and future.

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**BANKERS –**

The IBC will award at **least two** \$1,000 scholarships to deserving high school seniors in two categories – one to a child of a bank employee or an employee of a bank and one to a child of a bank customer (categories). This contest is available to all IBC member banks ONLY. There is NO cost to participate in this program.

**Keep this application.** If you receive more than one essay, for a category, you must select which essay to send to the IBC. One scholarship from each category may be submitted per **BANK – NOT** per branch (please coordinate with your locations.) Once you have selected your application(s), mail the completed application(s) to: IBC, 600 Grant Street, Suite 640, Denver, CO 80203. Should you have any questions, please contact Tara Hunter at 720-610-4832.

**Applications must be postmarked on or before Friday, April 2, 2021.**