



**Bernards Township Democratic Committee
Civic Scholarship Program**

The Bernards Township Democratic Committee (BTDC) civic scholarship, founded in 2019, is awarded to a Ridge High School student entering their first year of college or senior year of high school who aspires to foster democratic values. The chosen applicant will receive \$1,000.00. Recipients will also receive the opportunity for a multi-week summer internship with the Somerset County Democratic Party.

The selected student would be expected to fulfill the responsibilities of the internship in-person and provide their own mode of transportation within Somerset County.

Applications may be submitted to the BTDC scholarship committee from March 17 – April 17, 2023. All information submitted will be held in confidence, and used solely for the purpose of scholarship administration.

Thank you for your interest in the BTDC civic scholarship. We look forward to reviewing your application.

Sincerely,

The Bernards Township Democratic Committee

Bernards Township Democratic Committee – Civic Scholarship

Instructions:

1. Complete the required information.
2. Print or type an essay and include it with your application. The essay must be original thoughts of the applicant, in the applicant's own words, written by the applicant. Instructions appear on page four.
3. Provide the recommendation instructions to your Sponsor (e.g., High School instructor, Staff, Community Representatives) as described on page five. Recommendations must be printed or typed and included with submission of the full application.
4. Attach a copy of a transcript of your courses. *This transcript must include your high school attendance record. If your transcript does not include your attendance record, please ask your school to provide an official report.*
5. Complete all information so that it is legible. Failure to do so may result in elimination.
6. Final candidates will be invited to have an interview with the scholarship committee. **You will be contacted via email to set up an interview so please check the email you have provided in this application regularly.**
7. It is suggested that you have your application reviewed by your guidance counselor, the individual writing your recommendation, or another sponsor to insure completeness and accuracy.

Completed applications must be **submitted by April 17, 2023** to the address below. Applications can also be sent as a pdf file to mccduart@optonline.net. Applications postmarked on April 17 will be accepted.

**Bernards Township Democratic Committee
Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 78
Liberty Corner, N.J. 07938**

PERSONAL DATA

Full Name _____ Date _____

Address _____
Street _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Date of Birth _____

Telephone # _____ Cell _____ Other _____

Email address _____

Present Grade Level _____

GPA to date _____ ACT Score (optional) _____ SAT Score
(optional) _____

Other scholastic recognition:

Which subjects are you especially interested in?

Extra-curricular activities at school:

Anticipated college major(s):

Career goals:

Employment history:

School-based community service involvement (List # required hours and # hours completed, required or not. Include details about your major activities):

Other volunteer community service involvement (List current # hours and activities):

APPLICANT CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

Lack of data may result in elimination from Bernards Township Democratic Committee Consideration.

The information reported is true, correct and complete, to the best of my knowledge.

If selected for the Bernards Township Democratic Committee Scholarship I will comply with program requirements.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

APPLICANT ESSAY

The scholarship program is designed to recognize and support a student who is interested in fostering democratic values, including, among others, **life, liberty, pursuit of happiness, justice, the common good, equality, truth, diversity, and patriotism**. The candidate for this scholarship is selected on the basis of:

- Resident of Bernards Township
- Scholastic achievement,
- Character and leadership ability,
- Aspiration to foster democratic values
- Breadth and depth of community service.

The scholarship committee of the Bernards Township Democratic Committee has been entrusted with the task of deciding which candidate will be awarded a scholarship and accompanying internship opportunity.

On a separate sheet, prepare your essay. Include your name at the top of the pages (please use 12 point font). Your signature is required at the end of the essay. Two pages maximum.

To help us make this important decision regarding the awarding of the scholarship, please tell us about yourself. Include any information you think will assist the committee in its consideration of you. Tell us in detail about yourself and your:

- Community involvement,
- Interest in civics and government
- Aspiration to foster democratic values (life, liberty, pursuit of happiness, justice, the common good, equality, truth, diversity, and patriotism).
- Volunteer work
- Curricular and extra-curricular involvement at school and
- Your interest in having an internship in a democratic congressional office

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Sponsor: You have been selected by an applicant for the Bernards Township Democratic Committee Scholarship Program to provide a letter of recommendation. If you are a High School or Community Representative (for example: the student's High School Principal, Guidance Counselor, religious leader or another professional from the community) please attest to the character of the applicant and their capability for fulfilling the multi week summer internship in the Somerville congressional office.

Candidates for the scholarship are selected based on:

- Bernards Township resident
- Scholastic achievement,
- Character and leadership ability,
- Demonstrated interest in civics and government
- Aspiration to foster democratic values (life, liberty, pursuit of happiness, justice, the common good, equality, truth, diversity, and patriotism).
- Breadth and depth of community service.

On a separate sheet, please provide a letter of recommendation. Include the applicant's name and Bernards Township Democratic Committee Scholarship Application Letter of Recommendation at the top of the pages. Your signature, title and the date are required at the end of the Letter of Recommendation. Two pages maximum.

To help us make this important decision regarding the Applicant, reflecting on the criteria above, please include any information you think will assist the committee in its consideration of the candidate as the scholarship recipient.