



Scholarship Program **2025**

BankOnBuffalo is committed to the communities and businesses we serve and proud to support the next generation of business leaders. We invite eligible students to enhance their education by participating in our annual scholarship contest. Funding is available for up to 5 scholarships, a maximum of one winner from each eligible school, in the amount of \$1,000 each to be used for continuing his/her education in a business-related field.

2025 BANKONBUFFALO SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Eligibility

High School seniors with intentions to further their education at a college or university with a business-related degree are eligible to apply. Student must attend a high school in the BankOnBuffalo market area. Dependents of BankOnBuffalo Directors or Officers are not eligible to apply.

Essay Theme

What key differentiators separate your favorite companies from their competitors? Discuss a challenge or opportunity businesses have for improving customer experience and increase differentiation.

Essay Requirements

- A minimum of 250 words
- Typed and double-spaced
- Participant name and/or family names should not appear in the essay
- Original, student-written essay without the assistance of AI

Submission Requirements

Each applicant should provide:

- A completed application including a summary of participation in community and school activities.
- One letter of academic recommendation from a present or past educator, and
- One letter of personal recommendation from a non-family member. References may not be bank employees.
- Originally written essay without the assistance of ChatBot/AI technology.

Ways to Submit

- Complete the application and turn into your high school's guidance office along with essay;
- Or mail the submissions or mail to: BankOnBuffalo, Attn: Deb McKee, PO Box 42, Clearfield, PA 16830;
- Or email your submission to Scholarships@BankOnBuffalo.bank by 11:59 p.m. March 16, 2025.

Judging

Essays will be judged by a selection committee on originality, grammar, and how well ideas are expressed. Contributions to both school and community will be considered.

Please Note: Incomplete applications and those students that do not plan to major in a financial and/or appropriate business-related field will not be considered.

Deadlines

Application, essay, and letters of recommendation must be received by 11:59 p.m. March 16, 2025. Winners will be announced via Facebook and our website on April 14, 2025.

Information

For more information, please visit www.BankOnBuffalo.bank/scholarship or contact Deb McKee by email Scholarships@BankOnBuffalo.bank.

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name _____ **Date of Birth** ____/____/____
Last **First** **MI**

Email _____

Home Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Graduate of _____ **High School** **Date of Graduation** _____

Degree or Field of Interest _____

Post-Secondary School, if known _____

School Activities*

Community Service*

*If more space is needed, please list on a separate sheet of paper.

**Please attach two letters of reference: one academic reference (past or present teacher) reference and one non-family reference. References should not include bank employees.

***On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the essay prompt provided in the instructions. Essays must be originally written without the assistance of AI.