

**Back of the Yards Neighborhood Council**  
**2026 Scholarship**

*Deadline to Apply: June 5, 2026 5:00 p.m. Application must  
be dropped off at BYNC office or emailed to: mreynoso@bync.org*

**Eligibility:**

Each candidate must be:

1. Be currently enrolled or have plans to enroll in an accredited college or university in an undergraduate degree program
2. Have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4-point scale or its equivalent
3. Live in the Back of the Yards neighborhood (for at least 6 months) within the following boundaries: Between 39th (Pershing) and 55th streets, and between Western Avenue and Halsted Street. (must show proof dated back 6 months)

**Entry Requirements:**

The Following information is required from each applicant:

1. Complete application.
2. Two personal references – School official, and school administrators/teacher/community service supervisor
3. Community service supervisor
4. ACT/SAT scores or official high school transcripts
5. Proof of residency
6. Letter of acceptance from college/university
7. Personal statement
8. Resume

***APPLICATION***

**Part 1: (Contact Form)**

1. Your personal information
2. Your current school
3. The school you are planning to enroll for the 2026-2027 academic year

**Part 2:**

1. Two letters of recommendation from individuals you have worked with in your school or community service, one letter must be from a school official. Both letters must be on official letterhead, sealed and signed. Additional letters are accepted
2. Official School Transcript
  - a. High school or college
3. Admission status to the school you'll be attending (Letter of Acceptance)
4. Proof of residency
5. Personal statement, typed 500 words or less (single spaced, font size 12 and Times New Roman)

- a. Tell us about background, family, personal
  - b. What do you plan on studying in college? Personal and career goals?
  - c. How has my involvement in my community impacted my life?
  - d. Extracurricular activities involvement?
  - e. How have you demonstrated leadership skills in your volunteer work, schoolwork or extracurricular activities?
  - f. Tell us about challenges you and your family may have faced to pay for college and how are you overcoming them?
6. Updated resume that includes:
- a. Work experience, if applicable
  - b. Service learning/community service
  - c. Extracurricular activities

**APPLICATION**

Part 1: Contact information

Student Name:

Date of Birth:

Address:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Email:

Current School:

School you plan on attending (2026-2027 academic year):

Are you eligible for financial aid? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian 1 Name:

Occupation:

Parent/Guardian 2 Name:

Occupation:

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Student Signature:

Parent/Guardian Signature:

(if student is a minor)

Part 2: (Hard Copy or Digital)

- Two letters of recommendation from individuals you have worked with in your school or community service, one must be from a school official. Both letters must be on official letterhead, sealed and signed. Additional letters are accepted
  
  - Official school transcript: High school or college
  
  - Personal Statement, typed 500 words or less  
(single spaced, font size 12 and Times New Roman) Topics:  
(must answer 3 of the following)
    - Tell us about background, family, personal
    - What do you plan on studying in college? Personal and career goals?
    - How has your involvement in the community impacted your life?
    - Extracurricular activities involvement.
    - How have you demonstrated leadership skills in your volunteer work, school work or extracurricular activities?
    - Tell us about challenges you and your family may have faced to pay for college and how are you overcoming them?
  
  - Updated resume that includes:
    - Work experience, if applicable
    - Service learning/community service
    - Extracurricular activities
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Student Signature:

Parent/Guardian Signature:  
(if student is a minor)

***Submit completed application packet and required paperwork in person to the BYNC office,  
4555S. Ashland Ave. or by email to: mreynoso@bync.org***

***All submissions must be in by 5:00 p.m. June 5 2026.***