

FOUNDATION FOR SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

B.E.S.T (Bailey Excellence and Success for Today) Scholarship for Study Alternative High School *Guidelines*

- 1. Name:** B.E.S.T (Bailey Excellence and Success for Today) Scholarship
- 2. Established:** December 2000
- 3. Amount:** This scholarship shall provide \$2,000 in scholarships for two students per year (\$1,000 award per student per year) as long as the fund exists with the Foundation for Springfield Public Schools.
- 4. Purpose:** To assist and motivate students to continue their education at Ozarks Technical College or Southwest Missouri State University (or some other accredited post-secondary school as approved by the benefactor and the Foundation).
- 5. Criteria:**
 - A. Applicant must have attended Study for one (1) year and be a graduating senior from Study Alternative High School in the R-12 Public School system.
 - B. Applicant's academic success while at Study must be proven through behavior and attitude as well as by maintaining a C+ or greater GPA while at Study.
 - C. Applicant must show evidence of wanting to continue his or her education at a two or four-year institution by applying for this scholarship.
 - D. Applicant must have a financial need relative to educational expenses, although financial need should be the last criterion considered.
- 6. Procedure:**
 - A. Scholarship will be awarded in May, beginning 2001, to two graduating seniors at Study Alternative High School.
 - B. Application procedure will require two letters of recommendation, which can either be one recommendation letter from Study's Principal or a previous teacher or counselor (may include any school previously attended by the student) and at least one letter from an adult (non relative) outside of school, or two recommendation letters from an adult (non

relative) outside of school. Application procedure will also require a short essay about future goals of the applicant.

- C. The selection committee should consist of the principal/coordinator, all teachers, counselor and other professional staff members at Study Alternative High School. The principal may choose to invite an assistant superintendent or other district personnel to be a part of the selection process. The benefactors who established the scholarship will be invited to attend the scholarship review process meeting.
- D. After receiving proof of enrollment of the selected recipient at an accredited institution for a minimum of six hours during the first semester, the Foundation shall send a check payable to that institution to cover the cost of that semester's tuition, up to \$500. To be eligible for further assistance, after the first semester, the student shall have an official transcript sent to the Foundation. The student shall also send proof of enrollment for the second semester, minimum of six hours, in order to receive scholarship reimbursement. Maximum scholarship payout per student shall be \$1,000. Any remaining scholarship funds not used in the first two semesters may be applied to a third semester upon receipt of transcript and proof of enrollment.
- E. Questions regarding the B.E.S.T (Bailey Excellence and Success for Today) Scholarship should be directed to:

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