

Application Extended Deadline: April 15, 2021

What is the Truist/BB&T McKinney-Vento Program Scholarship? Truist/BB&T, in partnership with the Orange County Public Schools McKinney-Vento Program, will provide scholarship assistance to students who are experiencing homelessness or have experienced homelessness during the 2020-2021 school year.

Who selects the recipients? A selection committee that includes local educators and community advocates review the applications and make the selection of applicants.



How many scholarships are awarded? There will be a minimum of five \$1,000 scholarships awarded. The scholarship is a one-time award paid directly to a post-secondary institution. Scholarships can be utilized for tuition, fees, and/or books. In addition to the scholarship, all recipients will receive a new laptop.

When will the 2021 scholarships be awarded? Scholarship awards will be announced by April 16, 2021. Monies will be awarded upon the receipt of post-secondary enrollment evidence, not to exceed a September 30, 2021 deadline.

Who is eligible for the scholarship? Scholarship funds are available to OCPS high school seniors who are experiencing homelessness or who have experienced homelessness during their senior year, and who have demonstrated average or higher than average achievement. If the applicant has not yet enrolled in a post-secondary program, the committee will hold the scholarship pending enrollment until September 30, 2021.

According to federal law, a person is considered homeless if he/she “lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate night-time residence.” This includes people living in shelters, cars, motels, campgrounds, or places not meant for human habitation, as well as children and youth who are living temporarily with friends, relatives, or other people because they lack permanent housing.

How do students apply? Applicants must submit the following:

- 1) A completed application form.
- 2) An essay about the impact of homelessness on his/her life and his/her desire to attend college (500-1,000 words). The essay is the most important component of the application and should include the following:
 - Demonstrated commitment to education during the experience of homelessness;
 - Academic achievement and accomplishments;
 - Potential impact of the scholarship for the student’s educational career;
 - Discussion of how the scholarship money would be used;
 - Statement of goals and career interests; and
 - Grammar and use of language.
- 3) An official or unofficial school transcript, include class ranking if available.
- 4) A minimum of one letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, or other adult who can speak to the applicant’s qualifications and experiences.

Truist/BB&T McKinney-Vento 2021 Scholarship Application

To apply for the Truist/BB&T McKinney-Vento Scholarship, complete this cover sheet and attach the required essay, school transcript, and recommendation letter. **The application's new deadline is April 15, 2021.**

Applicant's Information

Name: _____ Age: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Email: _____

Most recent high school attended _____

Have you applied to any post-secondary institutions? _____ yes _____ no

If yes, which institutions(s)? _____

Contact Person's Information

A contact person is someone who is in regular communication with the applicant and is able to reach him or her; for example: an employee at the most recent school attended, such as a counselor, teacher, social worker, coach, or an employee of a community agency, such as a counselor, case manager, or shelter director.

Name: _____ Title: _____

Organization: _____

Phone #: _____ Email Address: _____

Application Checklist

- Application
- Essay
- Transcripts
- Letter of Recommendation (1 minimum)

Materials may be faxed, emailed, or mailed to:

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OCPS McKinney-Vento Program
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Orlando, FL 32801
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Fax: 407-317-3332

**Submissions must be received by mail, email or by fax by Friday,
April 15, 2021 at 5:00 pm EST.**

Late and incomplete applications will not be considered.

For Office Use Only: Application complete: _____

Essay: _____

Transcript: _____

Recommendation: _____

High School GPA: _____

Class Rank: _____

SAT: _____

ACT: _____

Other Assess: _____