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## BE ABOUT CHANGE SCHOLARSHIP WRITING CONTEST

**DEADLINE: March 31, 2018, 11:59 p.m. CDT**

**\*\*\*You must meet all application requirements to be considered.\*\*\***

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### Writing Guidelines

*One essay – up to 800 words – about one of the following:*

1. A change you have made (or are making) in your own life for self-improvement;
  2. A proposed solution(s) for a societal/community challenge;
  3. A person who has had a positive impact on you;
  4. An organization in the Nashville area that has a positive impact on the local community.
- Essay must be typed, double-spaced, and submitted via email to [students@beaboutchange.org](mailto:students@beaboutchange.org);
  - First and Last Names and email address must be in top left margin;
  - Title must be centered, bold, and indicate the writing topic by number (ex: #1, #2, #3, #4);
  - Email subject must be “Scholarship Application – Last Name, First Name”

*Essay will be judged on:*

1. Well-thought-out presentation of ideas with respect to the selected topic;
2. Concrete examples where appropriate;
3. Attention to spelling, grammar, and punctuation;
4. Adherence to word count and formatting requirements.

**Please read all requirements and eligibility guidelines**

### Requirements (see Eligibility Below)

- Minimum **2.9 GPA\***, verifiable by transcript and/or School Counselor;
- Minimum **ACT Score of 20**, verifiable by official test results and/or School Counselor;
- Essay, adhering to the requirements set forth above;
- As a recipient, you agree to lead a writing workshop at a local Nashville-area high school within 24 months of receiving the Be About Change scholarship award;

- As an applicant and/or recipient, you grant permission to Be About Change and/or any of its agents to use names, writing, photographs, video, and/or images for marketing and related activities (**complete appropriate attached release and submit to [students@beaboutchange.org](mailto:students@beaboutchange.org) with essay**).

*\*Grade point average means a grade point average on a 4.0 scale calculated with additional internal quality points awarded for advanced placement, honors or other similar courses according to the Uniform Grading Policy adopted by the State Board of Education.*

## Eligibility

*Applicants and recipients must meet the following requirements:*

- Financial hardship, meeting the [Federal Poverty Guidelines Standards \(link\)](#): recipients must provide proof of household income utilizing one of the following: W-2s for household members, 2016 Federal Tax Return, letter from employer(s) verifying wage or annual income, and/or verification of household income from School Counselor;
- Graduate from a Metro Nashville Public Schools (MNPS) high school in Spring/2018;
- Have been a Tennessee resident at least since September 1, 2017;
- ACT/SAT exams must be taken on a national test date or state test date and prior to the first day of college enrollment. The ACT Residual test is not accepted;
- Must enroll within 10 months following high school graduation at any postsecondary institution; trade schools and vocational schools will be reviewed for eligibility on a case-by-case basis.

## Award Amounts

*Up to three \$1,000 scholarships for any combination of the following:*

**Four-Year Institutions and two-year institutions:** Up to \$1,000 for the first full-time enrollment year as a freshman/new student

**Two-Year Institutions:** Up to \$1,000 for the first full-time enrollment year as a freshman/new student

**Vocational/Trade School:** Up to \$1,000 for the first full-time enrollment year/period/cycle as a freshman/new student

### **RENEWAL CRITERIA**

At this time, the scholarship is non-renewable

**Recipients will be notified and announced May 2018.**

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## Questions

Please email [students@beaboutchange.org](mailto:students@beaboutchange.org) with any questions. Thank you for your interest!

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**SIGN/DATE AND EMAIL APPROPRIATE RELEASE(S) TO**  
**[students@beaboutchange.org](mailto:students@beaboutchange.org)**

**PARENT / GUARDIAN RELEASE**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, mother/father/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, a  
[NAME, PRINTED] [STUDENT NAME, PRINTED]  
minor, authorize Be About Change, a non-profit organization, to use writings, photographs,  
video and images of \_\_\_\_\_ for marketing and related activities.  
[STUDENT NAME, PRINTED]

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**18+ STUDENT RELEASE**

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