



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

### Scholarship Committee contact information:

Email: [Scholarship@bigy.com](mailto:Scholarship@bigy.com)

Phone: (413) 504-4080

Apply: <https://www.bigy.com/community/scholarships> to access scholarship application portal

### Scholarship Application Timeline:

- The online application is available from **Nov 1st – Feb 1st, 2023**
- Award and Non-Award notifications are emailed in May. (Note: You may need to check your SPAM folder)
- Scholarship recipient names are posted on [www.bigy.com](http://www.bigy.com) in May

### Who Is Eligible:

- Big Y scholarships are available to high school seniors, undergraduates, graduates, community college; and non-traditional (not traditional college age) students. Big Y customers and their dependents and Big Y employees and their dependents are eligible
- To be eligible, a student's permanent residence, or school, must be located in Massachusetts or Connecticut (All employees are eligible regardless of residence)

*Prior Big Y scholarship award recipients are not eligible to reapply*

### How to Apply:

- Please visit our scholarship page on **Big Y's official website at [www.bigy.com](http://www.bigy.com)** (between Nov 1- Feb 1) and click the application link to access the scholarship application portal and to review the most up to date information
- No deadline submission extensions
- Complete online application with supporting documents must be submitted **by February 1st, 2023**

**\*\*Please Note: You may find old paper applications uploaded onto the internet and on 3rd party sites. These are not valid and will not be accepted. Applicant must apply via our scholarship application portal.**

### Supporting Documents:

(All documents are reviewed by the scholarship committee to determine award recipients)

- **Academic transcripts** do not need to be official (digital copies – photos, PDFs, scans – must be legible to be accepted)
- **One Academic letter of recommendation** is required. Must be from a teacher or college professor. (High school seniors and college freshman can submit copies of letters written for college entrance)
- Recommendation letter(s) and transcripts can be uploaded by a 3rd party (Example: school personnel). Please follow instructions in the Big Y scholarship portal to request documents from your teacher, college/university professor, guidance counselor, etc. (Tip: Allow time for 3<sup>rd</sup> party submissions. Your application is considered incomplete without required supporting documents) and must be received by February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.
- If you did not take any **College Board exams** (such as SAT or ACT), or it has been more than 3 years since you took them, you can complete online application without them
- **Personal resume/fact sheet** detailing activities, achievements, awards, community involvement, leadership positions and class rank (if applicable)
- **Essay(s)** are required for some of the scholarship categories

### High School, College, University Representatives:

- Annually, scholarship information packets are mailed to schools within Massachusetts and Connecticut in early Fall
  - Please email [scholarship@bigy.com](mailto:scholarship@bigy.com) to request your school be put on our mailing list or removed from the mailing list
- If you receive an email request from a student (via scholarship portal), you will be provided an email link(s) to upload one or more of the following: recommendation letter and/or transcript etc. The document(s) are uploaded to the specific student's application. The student will not see these documents and will only be viewed by the scholarship committee.
- We will accept unofficial transcripts
- Scholarship committee will not upload documents for applicants to scholarship portal. Please do not email or mail supporting documents to the scholarship committee.
- All supporting documents need to be uploaded to scholarship portal **by February 1st, 2023. No Deadline extensions.**