

2024 Tennessee Recycling Coalition **Bob Fletcher Memorial Scholarship** **Awards Program**

**Enrolled college student in their first year
or high school senior who is accepted at a
college or university**

The Tennessee Recycling Coalition is a 501(c)3, non-profit partnership of private businesses, federal and state agencies, cities and counties, other non-profits, trade associations, educational institutions, and individuals. Since 1990, TRC has been dedicated to promoting recycling and sustainable materials management practices in the state. TRC works with partner organizations to provide resources, education and outreach, grants, and scholarships for recycling resources. The coalition works together to raise recycling as *the* standard in Tennessee.

This scholarship honors the late Mr. Bob Fletcher who worked for the Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation and committed his time to the environmental field helping counties, cities, and businesses with hazardous waste, recycling, and other environmental issues.

INSTRUCTIONS AND APPLICATION

(Application due date is May 1st, 2024)

The Tennessee Recycling Coalition believes in supporting future generations who are pursuing careers in the environmental field and will offer a \$2,500 scholarship to an enrolled college student in their first year or a high school senior who is accepted at a college or university. Students must apply by writing an essay on the questions included below.

TN Recycling Coalition
Bob Fletcher Memorial Scholarship Awards Program

CATEGORY A APPLICATION
INFORMATION FOR
AN ENROLLED COLLEGE STUDENT IN THEIR FIRST YEAR OR HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR
WHO IS ACCEPTED AT A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY

I. AWARDS:

The TN Recycling Coalition (TRC) intends to give one scholarship award of \$2,500 annually. Depending on the number and quality of applications, TRC reserves the right to give more or fewer awards in this category and to adjust the number of awards in its other categories for upcoming college students, current college students, and graduate students.

II. ELIGIBILITY:

Category A applicants must be a rising college freshman, full-time student, enrolled in a junior college or four-year college or university or an enrolled college student in their first year.

To be considered for an award, the candidate must be:

The child or grandchild of a member of the TN Recycling Coalition (hereon known as a Sponsor) who is in good standing at the time of the recommendation, the application submittal, the selection, and the award.

TRC pledges to uphold the policy that all persons shall have equal access to this program.

III. DEADLINES:

- **May 1st**- All completed application forms and backup documentation must be received by the TRC Scholarship Committee Administrator in which your Sponsor is a member.

IV. CRITERIA:

The TRC scholarship committee evaluates Category A Scholarship applications on the following basis:

A. Academics = 40% of your total score

The Scholarship Committee considers past academic performance an important selection criterion. Your application must provide enough information to allow the Scholarship Committee to evaluate your academic performance. Here is a list of REQUIRED and OPTIONAL materials used in evaluating Academic performance.

- **REQUIRED:** Provide a transcript from the high school or equivalent most recently completed. This transcript may be an official or PDF copy of your high school transcript, but it is required to be attached to the application you provide to the Committee Administrator. The transcript must provide marks for all courses and a measure of your academic performance when measured on the school's standardized scoring system. Identify the scale used (e.g., 3.8 on a 4.0). An example of one possible measure satisfying this request for U.S. based students is grade point average (GPA). TRC acknowledges that not all schools use this measure and will accept other measures ***documented by the transcript.***

OR

- **REQUIRED:** Provide a transcript from first semester of college. This transcript may be an official or PDF copy of your college or university, but it is required to be attached to the application you provide to the Committee Administrator. The transcript must provide marks for all courses and a measure of your academic performance when measured on the school's standardized scoring system. Identify the scale used (e.g., 3.8 on a 4.0). An example of one possible measure satisfying this request for U.S. based students is grade point average (GPA). TRC acknowledges that not all schools use this measure and will accept other measures documented by the transcript.

- **OPTIONAL:** Academic achievement, awards, and honors.

If applicable, attach documentation of other academic performance and/or letters of recommendation related to academic performance you believe will help the Scholarship Committee evaluate your application.

- **OPTIONAL:** Scores from standardized tests

These items are useful to the Scholarship Committee if included but may not be relevant to all geographic areas.

- ACT score. Include a copy of the test return you received.

- SAT score. Include a copy of the test return you received.

B. Extracurricular Activities = 25% of your total score

Extracurricular activities are activities connected with the school but outside the standard curriculum. Students choose to participate in these as part of their school experience. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Athletics on school-sponsored teams
- Music, drama, debate, and similar performance-related participation
- School-sponsored clubs
- Tutoring other students

Describe your participation, including your level of involvement, role, and when it occurred (number of school years, seasons, etc.). Attach documentation and/or letters of recommendation to help the Scholarship Committee appropriately score this part of your application.

C. Community Activities and Citizenship = 25% of your total score

Community activities are programs offered or sponsored by entities other than your school. Examples include but are not limited to:

- Groups and volunteer activities sponsored by faith-based organization (e.g., participation in youth study and activity groups)
- Local community organizations (meal delivery, organized park clean-up, election volunteer, etc.)
- Coaching or officiating youth sports (e.g., Little League, youth soccer programs, etc.)
- Junior ROTC participation or military service
- Scouts BSA or Girl Scouts
- Employment

Describe what you did and how often you participated. Attach documentation and/or letters of recommendation to help the Scholarship Committee appropriately score this part of your application.

D. Essay = 10% of your total score

- **REQUIRED:** Applicants must write a short, original essay about the topic included in Question 8.

The Committee will consider:

- Relevance to the identified topic
- Clarity and organization of the work
- Grammar and punctuation
- Accuracy and originality

E. Financial Need – not weighted

OPTIONAL: Although it is not a weighted factor, the Scholarship Committee can take financial need into consideration during its deliberation. Please do not attach forms that contain confidential personal information.

F. Disqualification

Submitting an application is not a guarantee of funding. The Scholarship Committee may disqualify an application for any of the following reasons.

- Applicant fails to meet the May 1 deadline for applying to the Scholarship Committee
- Applicant will not be enrolled in classes in the upcoming semester
- Applicant does not provide all REQUIRED documentation identified above
- Application contains an essay or substantial parts of an essay written by another person or artificial intelligence
- Application is not legible
- Application is not signed by the applicant and Sponsor where indicated

V. QUESTIONS:

We realize there may be questions that aren't answered by this overview. Please direct your questions to the TRC Scholarship Committee Administrator.

**TN Recycling Coalition
SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM
CATEGORY A APPLICATION**

1 Applicant's Information

Full Name:	
Address:	
Telephone:	
Email:	

2 Sponsoring TRC Member

Name:	
Address:	
Telephone:	
Email:	
Relationship to Applicant:	
Sponsor's TRC Chapter:	

3 High School/College/University Issuing the Diploma and/or Transcript

Name of School:	
Mailing Address:	
Telephone Number:	

4 College/University where Accepted or Attending

Name of School:	
Location:	
Planned Major:	
How do you think your planned major might fit into a career in the solid waste industry?	

5 Academics = 40% of total score

REQUIRED: Attach your transcript from the high school or equivalent most recently completed.
To aid the Committee's review, indicate your cumulative mark or grade point average here and identify the scale used (e.g., 3.8 on a 4.0 scale), if applicable.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant's GPA or cumulative score: 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum in the scoring/scale used: 	
REQUIRED: Attach a copy of your college/university transcript.	
Optional:	Attach documentation of any other academic performance, awards, or recognition and/or letters of recommendation related to academic performance you believe the Scholarship Committee should consider.
Optional:	If available, identify scores from any standardized tests and attach a copy of the test return.
ACT	SAT

6 Extracurricular Activities = 25% of total score

REQUIRED: Complete and sign the attached page describing your involvement in **extracurricular school activities**, if any. Attach documentation and/or letters of support that will help the Scholarship Committee appropriately score your application. If you did not participate in extracurricular school activities, sign the bottom of the blank page.

7 Community Activities = 25% of total score

REQUIRED: Complete the attached page describing your involvement in any **community (non-school) programs or activities**, if any. Attach documentation and/or letters of support that will help the Scholarship Committee appropriately score your application. If you did not participate in community activities, sign the bottom of the blank page.

8 Essay Question = 10% of total score

REQUIRED: Attach a one-page, single-spaced essay in 12 pt Times New Roman font

1. Analyze the effectiveness of current solid waste management policies in your city and/or county, or news and propose innovative solutions to improve waste reduction and recycling rates.

9 Financial Need – not weighted

You may attach a short statement of financial need, describing how this scholarship will help offset tuition and related expenses and listing any other scholarships or educational funding received to-date. Please do not attach forms or documentation containing confidential financial information.

Signature of Applicant	Date
Signature of TRC Sponsor	Date

CATEGORY A

Extracurricular Activities

(Connected with the school but outside the standard curriculum)

Please describe your participation, including the name of the activity, how long or how frequently (the seasons or years) you participated, and what you did. Attach documentation or letters of recommendation, if any, to help the Scholarship Committee understand your involvement. Copy the page if you need more space.

Activity	
Duration & frequency	
How did you participate?	
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I, _____, verify that the information above is true to the best of my knowledge. (applicant)

CATEGORY A

Community Activities and Citizenship

(Programs or participation offered or sponsored by entities other than your school. This also includes military participation and employment)

Please describe what you did and how long/ how often you participated. Attach documentation or letters of recommendation, if any, to help the Scholarship Committee understand your involvement. Copy the page if you need more space.

Activity	
Duration & frequency	
What did you do? How did you participate?	
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I, _____, verify that the information above is true to the best of my knowledge. (applicant)

Have you attached:

- High school transcript - required
- Copy of your college or university transcript – required
- Documentation of academic achievement, awards, and honors – applicant specific
- Scores from any standardized testing – optional
- Complete, signed extracurricular activities form – required
- Complete, signed community activities and citizenship form – required
- One-page essay on the topic identified in Question 8 – required
- College attending and address to the main office for check to be sent from TRC.
- Must email all documents to info@tnrecycles.com or mail to TRC Scholarship P.O. Box 23796
Nashville, TN 37202

Submit this complete package to your TRC Scholarship Committee Administrator by May 1st, 2024.

TRC Scholarship Committee Administrator:

Amber Greene

TN Recycling Coalition Executive Director

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