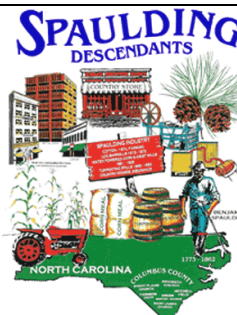


**Benjamin and Edith Spaulding Descendants
Foundation (BESDF), INC., Scholarship
Program Application Form:
Deadline: June 1, 2026**



I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

(First name) (Middle name) (Last name)

(Street address)

(City) (State) (Zip code) (County)

MAILING ADDRESS (If different from above)

(Street address)

(City) (State) (Zip code) (County)

(E-mail Address)

PHONE NUMBER _____ DATE OF BIRTH ____/____/____
Month Date Year

(Home)

MARITAL STATUS

(Work)

☐ Single ☐ Divorced

(Mobile)

☐ Married ☐ Widowed

II. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

High School, University City & State	Years Attended	Did you graduate? Yes or No	Extra Curricular Activities

III. PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Parent/ Guardian	Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial	Reside in home with applicant? Yes or No	Relationship to applicant
Mother:			
Father:			
Other:			
Other:			

IV. ANNUAL INCOME OF HOUSEHOLD

(Include ALL income of the household and dependents, including the applicant)

\$ _____
(Annual income) (Number of dependents)

V. EMPLOYMENT HISTORY OF APPLICANT

Name of Employer, City, State Phone Number	Position Held	Dates Employed	Duties

VI. ESSAY

This portion of the application should be returned typed in size 12 point, Times New Roman font, and double spaced. The response to each of the following questions should be no less than one page, with a total of no more than three pages. The applicant must answer ALL of the essay questions in order to be eligible for the Benjamin and Edith Spaulding Descendants Foundation Scholarship.

- 1) What does self-reliance mean to you and why is it important?
- 2) What are your career goals and how do you expect to achieve them?
- 3) Once your career goals are achieved identify one thing you will do to give back to society?

Return signed and completed application including all essays and other supporting documents requested in one (1) packet to the following address:

Stacy S. Robinson, Chairman
 BESDF, Inc. Scholarship Committee
 160 WoodCroft Dr.
 Youngsville, N.C. 27596
 919-649-5029, E-mail: stacyb_robinson@yahoo.com
<http://www.spauldingfamily.org>

Certification and Signature

I am at least 18 years of age and I hereby state that all information contained in this application and all supporting materials is correct to the best of my knowledge.

I acknowledge that I have read, understand and agree to the Scholarship Guidelines and Terms and Conditions.

If Applicant is under the age of 18 at the time of the application's submission, a parent or guardian must also certify and sign that they have read and agree to the Scholarship Guidelines and Terms and Conditions.

Applicant Signature

Date

Applicant Name

Parent/Guardian Signature (Applicant is under 18 years of age)

Date

Parent/Guardian Name

BESDF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Guidelines for Scholarship Application 2026

- **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION:** Download instructions and application forms from the foundation website, i.e. and click “BESDF Projects” to access the Scholarship Program.
- **Scholarship Amount:** BESDF, Inc. has established a scholarship fund consisting of a \$2,500.00 scholarship paid in two (2) equal distributions of \$1,250. The 1st distribution shall be in August 2026 and the 2nd distribution in August 2028.
- The scholarships will be awarded every two years and the scholarship application must be submitted by June 1st of the even number year, i.e., 2024, 2026 and every even year thereafter.
- Applicant must be an African-American or Native-American and a US citizen who is a current resident of Bladen, Columbus, New Hanover, Pender, Robeson, or Brunswick County in the state of North Carolina.
- Applicant must be enrolled full-time as an undergraduate or graduate student in a degree seeking program at a US accredited college, community college or university in the US and or US territories. This scholarship is open to August 2026 college freshman, sophomores, juniors, and graduate students. Active enrollment is required for both distributions.
- Applicant must be pursuing their first undergraduate or graduate degree.
- Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of family need, student income, required essays, and meeting minimum GPA requirements.
- The Scholarship Committee will review and select the scholarship recipients from the applications postmarked by no later than June 1, 2026.
- Applicants must include official transcripts from a high school, accredited college, community college, or university.
- Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.0.
- The number of scholarships awarded are subject to change depending upon funding for the BESDF, Inc. Scholarship Program.
- Please include the following documents in your application packet. ALL documents must be included in one packet.

Please note: If documents are sent separately, your application will be discarded.

☐ BESDF Application (Completed & Signed)	☐ 3 Required Essays	☐ High School/College Transcript
Fall 2026 enrollment certification letter from the University you will be attending. (Do not send acceptance letter)	☐ A letter of recommendation from a school counselor, teacher/professor, or principal	☐ Application postmarked by June 1, 2026.

BENJAMIN & EDITH SPAULDING DESCENDANTS FOUNDATION (BESDF), INC.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The Benjamin & Edith Spaulding Descendants Foundation (BESDF), Inc. has established a Scholarship fund consisting of \$2,500.00 scholarships per recipient awarded over a two- year period. The scholarships will be awarded every two years of the even number year. A payment of \$1,250 will be distributed to Recipient(s) in August 2026. The second payment of \$1,250.00, distributed in August 2025, will be dependent upon the scholarship recipient ***maintaining a 3.0 GPA and active college enrollment***. Recipient must provide the BESDF Scholarship Committee with proof of 2026-2027 college enrollment and a 2025-2026 transcript in order to receive the second payment in August 2026. Supporting documents for the second distribution should be provided no later than June 30, 2027.

The Benjamin & Edith Spaulding Descendants Foundation Scholarship Program is intended for citizens of the United States of America only and shall be evaluated according to the laws of the United States. If you do not meet these requirements, we ask that you not apply. To be considered to receive one of these scholarships, you must complete the application forms.

NO AFFILIATION OR ENDORSEMENT:

The Benjamin & Edith Spaulding Descendants Foundation Scholarship committee is solely responsible for administration of this scholarship opportunity. This student scholarship program is not affiliated with, sponsored by, or endorsed by any college, school, corporation, or government entity.

ELIGIBILITY:

This scholarship is open to any current college student sophomore, junior, senior college student, graduate student, or incoming freshman. Applicants must be African American or Native American and a citizen of the United States currently living in Bladen, Columbus, New Hanover, Pender, Brunswick, or Roberson County of the state of North Carolina. Members of the Benjamin & Edith Spaulding Descendants Foundation Scholarship Selection Committee, and members of their immediate family and household of each are not eligible to apply such as, but not limited to, parents, siblings, or any person residing in the same household. All federal, state, and local laws and regulations apply. By participating in the scholarship, entrant fully and unconditionally agrees to and accepts these Official Rules and the decisions of Sponsor, which are final and binding.

ENTRY:

To apply, complete the application and provide all supporting documents with the application form. Applicants may apply for a scholarship once during each registration time frame. The Benjamin & Edith Spaulding Descendants Foundation Scholarship Program Committee is not responsible for errors, omissions, lost of application due to no fault of the selection committee, late, interruptions, deletions, delays in operations or transmission, invalid, incomplete applications submissions, technically corrupted or misdirected entries. All of these types of entries will be disqualified. All entries become the property of the Benjamin & Edith Spaulding Descendants Foundation Scholarship Program and will not be returned. The Benjamin & Edith Spaulding Descendants Foundation Scholarship Program is not responsible for any claims, liabilities, or damages in conjunction with the scholarship program. The Benjamin & Edith Spaulding Descendants Foundation Scholarship Program is not responsible for any claims,

liabilities, or damages in conjunction with the process of meeting the scholarship rules. The Benjamin & Edith Spaulding Descendants Foundation Scholarship Program Committee reserve the right to disqualify entrants for not meeting the scholarship award criteria. Scholarship rules, dates, and guidelines are subject to updates and/or modifications as may be required before the beginning of a scholarship selection cycle.

In the event of a dispute as to the identity of the entrant, entries will be declared made by the authorized account holder of the e-mail address submitted at time of entry. The "authorized account holder" is defined as the natural person who is assigned to an e-mail address by an Internet access provider, on-line service provider or other organization (e.g., business, educational, institution, etc.) that is responsible for assigning e-mail addresses for the respective domain associated with the submitted e-mail address.

SELECTION:

Applicant(s) will be selected by a judging panel administered by the Benjamin & Edith Spaulding Descendants Foundation Scholarship Program Selection Committee. The decision of this Benjamin & Edith Spaulding Descendants Foundation Scholarship Program Selection Committee is final.

The selected applicant(s) will be notified by e-mail, regular U.S. postal mail, or by overnight carrier within approximately five (5) business days of the selection. If the selectee cannot be contacted after a reasonable effort within seven (7) days after the first attempt to contact him/her, this will result in forfeiture of the scholarship and an alternate entrant will be selected in his/her place. The scholarship selectee must comply with all terms and conditions of these Official Rules and selection is contingent upon fulfilling all requirements listed.

The scholarship monies will be paid directly to the selected applicant(s) at the beginning of each school year upon the applicant meeting and complying with the scholarship program terms and conditions for payment and verification that the applicant was selected. Odds of being selected to receive a scholarship depends on the number of eligible applications received. ALL FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL TAXES, AND ANY OTHER COSTS AND EXPENSES, ASSOCIATED WITH THE RECEIPT OR USE OF THE SCHOLASHIP FUNDS ARE THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SELECTEE. The scholarship may be tax free if the recipient meets all IRS (Internal Revenue Service) requirements. Scholarships are awarded WITHOUT WARRANTY OF ANY KIND, express or implied, without limitation. If the winner chooses not to accept his/her Scholarship, an alternate winner may be selected. The award will be paid in two equal lump sums to the scholarship selectees.

SUBSTITUTION & ASSIGNMENT:

The Scholarships are not transferable, no substitution or cash redemptions.

LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY:

By participating, entrants (a): agree that the Sponsor, and their respective parent companies, affiliates, subsidiaries, service providers, and agencies, and their directors, officers, agents, employees, attorneys, and any other person or entity associated with such entities and/or scholarship shall not be liable for any and all claims, damages, losses or injuries, including any third party claims, arising from or relating to, in whole or in part, this scholarship, including entry and participation in this scholarship and acceptance, possession, use or misuse of the scholarship; (b) agree that Sponsor and its employees and agents have neither made nor are in any manner responsible or liable for any warranty, representation, or guarantee, express or implied, in fact or in law, relative to any scholarship including, but not limited to, its quality, mechanical condition or fitness for a particular purpose; (c) agree to be bound by the official rules and the decisions of the Sponsor (including but not limited to eligibility determinations) which are final and binding in all respects; and (d) consent to use of his/her name, photograph and/or likeness for advertising and promotional purposes in connection with this scholarship without additional compensation, unless prohibited by law.

All entrants further agree that in the event of any third-party claims, damages, losses, or injuries, arising from or relating to this scholarship, they will indemnify Sponsor from any and all such claims, including the attorneys' fees related thereto. Sponsor shall not be liable for entries and winner notification responses that are delayed, lost, misdirected, illegible, mutilated, incorrect or incomplete, and such entries will not be eligible for this scholarship. Sponsor is not responsible for late, lost, incomplete, inaccurate, or misdirected entries, whether caused by any technical or human error which may occur in the processing of the entries in the scholarship; computer system, phone line, computer equipment or computer malfunctions, software, program malfunctions or other failures, or other errors or delays; or network connections that are human, mechanical, or technical in nature. Entrant further agrees that in any cause of action, Sponsor and its employees' and agents' liability will be limited to the cost of entering and participating in the scholarship, and in no event shall the released parties be liable for attorney's fees. Entrant waives the right to claim any damages whatsoever, including, but not limited to, punitive, consequential, direct, or indirect damages. ANY PERSON ATTEMPTING TO DEFRAUD OR IN ANY WAY TAMPER WITH The Benjamin scholarship will BE PROSECUTED TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW. Sponsor reserves the right, in their sole discretion, to cancel or suspend this scholarship should viruses, bugs or other causes beyond their control corrupt the administration, security or proper play of the scholarship. Sponsor further reserves the right to modify the rules of the scholarship in any way or at any time, if reasonable notice is given.

DISPUTES:

This scholarship is governed by the laws of the United States without respect to conflict of law doctrines. As a condition of participating in this scholarship, participants agree that any and all disputes which cannot be resolved between the parties and causes of action arising out of or in connection with this scholarship, shall be resolved individually, without resort to any form of class action, exclusively before a court located in the U.S. having jurisdiction. Further, in any such dispute, under no circumstances will participants be permitted to obtain awards for, and hereby waive all rights to claim punitive, incidental, or consequential damages, including attorneys' fees, other than participant's actual out-of-pocket expenses (e.g., costs associated with entering), and participant further waives all rights to have damages multiplied or increased.)

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER INFORMATION

For scholarship winner information, visit www.besdfoundation.org (click on BESDF, Inc.) or write to The Benjamin & Edith Spaulding Descendants Foundation Scholarship Program at 160 Woodcroft Drive, Youngsville, NC 27596.

Privacy Notice

Effective February 19, 2011

Our Commitment to Privacy

Your privacy is important to us. To better protect your privacy, we provide this notice explaining our online information practices and the choices you can make about the way your information is collected and used. To make this notice easy to find, we make it available on our homepage and at every point where personally identifiable information may be requested.

The Information We Collect:

This notice applies to all information collected or submitted . The types of personal information collected may include: Name, Age, Gender, Student Status, Short Essay, Mailing address, Email address and telephone number.

Use of Information:

The information collected shall be utilized for scholarship qualification or scholarship distribution purposes.

How to Contact Us

Should you have questions or concerns regarding the Terms and Conditions for qualifying to be considered for a scholarship under this BESDF, Inc. scholarship program , email: Stacy S. Robinson Scholarship Program Chairperson at stacyb_robinson@yahoo.com

The application and all supporting documents must be submitted to:

Stacy S. Robinson, BESDF, Inc., Scholarship Program Chairperson

[160 WoodCroft Dr.](#)

[Youngsville, N.C. 27596](#)

[Cell: 919-649-5029](#)