

# 2024 JOSEPH W. HATCHETT VAULTS OF OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County, Palm Beach County and Pinellas County will consider granting free memberships to any applicant who submits the application and required information by the **DEADLINE: 6:00p.m. ET on Tuesday, April 30, 2024.**

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. An applicant must already be a member and in good standing with a Boys & Girls Club in Broward County, Palm Beach County or Pinellas County, or complete a separate application to become a member by April 30, 2024. A Free Boys & Girls Club membership may be available for applicants who meet the specified financial need requirements for this scholarship on page 7.
2. Must be a high school freshman/9<sup>th</sup> grader at the time of your application and on track for promotion to 10<sup>th</sup> grade.
3. Must be on track to be a first-generation college student and/or be in a single-parent household.
4. Must demonstrate financial need; that is, applicant must be living in a household which earns less than 200 percent of the current federal poverty guidelines (Ex., a **family of 2** earning less than \$40,880; a **family of 3** earning less than \$51,640, a **family of 4** earning less than \$62,400, a **family of 5** earning less than \$73,160).
5. Must be a US Citizen or hold a permanent resident visa card.
6. Must submit all application materials listed below by 6:00p.m. ET on Tuesday, April 30, 2024:
  - i. Application Questionnaire;
  - ii. Copy of transcript showing cumulative GPA;
  - iii. Resume or listing of clubs/activities/employment/community service, either of which should include all extracurricular activities the applicant participated in during high school including community, school, athletics and Boys & Girls Club activities and the honors received. (Please include the length of involvement and any offices held);
  - iv. Essays based upon detailed instructions on page 8;
  - v. **Two** Letters of Recommendation (one letter must be from a teacher; the other may be from non-academic individuals such as a Boys & Girls Club Director or Program Manager; coaches; pastor; civic or political leaders; mentors).

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## IMPORTANT NOTES TO THE APPLICANT ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP

- The VOOS Scholarship Selection Committee will convene as early as April 1, 2024, to determine the number of “Hatchett Scholars” to be selected from each of the participating Boys & Girls Clubs and will begin consideration of applications it has received from each participating Club as of April 1, 2024. The Selection Committee will convene thereafter to consider additional applications it has received from each participating Club through the application deadline of Tuesday, April 30, 2024.
- Funding is available to designate ten (10) new Hatchett Scholars from the overall pool of applicants in 2024. Those who are selected as Hatchett Scholars will become eligible to utilize their \$2,000.00 scholarship for college admissions tests and higher education.
  - VOOS Scholarship funds will be held in a Boys & Girls Club of Broward County (“BGCBC”) account and may be used by Hatchett Scholars to cover the cost of PSAT, SAT, ACT, and SAT tests and the preparation materials/courses and tutoring for any of these tests. Unused funds may be applied to college tuition.
- To remain eligible for VOOS funding, Hatchett Scholars must:
  - Complete a PSAT test preparation course sponsored by Kaplan, Princeton Review, Varsity Tutors, PrepScholar or a similarly rigorous program and take the PSAT during the fall of 10<sup>th</sup> grade.
  - Complete a SAT/ACT test preparation course sponsored by Kaplan, Princeton Review, Varsity Tutors, PrepScholar or similarly rigorous program and take the SAT/ACT during their 11<sup>th</sup> grade.
  - **NOTE:** If a Hatchett Scholar has verified that they have already enrolled in and completed rigorous and effective test preparation paid by another source and completed the required tests, then all or any remaining portion of their VOOS Scholarship funding may accrue in a BGCBC account as a college scholarship and shall be distributed on behalf of that Hatchett Scholar pursuant to BGCBC guidelines for awarding college scholarships.
- At any time, the VOOS Scholarship Committee, through a designated Boys & Girls Club liaison, may request updated transcripts of any Hatchett Scholar. **Updated transcripts and final grades must be submitted at the end of the 2023/2024 school year and the 2024/2025 school year in order for the VOOS Scholarship funds to be disbursed.**
- Neither The Boys & Girls Clubs nor the JWH Vaults of Opportunity Scholarship Program will support the complete financial needs of any applicant selected as a Hatchett Scholar.

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## REQUIRED INFORMATION - STUDENT CHECKLIST

All of the following information must be received by the designated liaison of Boys & Girls Club Scholarship Committee no later than 6:00p.m. ET on **Tuesday, April 30, 2024:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Completed Scholarship Application Questionnaire;
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Copy of transcript showing cumulative GPA;
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Resume or listing of clubs/activities/employment/community service, either of which should include all extracurricular activities the applicant participated in during high school including community, school, athletics and Boys & Girls Club activities and the offices held. (Please include the length of involvement and offices held);
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Essays based upon detailed instructions on page 8;
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Two Letters of Recommendation (at least **one must be from a teacher**; the other may be from non-academic individuals such as a Boys & Girls Club Director or Program Manager; coaches; pastor; civic or political leaders; mentors).

**Application Submission-** Submit your final application to [scholarships@bgcbc.org](mailto:scholarships@bgcbc.org).

For Broward County applicants, please copy [dlugo@bgcbc.org](mailto:dlugo@bgcbc.org) on the email.

For Palm Beach County applicants, please copy [lholem@bgcpbc.org](mailto:lholem@bgcpbc.org) on the email.

For Pinellas County applicants, please copy [mrosales@bgcsun.org](mailto:mrosales@bgcsun.org) on the email.

Confirmation email will be sent once scholarship is received.

**QUESTIONS** - If you have any questions, please contact your Club Director or the Career & Education team at [scholarships@bgcbc.org](mailto:scholarships@bgcbc.org) or text at 954-590-0778.

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## JOSEPH W. HATCHETT VAULTS OF OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP/BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS

### Confidential Scholarship Application

**IMPORTANT:** This application must be completed and submitted to the email addresses listed on page 3 with the required information by 6:00p.m. ET on Tuesday, April 30, 2024. This application must be completed fully in order to be considered and this application must be typed or written legibly in ink.

### STUDENT INFORMATION

**Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
First Last MI

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address Apartment/Unit #  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code

**Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you a United States citizen?** Yes ☐ No ☐

**Are you a permanent resident or U.S. Visa Card holder?** Yes ☐ No ☐

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## ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Name of High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative Weighted GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the courses you plan to take in 10<sup>th</sup> Grade:

After high school graduation, what higher education will you pursue? (check all that apply)

- ☐ Vocational/Technical
- ☐ Associate of Arts
- ☐ Bachelors
- ☐ Masters
- ☐ Ph.D.
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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## PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

**Mother's Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
First Last MI

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address Apartment/Unit #  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Employer/Occupation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Father's Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
First Last MI

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address Apartment/Unit #  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Employer/Occupation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Siblings Living With Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age of Siblings in Household:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

How many family members live on a regular basis in the home where the applicant lives most often? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the total income received by all individuals who earn or receive income from any source in the home where the applicant lives most often? \_\_\_\_\_

While in school, where do you live? ... (Check One)

Live with parent(s)? ☐ Live with another relative? ☐ Live with friends? ☐

Other? ☐ If Other, please identify where you live: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you work after school? (Check One) YES ☐ / NO ☐

If yes, approximately how many hours do you think you will work per week?

\_\_\_\_\_

Please list by name of each individual in your household who earns or receives income, and next to each one, identify the source of income and the approximate annual amount earned or received by that individual:

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## SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY QUESTIONS

Please type your answers to the following questions on a separate sheet of paper. Use as much detail as possible. The answers must be:

- 12 Point Font
- Double Spaced
- Times New Roman
- 1 inch margins all around.

Please include on the top left hand corner:

- Full-name
- Date

- I. In 250 words (approximately 1 page, double spaced) or less, please describe how your receiving the Joseph W. Hatchett Vaults of Opportunity Scholarship would help you pursue your higher learning goals and career plans. Describe any personal, family and financial circumstances that may challenge you in your goal to continue with high school and go to college.
- II. In 750 words (approximately 3 pages, double spaced) or less, please utilize the following quote from The Honorable Joseph W. Hatchett (former Justice of the Supreme Court of Florida and former United States Circuit Judge) to describe the communities to which you feel connected, the difficulties those communities face and the ways you hope to address those difficulties through your pursuit of higher education and a meaningful career:

*“Let’s look at where the vaults of opportunity are and let’s do our job of intentionally opening those vaults of opportunity and taking the door off the hinges.” --Joseph W. Hatchett*



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## CERTIFICATION

I understand that all of the statements made with regard to this scholarship application are true and I understand that false statements will automatically disqualify me. I certify that any award money will be used for expenses related to my preparation for the PSAT, SAT or pursuit of higher education goals.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Name (Printed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

I certify, to the best of my knowledge, that all the statements made with regard to this scholarship application are true and I understand that false statements will automatically disqualify my child. I certify that any award money will be used for expenses related to my child's preparation for PSAT, SAT and related pursuit of higher education goals.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Name (Printed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

I certify, to the best of my knowledge, that all of the statements made with regard to this scholarship application are true. I certify this applicant is in good standing or has submitted an application for BGC membership.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Club Director or Program Administrator Name (Printed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Club Director or Program Administrator

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date