

Big Sandy Area Community Action Program

2022

Eula Hall Community Advocate

Scholarship Application



**2022 Community Services Block Grant
Eula Hall Community Advocate Scholarship
\$2,000**

The Promise of Community Action:

*Community Action changes people's lives,
embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities,
and makes America a better place to live.
We care about the entire community,
and we are dedicated to helping people
help themselves and each other.*

During her life, Eula Hall was the personification of the Community Action Promise. Thousands of lives in our region have been changed for the better because of her unassailable spirit and indomitable will. For more than 35 years, she served on the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program Board of Directors and it is with gratitude that we name this scholarship in her honor.

Hall lived her life as an advocate for the workers, children, and families of the region. She served with the Volunteers in Service to America, the Appalachian Volunteers, the East Kentucky Worker's Rights Organization, and as president of the Kentucky Black Lung Association. She created the Mud Creek Water District, and in 1973, established the Mud Creek Clinic to serve uninsured and underinsured people. The Mud Creek Clinic, now known at the Eula Hall Health Center, offers general clinic care, pharmacy, dental care, optometry, mental health services, patient transportation, public benefits guidance, and a food pantry.

Hall said, "I love to be a part of my community. I love to be available to help people on anything I can, anything I know that's going to benefit them. And any program we can bring to the community, I love to do it. I like to be the person that does it. [...] You'd be surprised what you can make work."

She was a pioneer for health in eastern Kentucky and a staunch advocate for the poor. Through the years she picketed at coal mines for better treatment for the workers, pushed for laws to aid sufferers of black lung, raised thousands of dollars to bring medical services to her community, ensured that the people of Mud Creek have clean water to drink, and given money from her own pocket for food or medicine for people in need. She said, "A lot of times a good word is what somebody needs, a good word or a good deed. They need somebody. They need somebody to care."

The sacrifices she made throughout her life and the actions she made are an example to all of us who want to serve our communities and it was a privilege to serve alongside her.

Ms. Hall passed away in 2021, but her spirit lives on.

To the applicants of the scholarship, Hall said, "Learn to care for people and remember where you come from. Don't never forget your upbringing, who you are, and where you come from. It don't matter how far you go in life, when you look back, remember the people who are not as fortunate as you are."

Through this scholarship, we seek to honor the life and work of Eula Hall on behalf of the grateful people of eastern Kentucky and encourage the next generation of advocates to rise to the same heights.

2022 Eula Hall Community Advocate Scholarship Application Information

Thank you for applying for the Eula Hall Community Advocate Scholarship. Big Sandy Area Community Action Program (BSACAP) understands that you may have questions regarding the application process. The information provided below should help you. If you have further questions, please contact the Community Services office in your county.

What type of scholarship is offered?

Big Sandy Area Community Action Program offers an annual \$2,000 scholarship to CSBG-eligible applicants within the Big Sandy area. This one-time cash scholarship may be used for any expenses that the applicant incurs while pursuing a post-secondary education.

Am I eligible?

In order to qualify for the scholarship, applicants must:

- Major in Social Work, Human Services, Public Services, or related fields
- Have a history of participation in volunteer work
- Be in at least their 3rd year of study
- Fulfill the requirements of the regular CSBG Scholarship application.
- Be enrolled as a full-time student in the Fall 2022 semester of a post-secondary institution
- Have a GPA of 3.0 or above
- Live in a household that falls below the 200% federal poverty level
- Live within the BSACAP service area (Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin, or Pike Counties)

Please note:

- Master's and Graduate Degree candidates are ineligible to apply.
- BSACAP staff or family members of BSACAP staff are ineligible to apply. This includes spouses, children, parents, siblings, grandparents, nieces and nephews.
- **Applicants may apply for both the Eula Hall Community Advocate Scholarship and the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Scholarship, but they may only win one.**
- **Individuals may only win the Eula Hall Community Advocate Scholarship once. Scholarship does not renew.**

What information or documentation do I need to apply?

Applicants will need to provide the following information to be eligible for the scholarship:

- ✓ Applicants must complete and sign the scholarship application, including the case management authorization form.
- ✓ Applicants must have a Service Assessment completed by a CSBG staff member. The Service Assessment must include the social security number, date of birth, and verification of monthly income for every household member. **Applicants must provide proof of and meet CSBG income guidelines.** **The original Service Assessment will be given to the applicant for inclusion in their application packet, with a copy retained by CSBG staff. ALL pages of services assessment must be signed by the applicant.**
- ✓ Applicants must provide proof of their cumulative grade point average (GPA). **A minimum GPA of 3.0 is required to be eligible.**

- ✓ Two letters of reference are needed for the application. One letter of reference should be from a representative of an educational institution (this may be from a guidance counselor/advisor, teacher, or professor.) The other letter of reference should be from someone you know personally. This could be a church/clergy member, co-worker, caseworker, community or civic leader, etc., but **cannot** be from a BSACAP staff member or relative of a BSACAP staff member.
- ✓ Applicants must provide proof that they are enrolled as a full-time student (at least 12 credit hours) in a post-secondary educational institution for the Fall 2022 semester/term.
- ✓ Applicants must be in at least their 3rd year of study. Extra points will be awarded to individuals in the final year of their undergraduate degree.
- ✓ Applicants must provide documentation of a Major in Social Work, Human Services, Public Services, or related fields. This may be a copy of the major declaration form or a signed letter from the applicant's academic advisor if the major is not explicitly stated on the applicant's academic transcript.
- ✓ Applicants must provide documentation of their volunteer work. This may be a signed letter from the volunteer supervisor on organizational letterhead stating hours served and capacity in which service was provided. Extra points will be awarded to individuals who served at a nonprofit organization.
- ✓ Applicants must write an essay on why they feel that they should receive this award. Please include any personal success, recognition, or special need that motivates you to pursue a post-secondary education. The essay should be two (2) typed pages, double-spaced, using one-inch margins and a 12-point font. Essays that do not meet these specifications will not be counted and render the applicant disqualified.
- ✓ Applicants must provide proof that they live within the BSACAP service area (Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin, or Pike counties). This may be a utility bill with service address or a piece of first class mail post marked within 30 days of application.
- ✓ Applicants who are the first in their immediate family to attend college may provide a notarized statement from a family member or school official to document said statement.
- ✓ Applicants must agree to participate in BSACAP case management for one year.

How are the scholarships awarded?

Scholarships will be awarded based on a ratings point system that includes the application, essay, GPA, and other criteria. In the event of a tie, postmark date/earliest timestamp will take precedence. One \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded to one recipient. The recipient will be notified when to pick up their scholarship check, and must be present to receive it. Checks will not be mailed to recipients.

When are the scholarships awarded?

Scholarship packets cannot be returned by hand to any BSACAP office. They must be mailed to BSACAP, Attention: CSBG Scholarship Program, 230 Court Street, Suite 323, Paintsville, Kentucky 41240, no later than Friday, June 24, 2022. Packets received after June 24 must have a valid US postmark for that date. Scholarships will be awarded no later than July 29, 2022.

Note: Incomplete packets WILL NOT be reviewed.

2022 Eula Hall Community Advocate Scholarship Application

Applicant Name _____ Social Sec. # _____

Home Phone # _____ Alternate Phone # _____

Home Address _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Annual Household Income _____

College or University Where Applicant is Enrolled _____

Cumulative GPA _____

Are you the first member of your immediate family to attend college? Yes No

Do you wish to be considered for the 2022 CSBG Scholarship as well? Yes No

Please attach separate sheets with information for each of the following:

1. Service Assessment (must be completed by BSACAP staff according to CSBG guidelines and all pages must be signed by applicant)
2. Verification of residency (A utility bill OR piece of first class mail received within 30 days of application)
3. Verification of income and social security number for every household member (Proof of CSBG income eligibility is required)
4. Copy of academic transcript.
5. Verification of cumulative GPA, major, and at least 3rd year status if information is not provided on transcript
6. Verification of volunteer work
7. Two letters of reference
8. Verification of Fall 2022 semester/term enrollment in a post-secondary institution
9. Essay completed to required specifications
10. Notarized statement from family member or school official documenting applicant as first time family member attending post-secondary educational institution, IF APPLICABLE
11. Signed Case Management Authorization form
12. Signed Release of Information form

I attest that the information provided in this application is true to the best of my knowledge, and I agree to comply with the terms of this award. **I further understand that if I fail to submit this application and all required items by 4:30pm on Friday, June 24, 2022, my application will be disqualified. Applications received after June 24 must have a valid US postmark for that date.**

Applicant's Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 18)

Date

Received by: _____

Date/Time: _____

Applicants who have earned a 4-year degree or are pursuing education levels of Masters Degree and above are not eligible. BSACAP staff or Family members of BSACAP staff are ineligible to apply. This includes spouses, children, parents, siblings, grandparents, nieces and nephews.

Scholarship funding made possible by Community Services Block Grant with funds made available by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Big Sandy Area Community Action Program 2022 Eula Hall Community Advocate Scholarship Case Management Authorization Form

In order to receive the 2022 Eula Hall Community Advocate Scholarship, applicants must first agree to be case managed for up to one year by BSACAP staff. This will include monthly contact (at minimum) for education follow ups. Case management may also include requests for copies of semester grades or documentation of post-secondary education completion (if applicable). If the applicant fails to return Case Manager calls, emails, or requests after receiving the scholarship, they will become ineligible for the CSBG scholarship in future years.

I, _____, hereby authorize BSACAP staff to contact me monthly for case management services and agree to provide any information that they may require. I understand that failure to communicate with my CSBG Case Manager will result in ineligibility for future CSBG scholarship opportunities.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2022.

Applicant (print)

Address

Applicant (signature)

City, State, Zip

Email

Witness (print)

Phone

Witness (signature)



Big Sandy Area Community Action Program

Release of Information

Name – Please Print

Address

City County State Zip Code

Home Phone Alternate Phone

I authorize Big Sandy Area Community Action Program (BSACAP) to use my photograph, statements, and related information for publicity purposes.

Signature Date

Witness Date

Big Sandy Area Community Action Program

Notice of Client Appeals Rights

Under various titles of federal law, Kentucky Revised Statutes and pursuant to terms of contracts and agreements with and through the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, this agency is required to provide a hearing to any applicant or recipient of services who is aggrieved by any agency action resulting in denial, suspension, discrimination, exclusion, or termination of services administered under federal or state statute or funding pertaining to its administered programs.

This agency, as a grantor, and/or contractor in the public interest, hereby affirms its compliance with this policy and directs its staff to act accordingly.

Please consider your receipt of this statement as your personal and formal notice of your right to a fair hearing should you be aggrieved by any covered action by this agency or its staff.

If you are dissatisfied with the action by the agency, you may request a fair hearing of your complaint. Your request must be filed in writing within thirty (30) days* of the action you wish to appeal. You may appear by letter or by completing an appeal form which may be obtained from the agency's local county coordinator. Your complaint must contain:

- Your full name, complete address, and telephone number;
- A detailed statement of the nature of your complaint, including the date and place of the agency action and the agency program or service involved;
- Name(s) and addresses (at least their office or service location) of staff you believe treated you inappropriately;
- Your signature and/or that of your authorized representative, if any; and
- A clear indication whether your complaint pertains to service or involves alleged discrimination.

Please forward your complaint to:

Executive Director
BSACAP
230 Court Street
Paintsville, KY 41240

OR

Equal Opportunity Officer
BSACAP
230 Court Street
Paintsville, KY 41240

A full and complete statement of the agency's fair hearing policy is available upon request, with reasonable processing considerations, through the agency's office of the Executive Director.



***USPS postmark or agency date-of-receipt stamp will serve to verify timeliness.**

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Application Check Sheet

Name _____ County _____

_____ **Completed Application**

_____ **Signed Case Management Authorization Form**

_____ **Signed Release of Information**

_____ **Service Assessment (completed by CSBG staff with proof of income, proof of residency, copies of social security cards and all pages signed by applicant)**

_____ **College Transcript**

_____ **Verified Current GPA**

_____ **Verified Major**

_____ **Proof of Full Time (12 hours) College Enrollment for Fall 2022 Semester**

_____ **Verification of Volunteer Work**

_____ **Letters of Recommendation (2)**

_____ **Applicant Essay Completed to Required Specifications**

_____ **Notarized, written statement declaring that applicant is the first person in the immediate family to attend a school of post-secondary education (if applicable)**

Mail Signed and Completed Packet to:

**Big Sandy Area Community Action Program
Attention: CSBG Scholarship
230 Court Street, Suite 323
Paintsville, Kentucky 41240**

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CSBG Community Service Offices

Floyd County Service Office

60 Court Street
Allen, KY 41601
606/ 874-3595
606/ 874-1281 (fax)

Johnson County Service Office

Johnson County Courthouse, Third Floor
230 Court Street
Paintsville, KY 41240
606/ 789-6515
606/ 789-4344 (fax)

Magoffin County Service Office

131 Church Street
Salyersville, KY 41465
606/ 349-2217
606/ 349-6148 (fax)

Martin County Service Office

Roy F. Collier Community Center
387 East Main Street
Inez, KY 41224
606/ 298-3217
606/ 298-3257 (fax)

Pike County Service Office

478 Town Mountain Road
Pikeville, KY 41501
606/ 432-2775
606/ 432-7145 (fax)