



Kalief Browder Memorial Scholarship Application –Fall/Spring 2024-2025

The Kalief Browder Memorial Scholarship was named in honor of the BCC student whose three year Rikers Island incarceration at age 16 – two of them in solitary confinement for a minor offense he did not commit – garnered national attention and a clamor for criminal justice reforms. His story reached former President Obama who referenced Kalief when he called for a ban on juvenile solitary confinement. The Kalief Browder Memorial Scholarship was established and funded by generous donors moved by Kalief’s story to ensure that those following in Kalief’s footsteps have the support they need for many years to come.

**To apply, fill out the attached scholarship application(s) and submit all materials to:
BCCF.SCommittee@bcc.cuny.edu**

Scholarship Criteria

Applicants must be Bronx Community College (BCC) students who:

1. Were formerly justice-involved or have a parent/ guardian or relative that was/is impacted by the justice system;
2. Are currently enrolled in a matriculated program and are on track to complete their degree. Preference given to full-time/part-time students
3. Are in good academic standing: full-time/part-time students have completed a minimum of 12 credits/equated hours.
4. Have a minimum of 2 remaining semesters at BCC (this may include the semester of award);
5. Have a demonstrated financial need;
6. Have completed and submitted the application below including essay (required);

Scholarship Deadline

Submit your completed application via email to BCCF.SCommittee@bcc.cuny.edu by Friday, December 20, 2024.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

EMPL ID#: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Preferred Email Address: _____

Expected Graduation Date: (MM/YYYY) _____ Major: _____ GPA: _____

Complete all questions. Answers will not determine eligibility but possible additional available services.

1. What is your enrollment status? (select one):

- Continuing Entering Freshman Entering Transfer

How many credits do you currently have? _____

2. Did you complete the FAFSA application for 2024-2025? Yes No

3. Did you complete the New York State TAP Application for 2024-2025? Yes No

4. Are you currently receiving scholarships or tuition assistance from your employer or other agency?
Yes No

5. Are you a Veteran? Yes No

6. What is your immigration status?

- US Citizen US Permanent Resident International Student Refugee/Asylum
Undocumented Other

7. **Academic Honors:** List membership in honorary societies, prizes and awards, Dean’s List, scholarships, etc. (Include dates)

8. **Participation in college extracurricular activities:** List organization and special activities, offices held, committee responsibilities, etc. (Include dates)

9. **Volunteer Service:** Include all volunteer work, hobbies, special talents, etc. (Include dates)

10. How will the scholarship help you in your educational goals?

11. Guidelines and Essay: (Application Deadline is December 20, 2024):

- a) Submit essay with a minimum of 700 words on “How the Kalief Browder Memorial Scholarship will help me achieve my academic, personal and professional goals.” Attach essay to application email submission. Applications without essay will not be considered;
- b) One or two recipients will be selected to receive up to \$2,000 tuition scholarship for the 2024-2025 academic year; Recipient may be asked to participate in BCC Foundation events and/or interviews; however, this is not a requirement for securing the scholarship.

If you are selected to receive a Bronx Community College Foundation Scholarship, you will be required to submit a professional headshot, “Thank You” letter to your scholarship donor, volunteer for one Bronx Community College Foundation campus event, and you may be invited to attend special events and/or meetings. Scholarship funds will be deposited to your CUNYfirst account once the above criteria is met.

Signature: _____ Date: _____