Lisa Best Entrepreneurial Spirit Scholarship Application


Lisa Best, 1962 - 2021

In honor and memory of Lisa Best, the Blount Home Education Association Board of Directors, with the support of the Best Family, established the Lisa Best Entrepreneurial Spirit Scholarship Fund in 2021. As a long-time BHEA member and instructor, former board member, homeschooling advocate, and business owner, Lisa tirelessly encouraged BHEA students and families to pursue their callings and find their God-given purpose.

Eligibility
All applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Apply during the school year in which they intend to graduate and be planning to pursue college or vocational or technical school within 16 months of graduation.
- Been home educated for at least three years of high school, with the senior year counting as one of those years.
- Been a member of BHEA for at least three years, including senior year of high school.
- Must participate in BHEA's graduation ceremony.

Note: BHEA reserves the right to consider applicants outside of these parameters on a case-by-case basis.

Scholarship Criteria
The Lisa Best Entrepreneurial Spirit Scholarship is awarded to a senior applicant who has exhibited, through the application process, an entrepreneurial spirit and passion for starting a business now, or in the future.

Application Deadline & Award Date
Completed applications are due **no later than March 31** to allow time for careful review and selection. **Late submissions will not be accepted**.

The $500 scholarship will be awarded during the annual BHEA graduation ceremony. Applicants must participate in the ceremony to receive the award. Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the winning student.

APPLICATION COMPONENTS

The scholarship application consists of 3 parts, as outlined below. All materials must be professionally presented, original work, written by the student. **No AI may be used**. While parents may proofread, everything should be written by the student.

NOTE: **Do not include your name within your essay or resume**, as the scholarship panel will evaluate the materials without knowing the identity of the applicant. Instead, include your last name as part of your file name (Example: Smith BHEA Scholarship Essay.docx) and the scholarship coordinator will rename the files before distributing them to the evaluators.

1. Essay *(do not include applicant name or identifying information within the document)*
Submit a well-organized essay of up to 500 words on the following topic:

> ***Entrepreneurs see opportunities and create solutions. How have your homeschooling experiences and BHEA involvement prepared you to pursue entrepreneurship as part of your future plans? How would the Lisa Best Scholarship support you in achieving these goals? You might include thoughts on how your potential business idea would serve your community, how your business idea would solve a need, and/or perhaps share about who or what has inspired your desire to be an entrepreneur.***

2. Resume *(do not include applicant name or identifying information within the document)*
Prepare a one-page resume that includes the following:

- **Academic Statistics:** High School GPA, College GPA (if applicable), ACT or SAT score, whether you took Honors classes or Dual Enrollment classes, or passed any AP exams (score of 3 or higher) or CLEP exams (score of 50 or higher).

- **BHEA Participation:** Outline participation during all of your home school years, with an emphasis on high school. Include how many years you have been homeschooled, how many years you have been a BHEA member, whether you have participated in classes with BHEA, and any additional club or leadership roles in BHEA.

  For each item listed, please include the date range of participation. Example: Participated in BHEA Enrichment classes my freshman and sophomore years.

  Note: Do not include community service in this section as it is included below.

- **Outside Activities & Experiences:** Outline all non-BHEA activities and experiences during high school, such as: church activities, leadership positions, extracurricular activities, internships, and jobs.

  For each item listed, please include the date range for participation and how many hours invested. Example: *October through November, 2024 for one hour a week* or *65 total hours over the course of high school*.

- **Community Service:** Include all community service, through BHEA or in the community at large. Be sure to include date range and hours invested.

- **Awards**: Include any noteworthy awards, recognitions, or honors received.

- **Other Helpful Information:** Feel free to include anything else we need to know about you.

A sample resume can be found here for your reference.

3. Google Form
Once your essay and resume are complete and ready to email, you'll begin by completing the Google form linked here. When you have completed the form, please email your materials to Karen Metcalf as outlined above.

Completed materials must be emailed to **Karen Metcalf at karen.metcalf67@gmail.com** by March 31. Essay and resume may be created/submitted in word or Google Doc format. Late submissions or handwritten submissions will not be accepted.

Questions? Reach out to Karen Metcalf at **karen.metcalf67@gmail.com or** via phone at 865-984-4073 and she'll be happy to help.