

2024 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Description of Scholarships

Bayou Industrial Group (BIG) awards scholarships to eligible high school seniors* graduating from public and private high schools in Terrebonne, Lafourche, St. Mary, and Assumption Parishes.

While the main focus of our scholarship program is still on graduating high school seniors, we will now also consider applications from non-traditional students residing in Lafourche, Terrebonne, Assumption, or St. Mary parishes.

BIG plans to award the following scholarships in 2024:

1. **Nicholls State University Award** will include up to \$500 per semester for up to 8 consecutive fall and spring semesters to selected applicant(s) enrolled in Nicholls State University. The award is paid directly to Nicholls in the award recipient's name to be credited to their student accounts at the start of each qualifying semester. To continue receiving the award, student must maintain cumulative GPA requirement of 3.0 and maintain full-time status. *Number of scholarships awarded and any additional scholarship amounts will be determined by fund capacity in 2024.*
2. **Fletcher Technical Community College Award** will include up to \$500 per semester for up to 4 consecutive semesters (summer may be included) to selected applicant(s) enrolled at any Fletcher Technical Community College campus in the parishes listed above. The award is paid directly to Fletcher in the award recipient's name to be credited to their student account at the start of each qualifying semester. To continue receiving the award, student must maintain cumulative GPA requirement of 2.5 and maintain full-time status. Should the student transfer to Nicholls State University during the scholarship award period, the scholarship balance is transferable to Nicholls providing the enrollment and GPA requirements applicable to Nicholls students are met. *Number of scholarships awarded and any additional scholarship amounts will be determined by fund capacity in 2024.*

While the main focus of our scholarship program is still on 2 and 4 year degree programs, we will now also consider applications for students pursuing industrial certifications and non-degree programs. Scholarship amounts for these programs will depend on program costs and other factors. We recognize the importance of these certifications to the employers in our region, and we proudly support students' efforts in attaining them since it improves our local workforce.

Eligibility Requirements

Consideration for the BIG scholarships shall be given to 2024 graduating high school seniors in Lafourche, Terrebonne, Assumption, and St. Mary Parishes who will be enrolled as full-time students at Nicholls State University or Fletcher Technical Community College (campuses in Terrebonne and Lafourche) in the fall semester immediately following high school graduation. Non-traditional students who have enrolled in classes or have at least been accepted into a program that qualifies may also apply. Applicants should:

1. Demonstrate scholastic ability, leadership, and school/community volunteer involvement;
2. Be a resident of Lafourche, Terrebonne, Assumption, or St. Mary Parish;
3. Be a 2024 graduating senior from a Lafourche, Terrebonne, Assumption, or St. Mary Parish high school or approved home-schooling program OR be a non-traditional student residing in those same parishes who has already registered for classes or has at least been accepted into a program at Nicholls or Fletcher;
4. Have a cumulative high school GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (Nicholls applicants) OR a cumulative high school GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale (Fletcher applicants); While there is no minimum high school GPA for applicants pursuing industrial certifications, high school GPA will still be considered.
5. Correctly complete the BIG Scholarship Application with any required attachments (Nicholls applicants must upload essay, all graduating high school seniors must upload high school transcript) by the deadline of **SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2024.**

Application Submission and Recipient Determination

All information including application links are available on the BIG website: www.bayouindustrialgroup.com. Contact Deanna Lafont at info@bayouindustrialgroup.com with any questions. Make sure to allow enough time for a response before the deadline. If an application question does not pertain to you, you may leave it blank but be careful since the response to each question may affect your chances of being chosen for a scholarship.

- **Application for graduating high school seniors attending Nicholls:**
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Nichollsgradsrs>
- **Application for graduating high school seniors attending Fletcher (all programs and industrial certifications):**
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/fletchergradsr>
- **Application for non-traditional students (anyone except May 2024 graduating seniors) attending Nicholls:**
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/nichollsnontrad>
- **Application for non-traditional students (anyone except May 2024 graduating seniors) attending Fletcher (all programs and industrial certifications):**
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/fletcherontrad>

Nicholls applications only: **Essay (REQUIRED) should be typed, no more than one page in length, 12-point font, double-spaced.** If more than one page is submitted, only the first page will be considered.

Deadline to submit completed application: Sunday, April 15, 2024

Failure to follow instructions will disqualify your application. GUIDANCE COUNSELORS – PLEASE REVIEW THESE REQUIREMENTS WITH APPLICANTS.

Scholarship recipients will be notified of their awards via e-mail and U.S. mail by the end of July. Scholarship payment will be made directly to the school in the student's account.

By applying for a Bayou Industrial Group scholarship, the applicant acknowledges that he or she understands the rules for scholarship administration; that he or she qualifies in every respect; that he or she agrees to abide by the rules; and that the information furnished on this application is true and correct to the best of the applicant's knowledge.

BIG'S Obligation to Continue Scholarships

BIG reserves the right to modify or cancel this scholarship program at any time. In the event that any modifications or cancellations affect students currently receiving a BIG scholarship, those students and the schools will be notified no later than 60 days before the program is to be modified or canceled.

BIG shall not be liable for the debts or conduct of the recipients of BIG's scholarships, and such recipients have no right to anticipate, assign, or transfer rights acquired through the awarding of the BIG scholarships.