



BATEMAN SCHOLARS PROGRAM

PROGRAM DETAILS

The Bateman Scholars Program is a FREE immersive college prep program which includes counseling for college selection, 60+ hours of ACT test prep, one-on-one mentoring, college visits countrywide, interview prep, a laptop computer (if deemed needed), and financial-aid application assistance, among other supports. We invest over 300 hours and approximately \$6,000 worth of resources in each student at no cost to the student. Scholars who remain in the Program during college and graduate school will continue to be supported by College Choice Foundation in small, but meaningful ways. We provide resources that promote academic, social, and emotional success, including when funding allows, covering the costs of certain indirect expenses like textbooks, airfare, and enrollment fees. Additionally, Scholars will have the opportunity to attend two college-readiness camps hosted by College Choice Foundation. If admitted, Applicant will be requested to submit additional documentation.

We take a holistic approach in reviewing applications and look forward to reading yours soon. In April/May, qualified applicants will be invited to attend an interview via zoom. Additional documents may be requested like tax returns. A parent or guardian should participate in this interview. Scholar selections will be announced in May, and the program will begin hopefully in June, 2022.

Questions should be directed to info@collegechoicefoundation.org or Josephine Lowery at (205) 401-4212. If there are extenuating circumstances that might affect your application, please contact us.

WHO SHOULD APPLY

Students who meet the qualifications below should apply. Take a look and see if you could be the next Bateman Scholar!

- Applicant must be a current sophomore or junior currently enrolled in a Birmingham City School (George W. Carver, Huffman, Jackson-Olin, Parker, Ramsay, Wenonah, Woodlawn) or at Homewood High School.
- Applicant must be a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident
- Applicant should have a weighted GPA of 3.65 or higher
- Applicant's high-school curriculum should be rigorous (i.e. Advanced Placement and Honor courses)
- Applicant should be involved in extracurricular activities, community service, and/or have work experience
- Applicant should show strong personal character, impressive work ethic, and leadership abilities

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- Applicants must be open to attending a four-year college or university outside of the state of Alabama

In determining eligibility for College Choice Foundation, we will also consider other factors such as your family's income, which must be \$75,000 or less, a family's assets, the size of a student's family, and any unusual expenses. Students with divorced or separated parents must report the income and assets of both biological parents and step-parents (as applicable).

HOW TO APPLY

To apply for Bateman Scholars Program, applicant should complete the on-line application on or before **April 1, 2022**. Anyone who applies by March 5, 2022, will be offered a FREE ACT Test prep course with All Pencils Down (2 days/16 hours) June 3 and 4. As part of the application, Applicant will be asked to provide the following:

► Fully-completed Personal Statement

1. What experiences have shaped you into the person you are today? Describe any family struggles that have impacted you?
2. How do you spend your time when you are not in school? What do you enjoy doing for fun or to relax? What is your favorite television show, movie or book?
3. What aspects of your high-school years have been most meaningful to you? Why?
4. What are your unique gifts and strengths, and what are your primary weaknesses? How would your friends or parents describe you using at least six descriptors.
5. If you could live this period over again, would you do anything differently?
6. Have you ever felt limited in any way?
7. In what specific ways have you given back to your community?

► Transcript: Current high-school transcript & mid-term spring school report

► Current resumé or list of extracurricular activities & honors

► Recommendations

- A Letter of Recommendation and Recommendation Survey from **two** core-course teachers from your high school or dual enrollment program (e.g. Math, English, Science, Social Studies) who can attest to your qualifications (Applicant may submit additional letters from employer, church, or civic-organization leader).
- A Guidance Counselor Form from your high-school guidance counselor.
- *Applicant should inform the recommenders that he/she is applying for the Bateman Scholars Program and let them know that they will be receiving an email from College Choice Foundation with a link to the forms mentioned above. Most importantly, let them know that the deadline for the recommendation letters and forms is **April 15, 2022**.*



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► FAFSA FEDERAL STUDENT AID FORECASTER RESULTS

- As part of the application, applicant should complete the Federal Student Aid Forecaster (<https://studentaid.gov/aid-estimator/>) with the parent he/she lives with and who provides more than half of the support for applicant. After completion, a page will populate that provides an estimate of your family's EFC, Pell Grant money (if any), and available loans. Please print this page, save as a PDF or screen-shot it because you will be asked to upload it to the application.

Application Profile Photo

- Applicant needs to upload a current photo to your CampDoc Application profile.

If admitted into the program, please note these dates:

June 3 & 4 (ACT Test prep 9-4)

June 11 (ACT)

EPIC Camp College (July 29-31)

July 16 (ACT)