The Bridge to Success (BTS) Scholarship Application for the 2026-2027 academic year opens on December 1, 2025, and closes on February 1, 2026.

Mission

The Campbellsville University (CU) Bridge to Success (BTS) program offers disenfranchised high school graduates the opportunity to pursue Christian higher education without the need for student loans**.**

BTS Goals

- Create an educational path for disenfranchised youth that includes tuition, room, board, and textbooks.
- Provide a roadmap for disenfranchised youth to utilize the educational opportunity to develop a career path that will result in self-sufficiency and sustainability.
- Provide a purposeful plan for personal, relational, and spiritual growth.
- Create opportunities for those who find success through the educational experience to give back at some point through testimony, mentorship, and financial resources to future disenfranchised youth.

Services provided to BTS scholars

- Certificate program ranging from three (3) to eighteen (18) months in length.
- Two-year associate or four-year bachelor's degree through in-person instruction.
- Tier I on-campus housing accommodations.
- Meal plan through the college dining service.
- Academic support through tutoring and advising services.
- Mental Health and Career Counseling services provided by CU professionals.
- First-year experiential opportunities, including but not limited to the following:
    - Orientation (OR) class to navigate college life.
    - Mentorship (faculty and peer).
    - Spiritual growth experience(s).
    - Service projects within the community.
- Student life events and recreational activities.
- Work-study opportunities based on financial need and availability.
- Career and job placement resources through the Career Center.
- Apprenticeship opportunities (certificate programs).

Criteria and eligibility (BTS Scholarship Fund applicants)

To be eligible for the Bridge to Success program, applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Applicant must be a U.S. Citizen.
2. Applicant must apply for admission to Campbellsville University as a first-time freshman or graduating high school senior. [LINK]

3. Applicant must be referred by a partnering institution, high school counselor, or service provider.
4. Applicant must have a cumulative GPA of 2.00 or higher [Certificate-seeking students]
5. Applicant must have a cumulative GPA of 2.50 GPA or higher [Associate's or Bachelor's degree-seeking students].
6. Applicant must demonstrate a desire for community involvement and a desire to pursue higher education.
7. Applicant must have a financial need due to demographic, socioeconomic, and institutional characteristics that qualify the applicant as disenfranchised.
8. Applicant must complete the FAFSA and have a Student Aid Index (SAI) of negative 1500 to zero.
9. Applicant must be under twenty (20) years old at the time of enrollment in the university.
10. Applicant must be willing to attend a scholarship interview with the Office of Community and Student Success for consideration of the scholarship award.

HOW TO APPLY

The following information is required to support the BTS Application for consideration. The application should be typed using Times New Roman 12 pt. font and submitted to the Office of Community and Student Success, email: cucommunity@campbellsville.edu, or if mailed, must be postmarked no later than February 1, 2026. If mailing the application packet, please send it to:

Campbellsville University
Office of Community and Student Success
1 University Drive, UPO 888
Campbellsville, KY 42718

Completed applications should include the following:

- BTS Application (1)
- Referral Form (1)
- Letters of Recommendation (Guidance Counselor, Principal, Pastor, Teacher, or Coach are acceptable) (2)
- Transcript (high school and college attended) (all)
- Essay describing the applicant's current living arrangements, financial need, academic goals, and motivation for pursuing higher education. (Type-written, three-page minimum, double-spaced, Times New Roman 12pt. font)

NOTE: Incomplete applications will not be considered.

For more information, please contact:
Charity Powell, M.Ed.
Director, First Scholars Program
Email: cdpowell@campbellsville.edu
Webpage: www.campbellsville.edu/campus-life/office-of-community-and-access/bridge-to-success-bts.html
Ph. (270) 789-5129

Locations:
Campbellsville, KY – Main Campus, 1 University Drive, Campbellsville, KY

Scholarship Application
[2026-2027]

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

_____ _____ _____
Last Name First Name Middle Name

_____ _____ / _____ / _____ First-generation: ☐Y ☐N
Preferred Name Date of Birth (please check one)

Gender: ☐Male ☐Female ☐Prefer not to respond U.S. Citizen ☐Y ☐N

Race/Ethnicity: ☐African American ☐Asian ☐Latino/Hispanic ☐Native American/Alaskan
☐Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander ☐White

Email: _____ Phone: ( ) _____ - _____

_____ _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

_____ _____ _____
City State Zip

RESIDENTIAL INFORMATION:

With whom do you currently reside?

_____ _____ _____
Last Name First Name Relationship

_____ _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

_____ _____ _____
City State Zip

Email: _____ Phone: ( ) _____ - _____

Who is currently supporting you?

_____ _____ _____
Last Name First Name Relationship

_____ _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

_____ _____ _____
City State Zip

Email: _____ Phone: ( ) _____ - _____

ACADEMIC HISTORY:

High School Attended: _____
Name
_____
Street Address
_____
City, State, Zip Code

College Attended (if applicable): _____
Name
_____
Street Address
_____
City, State, Zip

COLLEGE/CAREER GOALS:

Intended Major:_____

What extracurricular activities interest you at Campbellsville University? (*if any*)

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Religious background/preference:

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PERSONAL ESSAY (prompt):

(Type-written, three-page minimum, double-spaced, Times New Roman 12pt. font)

Please attach your response to the following questions:

1. What are the financial barriers in your pursuit of higher education?
2. Who is the most influential individual(s) in your life, and why?
3. What are your future goals (personal, academic, and career)?
4. What is your motivation to pursue a degree or certification?

DISCLAIMER AND SIGNATURE:

I certify that the information herein is complete, factually accurate, and honestly completed. I understand that my admission and subsequent registration may be canceled if this information is found to be false or intentionally omitted. If I enroll at Campbellsville University, I agree to familiarize myself with all the rules and regulations of the University and abide by them.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

BTS REFERRAL FORM
[2026-2027]

APPLICANT'S NAME: _____
LNAME FNAME M.

Referrer's Contact Information

_____ _____ _____
Last Name First Name Relationship to student

_____
Organization

_____
Address (Street, City, State, Zip)

_____ (___)_____ - _____
Email Phone

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

High School (current): _____

Please share a brief biography/history of the applicant:

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Please describe the applicant's personal/academic achievements and future goals:

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Please describe the applicant's current living situation and how they meet the criteria to be considered disenfranchised:

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Is there any additional information you would like to share with the BTS Scholarship Committee for consideration? (Use an additional sheet of paper if needed)

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Referral Form must be returned with the BTS application for consideration.