



2026 Scholarship Award Criteria Citrus County School System

The Business Women's Alliance of the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce supports education through its scholarship program. Only female students will be considered for this award.

This is a one-time, non-renewable scholarship **for up to \$1,000**, that can only be used for books, tuition, fees, or other education-related incidentals **at a Florida educational institution**. Checks will be made payable to the recipient and the Florida educational institution she will attend.

Completed applications with all required attachments must be emailed to bwa@citruscountychamber.com or completed online **by Friday, April 3, 2026**.

Below are scholarship application guidelines and evaluation criteria used in selecting the recipient(s). The application must be complete, submitted on time, and have all requested attachments to be considered.

1. *The applicant must:*

- Be a Citrus County resident and a graduating/graduated (or GED) student within Citrus County
- Have proof of being enrolled in Citrus County as a homeschool student (if a homeschooled applicant)
- Provide proof of acceptance for enrollment at an accredited university, college, or technical school in **Florida**
- Have a GPA of 2.5 or better [non-GED students]

2. *Include a clearly written or typed 300-word essay that includes the following:*

- A brief autobiographical statement.
- Why do you want to further your education?
- Why do you choose to pursue your area of interest?
- Why you should receive this scholarship award.
- A summary of activities, honors, clubs, hobbies, work experience, and community involvement [be specific about your role in community service projects].
- Any other information that you feel is important for the Selection Committee in deciding if you would be a good investment for the Business Women's Alliance and the community.

3. *Include a short video clip (30 seconds or less) or written statement that includes:*

- What you would like the BWA to say about you if you are chosen to receive this award

AN INCOMPLETE APPLICATION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED. It must include:

✓	Required Information
	Completed scholarship application form (<i>attached</i>)
	The 300-word essay – see guidelines, above
	Short video clip or statement – see guidelines, above
	A transcript (unofficial accepted)
	Proof of being enrolled in Citrus County as a homeschool student (applicable only for homeschooled applicants)
	Proof of acceptance or application at institution of higher education in Florida
	Two letters of recommendation: (A) one from an adult at your school (N/A for homeschool) , plus (B) one (two for homeschool) from adults who are not associated with your school and are not members of your immediate family.



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Due to BWA: 4/3/2026 Personal
Information

Item	Information
Current School	
Applicant Name	
Address	
Home Telephone Number	
Cell	
Email	
Are you related to a Business Women's Alliance member?	
If so, who?	
How long have you lived in Citrus County?	
Date of Birth	
What are the ages of the children living in the household (including you)?	
Name of Florida College, University, you plan to attend	

All required documents attached?

- Transcript
 - Obtain a copy of your transcripts through your school's academic advisor or through your school's student information management system, and upload or submit with your application.
- **Two letters of recommendation: (A) one from an adult at your school (N/A for homeschool), plus (B) one (two for homeschool) from adults who are not associated with your school and also are not members of your immediate family.**
- A 300-word essay (see guidelines on attached sheet)
- Proof of being enrolled in Citrus County as a homeschool student (applicable only for homeschooled applicants).
- Proof of acceptance for enrollment at an accredited university, college, or technical school in **Florida**.

Student Signature:

Date:

☐ I understand that checking (clicking) this box constitutes a legal signature confirming that I acknowledge and warrant the truthfulness of the information provided in this document.

By signing this form, you agree to let the BWA use your statement/video in social media posts