

BAC EDUCATION FUND, NFP (BACEF) SCHOLARSHIP

2026 Call for Applications

BACEF is inviting applications for scholarships supporting students planning to enroll in a 4-year U.S. university starting in Fall 2027. The program is routed through Bangladeshi communities to build representation of Bangladeshi-Americans in leadership — but is open to applicants of other heritages who have demonstrated engagement with the Bangladeshi-American community.

AWARD

\$10,000

For a 4-year college or university, paid in two installments (see Award Structure).

ROUND 1 DEADLINE

Sept 30, 2026

Email application to bacef@baceducationfund.org by 11:59pm.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

- U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident
- Completed Junior year of high school in the USA

AWARD STRUCTURE

- A \$10,000 scholarship is awarded to support one student's education at a 4-year college or university, **starting in Fall 2027**.
- Up to \$5,000 (half) is reimbursed during the first academic year — while the winner remains in good academic standing — for tuition, required fees, and textbooks, upon submission of receipts.
- The remaining balance is paid upon successful completion of the first academic year, while remaining enrolled in good academic standing.

HOW TO APPLY — ROUND 1

Submit by email (PDF attachments) to bacef@baceducationfund.org between September 1–30, 2026. Include:

- The Application Form – 2026
- An Essay addressing three areas in separate sections:
 - Biographical Narrative — personal background, experiences, achievements, challenges, and formative influences
 - Intended Field of Study & Motivation — chosen field of study and the academic, professional, and societal interests behind it
 - Pathway to Leadership & Public Service — vision for leadership through public service, professional excellence, community leadership, and/or policy, grounded in integrity and ethical service
- Student's Curriculum Vitae

Essays must be the applicant's own original writing (limited grammar/spelling assistance only — no AI- or third-party-generated essays). Applicants cover any costs of applying. Only applicants who receive an encouragement letter from the Scholarship Committee should proceed to Round 2.

HOW TO APPLY — ROUND 2 (INVITED APPLICANTS ONLY)

- Junior year transcripts — emailed directly from the school to bacef@baceducationfund.org
 - Letters of reference from two unrelated individuals named on the Application Form (e.g., teacher, employer, guidance counselor, mentor), with their contact information
- The Committee may contact references directly. Applicants cover any costs of applying. Only finalists will be notified after Round 2 review, and may be invited to a virtual interview.*

APPLICATION TIMELINE

Milestone	Date
Round 1 application window	September 1–30, 2026
Invitations to selected applicants (Round 2)	October 1–30, 2026
Round 2 materials due	30 days after invitation email
Finalist notifications & virtual interviews	TBD
Winner announced	By January 31, 2027

AFTER SELECTION

- Winner may be asked (optionally) to mentor future applicants and winners
- Winner may be invited to a BAC event to receive the award certificate
- Award payment: up to \$5,000 reimbursed during year one upon submission of receipts; balance paid after year one is completed in good standing, verified by official transcripts

Questions & submissions: bacef@baceducationfund.org • Full Application Form (fillable) provided as a separate document.