The Blavin Scholars Fund was established in 2006 by Paul and Amy Blavin to provide assistance to undergraduate Michigan students who have experienced time in foster care.

Eligibility

Students who are Michigan residents seeking an undergraduate degree and who have demonstrated financial need and experience in foster care are eligible for this scholarship. Full-time enrollment is required.

Note: Priority consideration is given to those who experienced time in foster care after the age of 13. Current age does not disqualify you from consideration.

How to Apply

Attach to this form:

ALL APPLICANTS:
1. Complete and submit a Blavin Scholars Program application.
2. Submit a 2018-2019 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to the federal processor. The FAFSA is available at https://fafsa.gov beginning October 1, 2017. Be sure to list the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor and the Federal School Code 002325 so that a copy will be sent to U-M.

ENTERING FRESHMEN AND TRANSFER STUDENT APPLICANTS ONLY: In addition to steps 1 and 2 above, entering freshmen and transfer students must also complete a 2018-2019 CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE application. The PROFILE is available at https://profileonline.collegeboard.org beginning October 1, 2017. Be sure to list CSS Code 1839 so that a copy will be sent to U-M.

Note to entering students: There is a cost associated with submission of the PROFILE. Many students will receive an automatic fee waiver offer from the College Board when they provide their income information. The University of Michigan does not wish to create a financial burden to families who are unable to submit a CSS PROFILE due to financial constraints. Please contact the Office of Financial Aid to request a PROFILE fee waiver if you are financially unable to submit this application and are not offered the automatic fee waiver from the College Board. Please note that you must request this waiver before you submit the PROFILE. We are unable to reimburse families who request the waiver after submission.

Deadline

• Scholarship applications are accepted on a rolling basis.
• The University of Michigan’s Office of Financial Aid must receive your scholarship application and your FAFSA record from the federal processor to consider you for this scholarship.

Selection

Select applicants will be invited to meet with the Blavin Scholars Program Staff to learn more about the Blavin Scholarship and Blavin Scholars Program participation.

Number/Amount

• The number of scholarships awarded varies annually.
• Up to $5,000 per year, renewable for up to five years of undergraduate study.

For More Information

Contact the Scholarship Unit of the University of Michigan’s Office of Financial Aid at:
Office of Financial Aid – Scholarship Unit
University of Michigan
2500 Student Activities Building
515 E. Jefferson Street
Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1316
Fax: (734) 647-3081

For more about the Blavin Scholars Program, visit http://blavinscholars.umich.edu or call (734) 764-7420

Other Programs That May Interest You

Fostering Success Michigan is a statewide initiative that aims to increase awareness, access, and success in higher education and post-college careers for students who have experienced time in foster care. Check out the Fostering Success Michigan website at http://fosteringsuccessmichigan.com for information about additional support, resources and scholarships available for students who have experienced time in foster care.
PLEASE PRINT. Return completed application to the Office of Financial Aid.

1. Student’s Name ______________________________________________________________________________________________________

2. UMID Number (8 digits) _____   _____   _____   _____   _____   _____   _____   _____

3. Email address ______________________________________________________________________________________________________

4. Address: Street_______________________________________ City____________________________ State______ Zip __________

5. Birthdate ______________________________________________________________________________________________________

6. Phone Number (including area code) ______________________________________________

7. Year in college during 2018-2019: ☐ Freshman ☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior ☐ Senior

8. Are you the sibling of a current or past Blavin Scholar? ☐ Yes ☐ No

9. At any time in the past were you removed from your home by state authorities and placed in the care of others? ☐ Yes ☐ No

   If “yes,” at what age were you last removed from the care of your parents? __________________________________________________________________________

10. In what state and county did you experience time in foster care?

    County: __________________________________________________________________________ State:____________________________

11. Were you adopted? ☐ Yes ☐ No

    If yes, at what age? __________________________________________________________________________

12. Did you ever use a different name? ☐ Yes ☐ No

    If yes, please share: __________________________________________________________________________

13. I certify that the above information is accurate. In addition, I agree to allow my application to be reviewed by those who make the scholarship award decision. I agree to authorize the Office of Financial Aid at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor to release a profile of my academic and financial status, if requested, to the individuals involved with the scholarship decision.

    STUDENT’S SIGNATURE __________________________________________________________________________

    DATE _______________________________________________________________________________________

14. Please return this completed application and any related documentation to:

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