

Bragg/DeVore Family Scholarship Application

Background: Michael Bragg and Debra DeVore Bragg both graduated from Atwood-Hammond High School before receiving BS degrees from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and Ph.D. degrees from The Ohio State University. Both had very successful professional careers including as professors at the University of Illinois. Endeavoring to give back to the schools and communities where they got their start, the Bragg/DeVore Family Scholarship is awarded to first-generation college students like Michael and Debra who show promise to succeed in college and future career endeavors.

Eligibility: Open to first-generation college students with a commitment to pursuing an associates or bachelor's degree. For this award, first-generation means neither parent/guardian has a four-year college degree. The ideal candidate demonstrates dedication and hard work, displaying a solid high school academic record, financial need, and a commitment to succeed in college.

Scholarship: The scholarship offers up to \$5,000 towards tuition and college expenses, with the potential for renewal over four years, contingent on academic progress.

Application Requirements: To apply, submit the following to the high school counselor's office by April 5:

1. Personal information: Name, address, phone number, and parent/guardian names, including their college attendance and degrees received, if any.
2. Academic details: High school GPA, class rank, and attached transcripts.
3. Extracurricular involvement: High school and community activities, as well as any work experience.
4. College plans: Specify the college(s) to be attended, program(s) and degree(s) pursued, reasons for aspiring to attend college, and future career plans.
5. Financial need: Explain how the scholarship will assist in fulfilling college plans.
6. Teacher recommendation.
7. Sign and date the application.