



## **The Ben Brown Physical and/or Occupational Therapy Scholarship (BBPOTS)**

A program of the Florida State Elks Association

Scholarships will be issued based on overall GPA received by students while achieving their bachelor's degree from an accredited Florida school and financial need of the applicant (only students who have completed their undergraduate degrees are eligible for the scholarship). Total Scholarship per student would be \$20,000 for two year students and \$30,000 for 3 year students. \$10,000 per year for students in two year Occupational Therapy program (2<sup>nd</sup> year funding granted if student has a GPA of 3.0 or more after first year). Like the Physical Therapy Program, if the Occupational Therapy Program is for three years, the same rules would apply for year 3. \$10,000 per year for students in three year Physical Therapy program (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> year funding granted if student has a GPA of 3.0 or greater after first and second year). Any recipient whose GPA falls below 3.0 at any time during their eligibility period will be removed from the program, as verified by College or University transcripts.

Applications should be post-marked by January 22, 2020 and received in hard copy.

Scholarships will be awarded to applicants who have completed their Bachelor's Degree and have been admitted to a Florida College or University which offers a Master's program in Occupational Therapy or a PHD program in Physical Therapy. Each recipient will have to maintain certain achievement levels on an annual basis to continue receiving their scholarships. BBPOTS Committee will be responsible for determining the qualifications for receiving grant (GPA of 3.0 or better on a scale of 4.0, Financial need, Good morals, School/Community Involvement, etc.). They must be residents of Florida and submit proof of admission to a College or University in the state of Florida that offers a degree in physical and/or occupational therapy.

Grant/Scholarships checks will be made payable, at the ensuring fall semester, to the applicable institution for credit to the recipient once proof of enrollment is received at our State office.



## **A Scholarship Program of the Florida State Elks Association.**

**Purpose:** to provide assistance to applicants that pursue an advanced degree that is favorable to the Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services Program and creates awareness of that Program.

### **Eligibility:**

- A. To be eligible to apply for the first year Ben Brown Physical or Occupational Therapy Scholarship (BBPOTS), you must:
  - 1. Possess a Baccalaureate degree from, or be a member of the current year Baccalaureate graduation class of, an accredited American College or University.
  - 2. Have an undergraduate cumulative, Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 or more, as verified by College or University transcripts.
  - 3. Be accepted in a master's degree program in Occupational Therapy or a Doctorate degree program in Physical Therapy from a Florida public College or University.
  - 4. Demonstrate a financial need for an award.
  - 5. Be a full-time resident of the State of Florida.
  
- B. It is expected that first year scholarship recipients will continue in the study program resulting a degree. To be eligible to apply for a successive Ben Brown Physical or Occupational Therapy Scholarship (BBPOTS), you must:
  - 1. Complete an application and apply each eligible year.
  - 2. Continue to meet the eligibility for the first-year scholarship, including a cumulative, Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 or more. Any recipient whose GPA falls below 3.0 at any time during their eligibility period will be removed from the program, as verified by transcripts.

### **Competition:**

- 1. Multiple applications for a single award will be reviewed by a committee of 4 – 6 Elks (the BBPOTS committee) who will be responsible for choosing one recipient annually.

### **Number of Awards and amounts:**

One \$10,000 scholarship will be awarded each year.

Total Scholarship is limited to \$20,000 for a student enrolled in a two-year Occupational Therapy program (\$10,000 per year) and \$30,000 for a student enrolled in a three-year Physical Therapy program (\$10,000 per year) as well as \$30,000 for a student enrolled in a three-year Occupational Therapy program.

Each recipient must maintain the achievement levels on an annual basis to continue to receive their scholarship.

**Social Security Number Required:**

A Social Security Number is required of all applicants.

**Judging Criteria:**

Scholarship Performance Evaluation, Community involvement, Communication Skills and Financial need are the criteria used for judging applications. The recipient is responsible for providing copies of the source documentation substantiating each criterion.

Source documentation includes a College or University transcript indicating the cumulative GPA, a narrative by the student describing community involvement and permission to access financials. The BBPOTS committee may access records and is solely responsible for determining the applicant's qualifications and competitive rank.

**Scoring:**

Scholarship	600 points
Financial Need	200 points
Community involvement	100 points
Communication skills	100 points
Total possible points	1,000 points

**Scholarship:**

The scholarship, in the form of a certificate, will be presented to each successful applicant at the FSEA Convention held annually in the month of May. It will be presented with the understanding that the applicant will comply with the enrolling and attending program classes at the named College.

Upon receipt of verification from the proper College or University indicating program enrollment, the FSEA will issue a check in the amount of the award and send it to the College or University and establish a credit in the name of the recipient.

**Restrictions on the use of scholarship:**

There is no restriction on the use of the scholarship. It may be used for tuition, lab fees, room and board, transportation or food.

**Verification of use of scholarship:**

Scholarship recipients are required to provide the FSEA with receipts that verify the amount of the award before a successive application will be reviewed. The verification must include a copy of the courses taken, grade received and GPA for the period of the last scholarship.

**Applications for Successful Scholarships:**

Each scholarship student must complete and submit a new scholarship application each year. In addition, all applicants wishing to apply for an additional scholarship must provide to the FSEA:

1. Receipts verifying use of the previous year's scholarship funds.
2. Report of his or her grades reflecting earned credit hours since the last application.
3. Maintain a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 or better.

Recipients are expected to excel to the best of their ability, maintain good grades, be successful in their required classes, and demonstrate an eagerness to become fully certified in Physical or Occupational Therapy.

**Unacceptable Conduct:**

All scholarship recipients are expected to be good citizens and active in the community. The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks supports law and order and moral conduct. Recipients are expected to support these goals if they accept an award.

**Application packages become the property of the FSEA.**

The applications and all documentation will be retained by the FSEA until it is destroyed.



**2020-2021 Academic Year Application**

**Ben Brown Physical and Occupational Therapy Scholarship Application**

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Please note: Prepare this application carefully and post-marked by January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020  
Application must be received in Hard Copy

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship Country \_\_\_\_\_ Current Age \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

**Schools Attended (9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> Grades)**

Name of School \_\_\_\_\_ Dates Attended \_\_\_\_\_

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Date of Graduation: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank \_\_\_\_\_ # of Students in Class \_\_\_\_\_

**Colleges or University's Attended as Recipient of/or Working on Bachelor's Degree**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates Attended \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates Attended \_\_\_\_\_

**Honors and Awards:**

Include all scholastic, extracurricular, and civic honors or awards earned during the last 4 years:

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_

**Positions of Leadership:**

List name of organization and position held during the last 4 years:

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_

**Activities and Organizations:**

Include scholastic, extracurricular, and civic organizations in which you participated for last 4 years:

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_

**Employment History**

Both full time and part time jobs as student while pursuing Bachelor's Degree the last 4 years:

Type of Work	Employer	Dates of Employment	Hours per Week
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____

**Employment Contact Person**

List name, phone number/Email addresses for verification of employment if needed:

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_

**Scholarship Aid from another Source**

List any grants or scholarship aid you will be granted from another source:

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_

Do you intend to apply for financial aid at the college or university you will attend?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If **Yes**, please include details

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**Recent US Tax Return and Assets/Liabilities**

Please include with this application, a Summary Page copy only of your most recent US Income Tax Return. Also include a copy of your most recent Assets/Liabilities.

**Send Completed Application To:**

**Colleen Gallant, Director**  
**Florida Elks Children’s Therapy Services**  
**Florida State Elks Association**  
**P.O. Box 49**  
**Umatilla, FL 32784**