November 1, 2014

**Big Y Scholarship Applications Now Available!**

**Application Deadline February 1, 2015**

Big Y Foods, Inc. is one of the largest locally owned supermarket chains in Southern New England. A family-owned and operated corporation, Big Y has represented excellence in the food industry since 1936.

In tribute to both its employees and its customers, Big Y offers an annual scholarship program. Established in 1984, the program includes a series of scholarships that honor the late Paul H. and Gerald E. D’Amour, brothers who founded Big Y in 1936. In addition, there is a scholarship series that was originally funded by Big Y employees to commemorate Big Y’s 50th Anniversary, one recognizing the contributions of area Law Enforcement Officers and Firefighters, and a category acknowledging the tremendous sacrifices made by Military Service Members and their families.

Big Y awards over 300 scholarships each year totaling more than $250,000. All Big Y scholarships recognize **academic merit and achievement**. They are awarded to the most academically outstanding students in the **Big Y market area. To be eligible, a student’s permanent residence or school must be located within Western MA, Central MA, Norfolk County, MA, or the state of Connecticut. **All Big Y employees are eligible regardless of their residence.** Big Y scholarships are available to High School Seniors, Undergraduates, Graduates, Community College and Non-Traditional (not traditional college age) students. Big Y customers and their dependents and Big Y employees and their dependents are eligible.

Enclosed, please find a poster to hang at your discretion, as well as a supply of scholarship applications. **Please discard any previous year’s applications you may have, as this year’s application contains updated information.** Applications can also be picked up at any Big Y store location.

*If your supply of applications runs low, please feel free to make photocopies of the application.*

Applications can also be printed out from the Scholarship section of our web site: www.bigy.com.

All applications, together with the required supporting documents, must be mailed to the address on the application and postmarked no later than **February 1, 2015.** If you have any questions, please contact me at (413) 504-4063.

Sincerely,

Leonor Salvador
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Who is Eligible

Big Y scholarships are open to employees and their dependents, and customers and their dependents. To be eligible, a student’s permanent residence or school must be located within Western or Central Massachusetts, Norfolk County, MA or the state of Connecticut. (ALL employees are eligible regardless of residence.) Awards are given in the categories of High School Senior, Community College, Undergraduate, Graduate and Nontraditional Students (students not of traditional college age.) In addition, there are special scholarship series recognizing the contributions of area law enforcement officers and firefighters, as well as the tremendous sacrifices made by Military Servicemembers and their families.

How to Apply

Complete this application and attach the following:

a. Copy of transcript of grades. (need not be official)

b. Copy of college board scores, if taken. (need not be official) (SAT, ACT, GRE, GMAT, LSAT, etc.)

c. At least two letters of recommendation, including at least one from a teacher. High School Seniors and College Freshman can submit copies of letters written for college entrance.

d. Personal resume / fact sheet detailing activities, achievements, awards, community involvement, leadership positions and class rank (if available).

e. Students applying for a scholarship in the Military category must include a readable photocopy of the Servicemember’s military ID card.

Mail all documents in a single 9”x12” envelope. No paperclips or staples. Application MUST be postmarked no later than February 1st to be eligible.

Please return the application and supporting documents in one 9”x12” envelope to the address below:

Scholarship Committee
Big Y Foods, Inc.
P.O. Box 7840
Springfield, MA 01102-7840

Information on the application must be complete and all of the supporting documents must be postmarked by February 1 to be eligible. Incomplete applications, and those postmarked after the deadline, will not be considered. All applications will be reviewed by the Big Y Scholarship Committee. The decision of the committee is final. Scholarship recipients will be notified by letter and their names posted on the Big Y web site in early May. Non-recipients will NOT be notified. Big Y encourages students who have not received an award in the past to re-apply throughout their academic career.

Previous scholarship award recipients are not eligible to re-apply.

For more information, please visit www.bigy.com or call 413-504-4080
Scholarship Application

Application Deadline: February 1
Please type or print clearly.

Personal Information

Student's Name: ______________________ Telephone: ______________________

(last) (first) (area code) number

Address: ______________________________ city state zip

E-mail: ________________________________

College(s) Applied To or Currently Attending: __________________ Desired or Current Major: __________________

Applicant Category (check ALL that currently apply)

☐ Big Y Employee
  Location Number ______ Employment Start Date ______ Current Position ______
  Must have begun employment 6 months prior to application deadline (employed before August 1).

☐ Dependent of Big Y Employee
  Employee's Name __________________ Relationship to Applicant __________________
  Location Number ______ Employment Start Date ______ Current Position ______
  Applicant's parent or spouse must have been employed by Big Y at least one year prior to application deadline and maintain continuous employment at the time the scholarship payment is made.

☐ Big Y Customer or Dependent of Big Y Customer (To be eligible, a student's permanent residence or school must be located within Western or Central Massachusetts, Norfolk County, MA or the state of Connecticut.)

☐ Non-Traditional Student (Not Traditional College Age)

☐ Law Enforcement Officer/Firefighter or Dependent of Law Enforcement Officer/Firefighter
  Law Enforcement Officer's / Firefighter's Name __________________ Relationship to Applicant __________________
  City or Town and State of Employment __________________ Occupation __________________

☐ Military
  To be eligible, a student must be currently enlisted in the military or be a dependent of a Military Servicemember who is currently enlisted in active duty, reserve or guard, or gave their life in the line of duty.
  Servicemember's Name __________________ Military Branch __________________
  Check One: Active Duty ______ Reserve ______ Guard ______ Deceased ______
  Relationship to Applicant __________________

**Must include a readable photocopy of the Servicemember's military ID card with scholarship application**

Educational Category (check ONE in EACH column and fill in SCHOOL NAMES)

CURRENTLY I AM...

☐ Attending ___________________________ as a ___________________________
  high/other 2-year college 4-year college graduate school not in school

NEXT YEAR I AM PLANNING TO...

☐ Attend ___________________________ as a ___________________________
  community/other 2-year college 4-year college graduate school

*Please enter your first choice school if you are unsure at time of scholarship application where you will be attending.