



British American Business Council - Orange County Scholarship Criteria

The British American Business Council (BABC) - Orange County is pleased to announce the availability of three scholarships aimed at high school seniors who are poised to make a difference through higher education. Below are the criteria and requirements for applicants, as well as suggested essay topics that reflect the British-American connection.

Scholarship Awards:

1st Place: \$1,500
2nd Place: \$1,000
3rd Place: \$500

Scholarship recipients will be chosen based on the quality of their application, academic achievements, the compelling nature of their essay, and their embodiment of the values and interests of the British American Business Council - Orange County.

Eligibility Criteria:

- **Applicant Status:** Must be a 2023-2024 high school senior attending school in Orange County.
- **Academic Excellence:** Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- **College Bound:** Must be planning on attending an accredited college or university for the upcoming academic year.
- **Leadership & Service:** Should demonstrate leadership abilities and a commitment to community service.
- **Financial Need:** Must describe the financial need for the scholarship.

Application Requirements:

- **Application Form:** Completion of the BABC-OC scholarship application form.
- **Academic Transcripts:** Submission of the most recent high school transcript.
- **Letters of Recommendation:** At least two letters of recommendation from teachers, counselors, or community leaders.
- **Essay Submission:** A 750-1,000 word typed essay on one of the approved topics (listed below).
- **Financial Need Statement:** A brief statement or document evidencing financial need.



Essay Topics:

Applicants are required to submit an essay on one of the following topics. Essays should be well-researched, original, and clearly demonstrate the student's perspective and voice.

- **The Impact of British Inventions on Modern Society:** Discuss how a British invention has changed modern life and its influence on a global scale.
- **The Special Relationship:** Explore the historical ties and current relationship between the United Kingdom and the United States.
- **British Contributions to the Arts:** Examine the influence of British artists, musicians, or authors on American culture.
- **Historical Figures of British-American Heritage:** Profile a significant figure in British-American history and their impact on today's transatlantic relations.
- **British-American Collaboration in Science and Technology:** Highlight a project or venture where British and American collaboration has led to significant advancements in science and technology.

Note on Essay Submission:

It is imperative to emphasize that all essays must be the original work of the student applicants. The British American Business Council - Orange County firmly believes in the integrity of academic work and the importance of individual effort. As such, we require that essays be 100 percent written by the students without the assistance of any artificial intelligence tools, including but not limited to AI writing tools like ChatGPT, or any other essay-writing services.

Plagiarism of any form, including the use of AI-generated content, is strictly prohibited and will result in the immediate disqualification of the application. The essay should reflect the student's own research, thoughts, and understanding of the topic. The BABC-OC encourages all applicants to demonstrate their personal voice and perspective in their writing.

The scholarship committee will review essays with plagiarism detection software to ensure the authenticity of the students' work. By submitting an essay, students affirm that the content is original and has not been copied or produced by an AI or any unauthorized assistance.

Compliance with these guidelines is critical to a fair and honorable scholarship competition. We thank our applicants in advance for their adherence to these standards of academic honesty and their dedication to producing original work.



Submission Deadline:

All application materials must be received by midnight on **December 1st, 2023**

Award Notification:

Scholarship winners will be notified by December 1, 2023, and will be recognized at the annual BABC-OC Christmas Luncheon on December 8, 2023.

Submission Process:

Applications and all supporting documents should be submitted electronically to BABC-OC Executive Director, Jaquie Blair jacquie@babcoc.org with the subject line "BABC-OC Scholarship Application - [Applicant's Full Name]".

The BABC-OC is excited to support the educational endeavors of outstanding students in Orange County and looks forward to reading insightful essays that celebrate and explore the depth of British-American relations. Good luck to all applicants!



BABC-OC Scholarship Application Form

NAME _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

STUDENT HOME TEL # _____ CELL # _____

PARENT NAME/S _____

DAY TIME TEL# _____ CELL # _____

SCHOOL ATTENDING _____

CURRENT GRADE _____ GRADE POINT AVE. _____

COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES ALREADY APPLIED TO: _____

COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES PLANNING TO APPLY TO: _____

Please check boxes to confirm that the following are attached to this application form:

- An original 750-1,000 word typed essay on one of the approved topics**
- Most recent Academic Transcript**
- At least 2 Letters of Recommendation**
- Financial Need Statement**

Incomplete submissions will result in immediate ineligibility.

STUDENT SIGNATURE

DATE _____

PARENT SIGNATURE

Only one parent's signature required

DATE _____