**Big Lots Behavioral Health Scholarship**

The Big Lots Behavioral Health Scholarship is made possible by the Big Lots Foundation, and held by the Nationwide Children’s Hospital Foundation. The award of up to $10,000, is dedicated to the support of a graduate student pursuing advanced education and training in Pediatric Behavioral or Mental Health, Psychology, or Social Work related to pediatric mental health.

**To qualify, candidates must meet all criteria and complete the application process.**

Applicants must be:

* Enrolled in an accredited college or university program (proof required)
* In good academic standing
* A full-time graduate student
* Pursuing a Master’s degree in Behavioral or Mental Health, Psychology, or Social Work with an emphasis in Pediatrics.

**Candidates are selected based on the merits of their application. Criteria for application and selection include:**

* Current academic standing (transcripts required)
* Short essay responses
* Three (3) professional statements of recommendation *(i.e. academic faculty and/or current workplace manager)*

**If selected for the scholarship, students must comply with the following:**

* Provide quarterly/semester **account statement** at the **beginning** of each term
* Provide quarterly/semester **grade report** at the **end** of each term
* Participate in media opportunities inclusive of posting a photo on social media
* Understand that the scholarship award will be sent directly to the academic institution
* Read and sign a Memorandum of Understanding

**Completed applications should be sent to:** [Scholarships@nationwidechildrens.org](mailto:Scholarships@nationwidechildrens.org)

**(Subject Line: Big Lots Scholarship)**

**The completed application includes…**

* Student information
* Transcript/proof of enrollment
* Short essays

**Concerns or questions?**

Please send an email to: [Scholarships@NationwideChildrens.org](mailto:Scholarships@NationwideChildrens.org?subject=Big%20Lots%20Scholarship).

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**Applications due by April 30, 2023**

**STUDENT INFORMATION** **(Please type or print all responses)**

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| Phone ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

**Permanent Address** (in case you are moving or relocating for the academic year)

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| Home Address\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
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**OPTIONAL:** Please check the box below.

* American Indian/Alaska Native
* Black/African American
* Caucasian
* Hispanic/Latino
* Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
* Other

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| **U.S. Citizen or permanent resident?** | **Are you a first generation college student?** |
| * Yes | * Yes |
| * No   If no, what type of visa? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | * No |

**Veteran Status**

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| * Yes |
| * No |

**EDUCATION**

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| College/University Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | |
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| Major \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | Degree (i.e. MA, MSW)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | Expected date of graduation \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

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**SHORT ESSAYS (Please type or print your responses)**

A. What influenced your decision to pursue Behavioral/Mental Health, Psychology, or Social Work? What are your career goals?

B. Discuss a special attribute or accomplishment that sets you apart from other applicants.

C. Describe how you have demonstrated leadership ability in your degree program and your community?

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**Statement of Recommendation**

**Please submit responses to** [Scholarships@nationwidechildrens.org](mailto:Scholarships@nationwidechildrens.org) **by** **April 30, 2023*.***

**(Subject Line: Big Lots Scholarship)**

**Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

The above student has applied to receive the Big Lots Behavioral Health Scholarship, an award presented to a student with plans to pursue a college degree in the field of Pediatric Behavioral or Mental Health, Social Work, or Psychology. Thank you in advance for providing the committee with statements that will be valuable to the evaluation of this candidate.

1. How long and in what capacity have you known this student?
2. What do you consider this student’s strengths and areas for development?
3. Please describe the student’s general attitude towards academic work, his/her reliability, and ability to work in a group with other students.

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