

SEED Award Application

3rd - 11th Grade

BCPS believes in the potential of all its students and invites students in grades Kindergarten through 11th to apply for the SEED Award. **Recipients of the award will have \$500.00 deposited in their own educational college savings account to be used for college or technical training after they graduate from high school.**

***INSTRUCTIONS:** Make sure you work hard to write a great essay, fill everything out on the application, and include your candidate recommendation form. If you have a grade point average below 3.0, you must complete an additional 500-word essay explaining why your GPA has fallen below 3.0 and your plan to raise it back up.*

Due to your school's office by: Friday, January 30, 2026

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Applicant Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Phone _____

Parent/Guardian Email _____

School Name _____ Grade _____ GPA _____

I have included in my application packet:

- A completed candidate recommendation form (from a counselor, teacher, school official, or extracurricular activity mentor).
- A copy of my most recent transcript/report card (Kindergarten excluded).
- If my GPA is lower than 3.0, I have attached an up to 500-word essay explaining why my GPA has fallen and what I plan to do to raise it back up.
- My picture book or essay.
- A complete application.

Essay (Choose ONE): Write up to a 500-word essay on **one** of the topics below (attach extra sheets of paper, if necessary):

- 1. Write an essay explaining what you want to accomplish in your future (college, career, or personal goals). Describe how opportunities like the SEED Award and the Bearcat Advantage can help you achieve your goals and open doors for success.**
- 2. Write an essay describing your biggest dream. Explain how you want to impact the world, the values you want to live by, and the legacy you hope to leave.**
- 3. Write an essay explaining why showing up to school every day is important. Describe how daily attendance affects learning, future opportunities, habits, and overall success.**

I, the undersigned, hereby acknowledge that the information provided on this application, including attachments, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. The undersigned consents that this information may be provided and disclosed to Battle Creek Public Schools, the Battle Creek Community Foundation, the officers and trustees of the Foundation, and any other person authorized by the Foundation to review the information. Verification may be obtained from any source. We hereby release from liability any person submitting information to the Foundation for use in the selection of scholarship recipients.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

If you have any questions, please contact your school's office or school's Family Advocate