

# William F. Brown Jr. Memorial Scholarship Application *Presented by The Jerome Foundation*

Do you have questions?  
Please email Chris Fix at [thejeromefoundation@gmail.com](mailto:thejeromefoundation@gmail.com)

**Application due date: Monday, May 9, 2022**

1. Refer to application process below for a list of the supporting documents needed (i.e., reference forms, evidence of GPA, etc.). Incomplete applications will not be considered.
2. If any question does not apply to you in this application please put N/A in the space.
3. Type or print legibly. Illegible applications will be returned to you.
4. You will be notified by phone or mail regarding the status of your application.
5. If you have any questions about the application, please call Chris Fix, (585) 356-3419 or by email at [thejeromefoundation@gmail.com](mailto:thejeromefoundation@gmail.com).

## **SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

An annual \$1,000 scholarship for four years for a total of \$4000 given to a deserving graduating senior girl or boy attending, and graduating from a high school in Genesee County, whose intention is to pursue a degree in the field of Journalism, Communications, Marketing, or Public Relations (in print, radio, television or digital media). Recipient needs to maintain a 3.0 GPA in order to receive the \$1000 scholarship each year.

## **PURPOSE**

In memory of the late Batavian William F. Brown Jr., noted author, broadcaster, and journalist who contributed greatly to the quality of life in Genesee County through his writing, and as a member of numerous community and civic organizations. Mr. Brown was former owner and president of WBTA Radio and was also a longtime correspondent for The Buffalo News. He wrote a regular Insights column for The Daily News for many years. He also was a former president of Batavia Rotary Club and one of the charter members, and past President, of The Jerome Foundation.

## **CRITERIA**

- Applicants attend high school in Genesee County, New York.
- Applicants must be completing high school successfully with a minimum unweighted GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Applicants must be accepted as a full-time student at a college, university, or trade school program for the upcoming academic semester – with the intention of pursuing a degree in the field of Journalism, Communications, Marketing, or Public Relations (in print, radio, television or digital media). If scholarship money is awarded, this is the only program that will receive the funds on behalf of the applicant.
- Applicants must complete and submit a Scholarship Application by **Monday, May 9, 2022**.

## **TIMELINE**

- Applications must be received by The Jerome Foundation, P.O. Box 249, Batavia, NY 14020, postmarked by **Monday, May 9, 2022**.
- The selected applicant will be notified by **June 1, 2022**, and arrangements will be made to present the scholarship certificate at his or her high school awards ceremony. Again, the actual funds will be awarded upon acceptance into an accredited college, university or trade school program.

## **Application Process:**

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### **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS MUST PROVIDE:**

- Completed application form.
- Official high school transcript in a sealed envelope from the institution.
- One academic reference from a guidance counselor or teacher.
- A letter of recommendation from an employer or other community member.
- Proof of acceptance at an academic, vocational or technical school for post-secondary studies.

### **JUDGING**

#### **Judging will be based upon the following:**

- Academic Merit (course grades, including SAT or ACT scores);
- Creative Accomplishment (a work or series of works depicting the student's communications' skills)
- Community Service (involvement in extracurricular school and civic activities)
- Leadership (demonstration of being a role model through teaching and training)
- \_ Interview by The Jerome Foundation William F. Brown, Jr. Scholarship Committee

**Please mail the application to:**

**The Jerome Foundation  
P.O. Box 249  
Batavia, NY 14021**

**Application must be filled out by applicant.**

Please **type on a separate sheet** or **print** your answers below. If application is not legible it will be returned to you.

1	Last Name:	First Name:
2	Mailing Address: Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____	
3	Daytime Telephone Number: (     ) _____ Email address: _____	
4	Current High School:	Number of years attended HS:
5	I will be attending the following school in the <u>Fall of 2022</u> : _____ Address/ Phone _____	
6	What year will you enter school?    Freshman        Sophomore        Junior        Senior	
7	Will you be a full-time student? _____	
8	Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (On a 4.0 scale) Attach proof of GPA; your most recent <b>official</b> school transcript is required.	
9	ACT Score: _____ Or SAT Score: _____ Please include a copy of your ACT <b>or</b> SAT score sheet on official high school transcript.	
10	Name & address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s): Use reverse side of application if you need more space. Name (s) _____ Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Home phone of parents or legal guardians: _____	

**Please list the following information on a separate sheet if needed.**

11	<b>SCHOOL EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:</b> Please list school extra-curricular activities in which you have participated. Note leadership roles and dates.
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12	<b>AREA OF STUDY:</b> What do you want to study and why (planned major)?
13	<b>ORGANIZATIONS:</b> Please list community organizations such as service, volunteer and religious organizations in which you are now active or have previously been active. Note leadership roles and dates.
14	<b>RECOGNITIONS:</b> Please list important awards and recognitions received. Note organizations presenting honor and date.
15	<b>GOALS:</b> What are the short and long term goals for your life?
16	<b>ESSAY:</b> Why do you believe you are deserving of this scholarship? (please attach a copy of your essay).
17	<p>A. The following items must be attached to this application in order for the application to qualify to be reviewed by the scholarship committee.</p> <p>B. Your application will be returned to you if these items are not attached to this application. (No exceptions.)</p> <p>C. Circle "YES" or "NO" to be sure you have attached each item as required.</p>

YES	NO	<b>One academic reference and a letter of recommendation from an employer or other community member.</b>
YES	NO	<b>Proof of college acceptance or current student enrollment.</b> A letter of college acceptance or program acceptance is required for receipt of funds.
YES	NO	<b>Most recent <u>official</u> high school or <u>official</u> college transcript.</b> Photocopies of your transcript are <b>not acceptable</b> .
YES	NO	<b>Answers to questions 1-17</b>

**STATEMENT OF ACCURACY**

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me to The Jerome Foundation Scholarship Committee is true, correct and without forgery. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the William F. Brown Jr. Memorial Scholarship.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to The Jerome Foundation scholarship policy, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at the post-secondary institution of my choice before scholarship funds can be awarded.

Signature of scholarship applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**The deadline for this application to be received is  
Monday, May 9, 2022. No exceptions!**