



Business Grant & Scholarship Information & Application Package

Introduction

The Blessed Black Angels Initiative mission is the empowerment of black women of all ages by supporting the realization of their educational and business goals through the provision of transitional funding and business networking. The Blessed Black Angels Initiative provides non-repayable scholarships and business grants to black women who can prove that they are true champions of positive change in their lives, to themselves and their peers.

The scholarships and grants provided are not intended to be social assistance handouts to disenfranchised members of the community but are provided in recognition and support of those in the community who have clearly demonstrated their commitment to improving themselves and by association being a role model in their community.

How we help you

The Blessed Black Angels Initiative offers scholarships and business grants to black women who have and can demonstrate that they have personally taken the necessary preliminary steps and established a solid foundation towards their goal. Examples of preliminary steps may include but are not limited to, having personally saved or acquired basic funding to 50% of that required; a detailed plan outlining your goal, a step-by-step task list of how you propose to work towards your goal with realistic time lines, and research notes/materials supporting the viability of you achieving your goal.

All business grants and scholarships are awarded annually. Every grant and scholarship application received is reviewed and voted upon by members of our Advisory Board. All active members of our Advisory Board are listed on our website (www.BlessedBlackAngels.org).



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Board members are people who are truly your peers, who have “been there and done that” when it comes to the daily challenges you may have gone through or are going through in your life, so you can rest assured that your application will be read and evaluated by people who have been in a similar situation in life to your own. The applications receiving the most votes are awarded business grants and scholarships that never have to be repaid. All successful award recipients must agree to having their names, general geographic location, photographs and award amounts made public in order to further promote The Blessed Black Angels Initiative as a precondition to receiving any grant or scholarship from the program. All other information made in your application is strictly confidential and will not be released outside of the administration of your application.

All applications received will be active for one full year from the date they are received. Unsuccessful business grant or scholarship applicants may resubmit a new application, six months after the date of receiving notification of the final decision on their application. Successful business grant or scholarship applicants may reapply to the program 18 months after receipt of their successful business grant or scholarship. Applications are invited from Canada, the United Kingdom and United States of America.



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Business Grants

We offer annual business grants, available to black women from the age of 21 to 54 with an annual net (after tax) household income not exceeding US\$27,000. Business grant applicants must provide a detailed history of either employment, volunteer or community service work for any four year period within ten years from the date of their grant application. These business grants are not intended to offer full funding for any business venture but are available up to a maximum of 33% of the total project cost in a calendar year. Successful business grant applicants may reapply to the program 18 months after receipt of their successful business grant.

Scholarships

We offer annual scholarships, available to black women from the age of 18 to 54 with an annual net (after tax) household income not exceeding US\$27,000. Scholarship applicants must have a minimum average final year grade of 80% if they have attended high school or post secondary education within 4 years of their scholarship application. Scholarship applicants who have not attended a high school or post secondary education program in 4 years or more must provide a detailed history of either employment, volunteer or community service work for any three year period within ten years from the date of their scholarship application. Although the scholarships are not full scholarships, our scholarships are available up to a maximum of 36% for one academic year. Successful scholarship applicants may reapply to the program 18 months after receipt of their successful scholarship.



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STEP 1: Application Cover Sheet

PLEASE PRINT IN BLACK BALL POINT INK OR TYPE						
Application for:		<input type="radio"/> Business Grant	<input type="radio"/> Scholarship			
Amount Requested:		<input type="radio"/> \$1000	<input type="radio"/> \$1500	<input type="radio"/> \$2000	<input type="radio"/> \$2500	<input type="radio"/> \$3000
PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION						
Last or Family Name of Applicant		First Name(s)		Second Name(s)		
Street No.	Street Name			Unit/Suite/Apt.		
P.O. Box	City/Town		Province/State	Zip/Post Code	Country	
Residence Telephone No.		E-mail Address		Website		
Sex	Date of Birth <i>(year/month/day)</i>	Height		Marital Status	Dependents	
How did you learn of our program or who referred you to us?						
Have you applied for, or received other business grants or scholarships? If yes, please provide the names, dates and amounts if any of these applications are currently pending or were successful.						
CAREER & LIFE EXPERIENCE						
<i>Please provide your employment or school record for the past five years. Include your present employer or school. Volunteer work is acceptable if you have not been employed or attending school. Use a separate sheet if space is insufficient.</i>						
Employer's or School's Name and Address		Job Title or Program of Studies	Period of Employment or Attendance From (month/year) To (month/year)		Reason You Left	



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EDUCATION			
<i>Please provide a summary of your education.</i>			
School Name and Address	Type or Course of Studies	Certificate, Diploma, Degree or Designation	Year of Graduation or Completion
RESIDENCE HISTORY			
<i>Please list your places of residence for the past 5 years.</i>			
Address	Year From To		



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STEP 2: Proposal

Write a proposal which offers a detailed description of what you specifically want the business grant or scholarship for, why is it important to you, why you feel we should approve your application and how you plan to proceed if your application is approved or if it is declined.

Your proposal may be typewritten, word processed or may be submitted printed by hand in ink. All three submission formats will be treated equally, as your application will be assessed on content and your demonstration that you have planned and done your research in the pursuit of your goal or objective.

Please structure your proposal to provide the following information in the order indicated. Use the headings and subheadings provided. Then, in your own words, provide your answers to the items in the outline. Please feel free to provide additional information that you feel is important to your application that may not be covered in the headings or subheadings. Try to be as thorough as possible in your responses, while being concise.



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A. NARRATIVE

1. Personal information

- Tell us about you; your business or school life; your experiences and outlook, where you see yourself.
- What is your life's goal, and short term objectives and what steps have you taken to attain these?
- Outline what you are currently doing to better yourself personally.
- Highlight any accomplishments or milestones.
- Tell us why you feel that you should receive approval on your application.

TIP: The object of this section is to introduce you, your commitment and personality. The opportunity exists in this section for you to prove that you are different from all the other applicants. After all, by completing this application you are putting yourself on the line for your project and based on this we may be investing in you to see it through.

2. Purpose of Business Grant or Scholarship

- what would you like the business grant or scholarship for (be specific – describe your business project or program of studies; is it a new start up or to continue an existing project/program/studies)
- what is the specific goal or mission you want to accomplish (business goal, or academic achievement – certificate, diploma, degree)
- how do you feel that the achievement of this goal or mission will positively change your life
- what research and preparation have you done before deciding to pursue this goal or mission (provide research sources, statistics, etc. if applicable)
- what experience, skill, talent or knowledge do you have that will help you achieve this goal or mission (prior education, experience, track record?)
- when do you plan on completing this goal or mission (date or timeline)



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- how will you proceed (what will you do next) should you receive this business grant or scholarship and how soon
- what school or business organization will this scholarship or grant be in favour of (if applicable, give a specific name of business or school)
- why should you receive a grant or scholarship as opposed to other applicants

TIP: This section gives you the opportunity to clearly tell us what it is you want to do and how you planned for it, and what you will do after you accomplish your goal.

3. Financial

- provide an itemized list of all of the projected or actual expenses associated with this project or academic program (be sure to indicate if these items have been paid, outstanding or are simply projected).
- clearly state how much of your own money you have on-hand to put into the project.

B. ATTACHMENTS

Please include the following attachments as part of your proposal in the order indicated:

1. Proof of Income indicating that your net annual income is less than US\$27,000. This may be in the form of a photocopied pay stub, the annual net income page from your tax document or any other income verification instrument.
2. Three letters of reference from persons not related to you, who have known you for at least three years.
3. Attach copies of any documents, articles, awards or other items that can help support a decision in your favour for this endeavour.
NOTE – Do not send original documents as these items WILL NOT be returned to you and form part of your application.
4. Enclose for identification verification purposes and for publication if your grant or scholarship is successful, a recent head and shoulders photograph of only yourself.



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STEP 3: Release Form

(a) I, *(Print Your Name Here =>)* _____ hereby state that all of the information and attachments that I have provided as part of this Business Grant and Scholarship Application is true to the best of my knowledge.

(b) I authorize The Blessed Black Angels Initiative, and their authorized agents to verify any or all information that I have provided in this Business Grant and Scholarship Application solely for the purpose of determining my eligibility for a Business Grant or Scholarship under this program. I also authorize the distribution and review of my application to and by members of the Blessed Black Angels Advisory Board in order to determine whether my application may receive approval in the program.

(c) I understand that should I receive a Business Grant or Scholarship under this program that as a precondition to receiving any monies from this program that I am obligated to consent to, and do authorize the publication of my name, a photograph of me as I have provided as part of this Business Grant and Scholarship Application, my general geographic location (country, province, city), the amount of money received from the program and whether it was a business grant or scholarship. This is the only information that will be made publicly accessible and all other details and information concerning or on my application shall remain confidential and will not be disclosed to anyone with the exception of by warrant issued from a court of law.

(d) If I am a recipient of a Business Grant under this program, I understand that I must also place a link in the form of a banner or icon from my business website to The Blessed Black Angels Initiative website for a period of not less than 1 year, and that in turn I may if I wish, have my business website listed in the links area of The Blessed Black Angels Initiative website.



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(e) I also waive any financial liability resulting from the approval or denial of this business grant or scholarship application. I further hold harmless and waive from any legal claim or action, The Blessed Black Angels Initiative, its Advisory Board members, authorized agents, employees and Dr. Robert Ing, from any direct or indirect physical, financial or mental damages allegedly as the result of the acceptance, approval or denial of my business grant or scholarship application.

(f) This release form is part of my Business Grant and Scholarship Application.

By signing and dating this document, I acknowledge and agree to all of the terms, conditions and statements made in items a to f inclusive and without exception, and indicate that I have read and fully understand all the material in this Business Grant & Scholarship Information & Application Package.

Signed _____

Date _____



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STEP 4: Administration

1. Please include a money order in the amount of US\$27.00 representing a one time, non-refundable administration and filing fee for a first time application. There are no other fees or charges to applicants. This fee is waived for applicants who are resubmitting a previously unsuccessful application for second consideration within two years from the notification of decision on their original application.

Money orders must be payable to:

Dr. Robert Ing - BBAI

2. Send your complete application to:

Dr. Robert Ing
Blessed Black Angels Initiative
260 Adelaide Street East, Unit 9
Toronto, Ontario
Canada M5A 1N1

3. Due to the volume of applications received and the nature of our program, it may take up to 1 year from the date you file your application before it is reviewed. All applications filed will receive a letter informing them of their status once they are reviewed. Your patience is requested and appreciated.



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STEP 5: Final Checklist

BEFORE YOU MAIL YOUR APPLICATION HAVE YOU . . .

_____ Read and understood all the information in this Application Package and on our website? www.BlessedBlackAngels.org

_____ Answered all of the questions in the Application Cover Sheet and included it the envelope?

_____ Prepared your Proposal Narrative and responded to all of the information requested under each heading and included it the envelope?

_____ Included Proof of Income in the form of a photocopied pay stub, the annual net income page from your tax document or any other income verification instrument?

_____ Included three letters of reference from persons not related to you, who have known you for at least three years?

_____ Included a recent head and shoulders photograph of only yourself for identification verification purposes?

_____ Attached copies of any documents, articles, awards or other items that can help support your application?

_____ Read, signed and enclosed The Release Form with your application?

_____ If this is your first application with us, enclosed a money order in the amount of US\$27.00 representing a one time, non-refundable administration and filing fee payable to; Dr. Robert Ing - BBAI



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_____ Mail all of the above items to:

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