



Felicia Brewer Opportunity Scholarship

The purpose of the Felicia Brewer Opportunity Scholarship is to create a life-transforming opportunity for immigrant or first generation students who have overcome significant adversity, giving them the opportunity to pursue their dreams and improve their lives through education or training. The Scholarship will be awarded to students who have attended a Chapel Hill – Carrboro City Schools district high school. The Fund has been created in memory of Felice (Felicia) Berkman Brewer by her father-in-law, Donald Brewer.

■ ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible to receive the Felicia Brewer Opportunity Scholarship, a student must:

- Have attended a Chapel Hill - Carrboro City Schools district high school for a minimum of one school year, or be scheduled to complete a minimum of one year at the end of the current academic year.
- Be a high school graduate or scheduled to become a high school graduate in the year of the application, or have completed and received a GED.
- Be an immigrant to the United States who came to the country with or without parents or a first generation United States citizen of immigrant parents or guardians. Applicants may be documented or undocumented immigrants.
- Have overcome significant adversity to pursue educational goals. Examples of adversity include but are not limited to: escaping a dangerous life from home country, torture, learning English as a second language, poverty, being required by parents or guardians to work to help support the family, abuse in the family, substance abuse, physical or mental handicaps.
- Demonstrate financial need through financial information documentation.
- Provide a completed Felicia Brewer Opportunity Scholarship application and required forms and paperwork.
- Have been accepted into an accredited college, university, or community college.

Please note:

- Students currently attending a college or university for undergraduate studies, or community college who meet all other criteria are eligible to apply.
- Applicants may be documented or undocumented immigrants.
- Students studying in the US as a part of an exchange program or the children of parents in an exchange program are not eligible.
- Family members of Triangle Community Foundation or members of the Selection Committee are not eligible to apply.

■ WHAT DOES THE SCHOLARSHIP COVER?

The Felicia Brewer Opportunity Scholarship will cover the cost of tuition and required fees and college-recommended health insurance up to a maximum of \$12,500 per academic year and is renewable for up to a total of four years (or its equivalent) at an accredited college or university in an undergraduate program or community college. The Scholarship is not available for graduate or post-graduate education. The Scholarship cannot be used to cover living, travel, childcare, or other similar expenses. The cost of required books and other required materials will be paid for if recipients are attending a community college. Payments will be made to institution of higher learning on the student's behalf and not to the student directly.

The Scholarship is renewable if the recipient maintains a minimum semester grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 grading system or the equivalent on other grading scales and remains a student in good standing.

■ HOW TO APPLY:

Applications for the Felicia Brewer Opportunity Scholarship will be available on the Triangle Community Foundation website at www.trianglecf.org. Applications must be downloaded and completed using the most recent version of Adobe Reader. Adobe Reader can be downloaded for free at <http://get.adobe.com/reader>. All applications must be typed. Applications should be printed and mailed to Triangle Community Foundation, postmarked no later than February 15.

Application materials include:

- A complete application form
- A financial information form to document financial need (page 6 of application form)
- A recommendation from one nonfamily member, preferably someone who can address how the applicant has overcome adversity and his/her desire for further education (page 13 of application form). Recommendations should be mailed by the recommender.
- Official transcripts from all United States high schools attended. Also, proof of GED and/or official college transcripts if available. If official transcripts are not reasonably available, or are prohibitively expensive please call the Foundation to discuss.
- 2011 or last submitted federal tax return (and spouse's if married and parent's/guardian's if applicant is under 24 and single or has been claimed as a dependent on a parent's/guardian's most recent return)

Applications must be postmarked by February 15th and mailed to:
Triangle Community Foundation
Felicia Brewer Opportunity Scholarship
324 Blackwell St., Suite 1220
Durham, NC 27701

Only completed applications will be considered.

All application materials will be kept confidential. Materials will only be shared with members of the scholarship selection committee.

■ WHEN WILL APPLICANTS BE NOTIFIED?

Notification letters will be mailed no later than April 15th.

■ WHOM SHOULD I CONTACT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?

Gina Andersen
Scholarships and Community Outreach Coordinator
Triangle Community Foundation
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Gina@trianglecf.org

Si tiene preguntas sobre la aplicación por favor contacte a la Fundación y podremos atenderle en español.

■ BACKGROUND ON THE FELICIA BREWER OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

The Felicia Brewer Opportunity Scholarship was created in loving memory of Felice Berkman Brewer (Felicia) by her father-in-law, Don Brewer. Felicia died very unexpectedly after a short illness in April, 2008. The creation of the Scholarship was inspired by the story of Felicia's heritage and Don's awareness of the need to support and encourage immigrant students to overcome the obstacles faced when pursuing higher education.

Felicia was an active member of her community, a mother of two, and a talented attorney. Felicia was a gregarious woman, full of energy and life. She had the ability to touch people and help them feel connected. This was evident in her volunteer work. She was a community leader as a volunteer member of the board of managers of a nursery school, supported after-school enrichment programs for disadvantaged children, and helped at the local arts center – to mention just a few of her community activities. Felicia was also noted for other eclectic interests such as her expertise in rock music and pinnipeds (seals and sea lions), and riding her red Vespa motor scooter around town.

Her paternal grandparents fled persecution in Eastern Europe and settled in Cuba, where her father, Isidoro (Ike) was born. Upon finishing high school, Ike came to the United States without parents, speaking little English in search of a better life. Through hard work and help from family and school, Ike graduated from college, went on to law school and became a very successful attorney, college professor, and leader of the National Conference of Bar Examiners. Like her father, Felicia attended Northwestern as a law student, where she met her husband, John.

Don Brewer came from a family of modest means and was able to attend Cornell and Stanford because others before him created scholarships for deserving students. Mr. Brewer, a resident of Chapel Hill, NC, had already created scholarships at his alma maters when he read about the plight of a local high school student who had overcome many obstacles to rise to the top of her class, only to face another barrier in her goal of attending college. The student had moved from Colombia, South America to Chapel Hill to escape the death squads who had already killed members of her family. Speaking no English, she worked hard and by her senior year was a top student at her high school. She was accepted into college, but due to her undocumented immigration status she would have to pay out of state tuition fees, which she and her family could not afford. Brewer understood that overcoming obstacles was a part of life, but a barrier to education was an affront.

The legacy of the Brewer and Berkman families and the plight of our country's current immigrants have come together to create the Felicia Brewer Opportunity Scholarship at Triangle Community Foundation.

■ APPLICATION FORM

All application materials, including transcripts, Federal Income Tax Return (if applicable), and letter of recommendation, must be postmarked on or before February 15th. Completed applications should be sent to:

Triangle Community Foundation
Felicia Brewer Opportunity Scholarship
324 Blackwell Street, Suite 1220
Durham, NC 27701

■ PERSONAL DATA

Legal Name: (Last) _____ (First) _____ (Middle) _____

Preferred/Nickname: _____ Male Female

Email: _____ Date of Birth: (mm-dd-yyyy) _____

Permanent Address: _____

List years you resided in North Carolina: _____

If different from above, please give your mailing address for all application-related correspondence:

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone Number : (_____) _____ Alternate Number: (_____) _____

■ CITIZENSHIP & ETHNICITY

Are you a US Citizen? Yes No If not a US Citizen, county of citizenship: _____

How many years have you lived in the US? _____

If applicable, what is your immigration status? _____

Mother's country of birth & childhood: _____

Father's country of birth & childhood: _____

Applicant's first language(s): _____ Language spoken at home: _____

Ethnicity/Race: _____

■ CAREER INTERESTS

What are your current career interests? (Such as artist, business, engineer, physician, teacher)

What are your current career goals and how did you come to choose them? (50 word maximum)

■ HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

How many people live with you in your current household (including yourself)? _____

How long have you lived in this household? _____

Are you, or have you been in foster care? Yes No

Please list the primary caregiver(s) (parents or legal guardians) in this household:

First name: _____ Last name: _____ Relationship: _____

First name: _____ Last name: _____ Relationship: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Living Deceased

How long have you lived with your mother? All my life From age _____ to age _____

Highest level of education completed : _____

College (if applicable): _____ Country: _____

What type of work does your mother do now? _____

Father's Name: _____ Living Deceased

How long have you lived with your father? All my life From age _____ to age _____

Highest level of education completed : _____

College (if applicable): _____ Country: _____

What type of work does your father do now? _____

Spouse (if married) or Guardian: _____

Relationship: _____

How long have you lived with this person? All my life From age _____ to age _____

Highest level of education completed : _____

College (if applicable): _____ Country: _____

What type of work does your spouse or guardian do now? _____

Names of brothers and sisters (please include step-brothers and step-sisters)

| Name | Age |
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■ FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Your marital status: Single Married Separated or divorced

Name of dependents you support 50% or more (do not include yourself) _____

Are you supported by your parent(s) or guardian(s) 50% or more, or do you live with them? Yes No

Number of dependents your parent(s) or guardian(s) support 50% or more including yourself: _____

Applicant's expected gross annual income for 2012-2013: \$ _____

Family Income 2011

Entire family income in 2011 is required for consideration; do not leave a line blank (please put a ZERO (0) if no income was received):

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| Father's Gross Annual Income | \$ _____ |
| Mother's Gross Annual Income | \$ _____ |
| Guardian's Gross Annual Income | \$ _____ |
| Applicant's Gross Annual Income | \$ _____ |
| Spouse's Gross Annual Income | \$ _____ |
| Social Security or Disability | \$ _____ |
| TANF or Public Service | \$ _____ |
| Child Support, Alimony (f not included above) | \$ _____ |
| Interest, Dividends, Realized Capital Gains | \$ _____ |
| Other Income (specify): | \$ _____ |
| Total 201 Gross Income: | \$ _____ |

Personal loans, gifts, etc. received in 2011 \$ _____

In the year 2011, did you, your parents, or anyone in your parents' household receive benefits from any of the federal benefit programs listed?

- Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP/Food Stamps)
- Free or Reduced Priced School Lunch
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

If total income is less than \$6,000 per year, please specify fund sources, with amounts, that allow you to live daily:

Please explain any significant income changes within the last year or anticipated in 2012-2013. Similarly, please comment on any significant unusual expenses or extenuating circumstances for those time periods (please specify, attach an additional page if needed).

Did you, your spouse, or your parents submit a U.S. (Federal) Income Tax Return last year? Yes No
Please submit a copy of the 2011 or last submitted Federal Tax Return of yourself, your spouse (if married), and your parent(s) or guardian(s) if you are under 24 and single or were claimed as a dependent on a parent's or guardian's most recent return. If not available, please briefly explain or comment.

■ EDUCATIONAL DATA

High School/College or University you now attend: _____ Date of Entry: _____
 Anticipated graduation date: _____ Type of school: Public Independent Parochial Home School
 School Address: _____

Weighted GPA: _____ Unweighted GPA: _____
 Class Rank: _____ out of _____ students; _____ % of class

If there are any extenuating circumstances, or details regarding your academic performance that you would like to add or clarify, please describe below:

Schools and years you attended in the Chapel Hill/Carrboro School District:

| Name of School | Year(s) Attended |
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List all other secondary programs you have attended, including summer schools and other programs you have attended beginning with ninth grade, as well as colleges or universities:

| Name of School | Location (City, State) | Dates Attended and Degree Achieved |
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***Please send an official copy of transcripts from all high schools and colleges/universities you have attended. Also, proof of GED if applicable. Transcripts must be postmarked by February 15th. Mail to Triangle Community Foundation, Felicia Brewer Opportunity Scholarship, 324 Blackwell St. Suite 1220, Durham, NC 27701.**

■ EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR WHICH SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS ARE REQUESTED

For applicants currently enrolled in post high school education:

Annual TUITION and FEES (excluding room and board) you are paying for current academic year: \$ _____

Estimate of current 2011-2012 ANNUAL ACADEMIC Year Resources (if applicable):
 (Note: please leave fields blank if you are not receiving any resources from that source.)

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| School Scholarships | \$ _____ |
| Other Outside Scholarships | \$ _____ |
| Annual Student Loans | \$ _____ |
| Annual Work-Study | \$ _____ |
| Annual Assistant/Fellowships | \$ _____ |
| Annual JTPA or PIC Benefits | \$ _____ |
| Annual Veterans Benefits | \$ _____ |
| Annual Pell Grant | \$ _____ |
| From relatives, not including those in family income | \$ _____ |
| From 529 Plans or similar college saving programs | \$ _____ |
| Other Grants (annual) | \$ _____ |
| TOTAL PROJECTED RESOURCES | \$ _____ |

For all applicants:

Please list all of the colleges/universities to which you have applied. List in order of preference of attendance with number one as your top choice.

| | Name of College/University | Location (City, State) | Cost of tuition and fees (not including room and board) |
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Will you attend: Full Time? Part-time? (If Part-time, number of credit hours per term) _____

Please list all other aid/assistance for which you have applied for the 2012-2013 academic year:

| Type of Aid/Assistance (e.g. scholarships, grants, loans) | Estimated Amount | Status (Approved, Pending, or Declined) |
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How will receiving or not receiving the Felicia Brewer Opportunity Scholarship impact your college plans?

■ TEST INFORMATION

ACT Scores

| Date taken/to be taken | English | Math | Reading | Science | Composite | Writing |
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SAT I or SAT Reasoning Tests

| Date taken/to be taken | Verbal/Critical Reading | Math | Writing |
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SAT II or Subject Tests

| Date taken/to be taken | Subject | Score |
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Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or Other Exam

| Test | Date taken/to be taken | Score |
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■ ACADEMIC AND OTHER HONORS

Briefly list or describe any scholastic distinctions or honors you have received beginning with the ninth grade (e.g., National Merit, Cum laude Society, etc.). Limited to 5.

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- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

■ EXTRACURRICULAR, PERSONAL, AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES (Including Summer)

Please list your principal extracurricular, community and family activities and hobbies in the order of their interest to you. Include specific events and/or major accomplishments such as musical instrument played, varsity letters earned, etc.

| Activity | Grade Level | | | | | Approx. time spent participating | | Position, Honors, Letters, Etc. |
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| | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | Post Grad. | Hrs./week | Weeks/year | |
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Describe which single activity/interest listed represents your most meaningful commitment and why. (50 word maximum)

■ WORK EXPERIENCE

List any jobs (including summer employment) you have held during the past three years. Please do not include a résumé.

| Nature of Work | Employer | Start | End | Appox. Hrs. per week | Summer Job? |
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During the school year, when do you work? Weekends Afterschool Both

To what use have you put these earnings?

■ **NARRATIVE QUESTION**

List and describe up to 5 factors (events, accomplishments, failures, circumstances, special relationships, etc.) that have most shaped who you are. Please limit your response to this page and one additional page if needed.

■ NARRATIVE QUESTION (continued)

■ **RECOMMENDATION FORM** (please print form in order to fill out)

To be completed by the Applicant

I hereby freely and voluntarily waive my right to access any information contained on this recommendation form.
I certify that all information provided by me with the application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____

To be completed by the Recommender

Recommender's Name (please print): _____

Do not return recommendation to the applicant. This recommendation must be postmarked by February 15 for the applicant to be considered.

1. In what capacity do you know the applicant?
2. How long have you known the applicant? _____ years
3. The Felicia Brewer Opportunity Scholarship was created to provide a life-transforming opportunity to immigrant or first generation children, documented or undocumented, who have overcome significant adversity in their lives to better themselves by furthering their education. Please share with the Selection Committee what you know of how the applicant has overcome adversity to further his/her education; their circumstances, background, accomplishments and future goals that would demonstrate the characteristics on which the scholarship is based. Please be as specific as possible. Your recommendation is a critical part of the scholarship decision. The information you provide will be kept confidential.

Please confine your remarks to no more than two double-spaced typed pages. If printing, please do so neatly in black ink.

Please mail completed recommendation to:
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