

## Boston University Trustee Scholarship Competition

**Due date:** December 1, 2011

**Amount:** Undergraduate Tuition

**Organization:** Boston University

**Website address:** [www.bu.edu/admissions/trustee](http://www.bu.edu/admissions/trustee)

**Download application:** <http://www.bu.edu/admissions/apply/costs-aid-scholarships/scholarships/trustee/apply/> (nomination form) and/or <https://www.commonapp.org/CommonApp/default.aspx>

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**Qualifications:** Those considered for the Trustee Scholarship typically rank in the top 5–10% of their class and demonstrate exceptional records of service and activity in their schools and communities. Every year, Boston University welcomes about 20 outstanding students to the Trustee Scholars program. Many of our current Scholars had perfect 4.0 grade point averages in high school, and most ranked in the top 1% of their class. However, we encourage students in the top 10% of their class to consider applying for the scholarship. While these figures are not criteria for eligibility, it's clear that the bar is, to say the least, unusually high.

### **Other Documents Needed:**

- Print the nomination form and give it to your high school principal, headmaster or school counselor.
- Submit the Common Application for admission to one of the undergraduate degree programs at Boston University, along with the BU Common Application Supplement, the Trustee Scholarship Essay and the nomination form from your headmaster or principal

**no later than December 1.** For more information on applying to BU, see our Application Instructions.

- Applicants must submit an essay no longer than 600 words, responding to one of the following three topics:
  - “All nations make decisions based on self-interest and then defend them in the name of morality” (William Sloane Coffin, *Credo*). Defend or refute this statement with specific examples from the past and the present.
  - High school students in the US have, on average, one of the shortest school years (180 days per year), shortest school days (6.5 hours per day), and least amount of daily homework (1 hour a day) of students in any developed country. Discuss the impact of this dearth of formal academic education on the future international competitiveness of the US workforce.
  - The current economic crisis traces to a surfeit of mortgages that were sold to people who could not afford them. Some people blame the situation on consumers who failed to evaluate what they were buying; others say the industry defrauded consumers through unclear contracts and promotion. What do you think?
  
- On the BU Common Application Supplement, indicate that you are a Trustee Scholar nominee by typing the letters “TR” in the box marked “Office Use Only” at the bottom of page one.
  
- Submit official results of either the SAT with two SAT Subject Tests, or the ACT with Writing Test. For some programs, additional SAT Subject Tests may be required. **All tests must be taken no later than November.**

**GPA:** Not specified, but should be in top 10% of class

**Gender:** Either

**Ethnicity:** Any

**School:** Any

**Requires School Committee/Nomination:** Yes