

Moses Reed Tyler Scholarship 2021

In 1937, Moses Reed Tyler, a resident of Berlin, Massachusetts, executed a will establishing a trust fund “for the benefit of such person or persons, who shall at the time be residents of the Town of Berlin, Worcester County, Massachusetts, or who shall have been educated in the public schools of Berlin and whose parents shall have resided therein... to enable such persons to continue their studies in places which may be approved by the [school] committee.”

Moses Reed Tyler charged the Berlin School Committee [now the Berlin-Boylston Regional School Committee] with determining the recipients of funds from this trust. In making its selection the School Committee is guided by the express intent of Moses Reed Tyler who stated that it was his desire to assist those students who are “earnest and industrious” and “who may not have the highest scholastic standing.” Funds may be awarded to students who are seeking training in occupations or trades in addition to students desiring to go to college or institutions of higher learning. Moses Reed Tyler expressly stated “that assistance shall be given to those primarily who would not be able financially to secure that education which this fund will enable them to obtain, but such assistance may be extended as well to others who might with less difficulty procure such education, but to whom such aid will be of assistance.”

The Berlin-Boylston Regional School Committee welcomes applications for Moses Reed Tyler Scholarship funds from eligible persons. **Applications must be received or postmarked no later than 4:00pm Wednesday, March 31, 2021.**

Please plan ahead! This is an earlier deadline than usual and late applications will not be accepted.

Due to the Pandemic, please mail or deliver applications directly to the Committee Chair address noted below and call with any questions: 978-838-2985. Submit completed applications to:

**Berlin-Boylston Regional School Committee / Moses Reed Tyler Scholarship
c/o Susan Henry, Committee Chair
28 Summer Road
Berlin, MA 01503**

Application Checklist

1. Completed and signed Application Form. (REQUIRED) *Only include your name in Part I of the application; please do NOT put your name or any other identifying information on any other application page. (We will white out personal identifiers and note every page with an anonymized code once received to ensure a fair review of your application.)*
2. Copy of bill or a statement of estimated cost of attendance from the college/university/educational or training program (REQUIRED, see p. 3).
3. Financial Need Statement (REQUIRED, see p. 4) with copies of supporting documentation (optional). (Do not submit original documentation.)
4. Most recent Transcript (REQUIRED, see p. 6)
5. Academic Work Statement. (optional, but recommended, see p. 6)
6. Completed Application and all supporting documentation must be postmarked or delivered in a single envelope to the address above by **4:00 P.M. on Wednesday, March 31, 2021.**

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PART I. ELIGIBILITY

Scholarship funds support eligible students continuing their studies at colleges, universities, and other education or training programs approved by the Committee.

1. Applicant must be a resident of Berlin, **or**
2. Applicant's parent(s) must currently or formerly reside in Berlin *and* Applicant has been educated in the public schools of the Town of Berlin, which include Berlin Memorial School, Tahanto Regional Middle High School, Assabet Valley Regional Technical High School, or MA-approved charter school that includes Berlin in its primary service area.

A. Name of Applicant: _____

Applicant's Home Address: _____

Name of Parent(s): _____

Berlin address (current/former) of Applicant's Parent(s): _____

B. Did you attend the Berlin Memorial School? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, what years did you attend Berlin Memorial School? _____

Did you attend any Berlin Middle/High School(s)? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, which school (s) and years?

Tahanto Regional Middle High School	Years:
Assabet Valley Regional Technical High School	Years:
_____ Charter School	Years:
Home schooled	Years:

Year of High School Graduation (if applicable): _____

PART II. PLANS for FURTHER LEARNING

A. Name of Institution (college, university, or educational or training program) Applicant is/will be attending:

B. Field/Area of Study/Training: _____

C. Name and address of the BUSINESS / BILLING OFFICE of the institution (college, university, or educational or training program) Applicant is/will be attending:

D. Month *and* Year you began or will begin your studies at this institution _____

E. Will you be attending this institution (check one): ____ Full-Time ____ Part-Time

F. Estimated Annual Expenses:

Tuition: _____

Books & Supplies: _____

Room & Board: _____

Total: _____

G. Submit a copy of a current bill/statement of estimated cost from the institution (REQUIRED)

PART III. FINANCIAL NEED

One purpose of the scholarship is to aid students who might not otherwise be able to afford further education.

A. Financial Need Statement (REQUIRED)

Please attach a brief statement (not more than one page) titled “Financial Need Statement” describing how this scholarship would aid you and any specific financial need(s) you want the Committee to consider. You may also submit additional supporting documentation (optional).

B. Scholarships, Awards, and Grants

List all scholarships, awards, and grants separately with the amount for each (add additional pages if necessary):

Scholarship/Award/Grant	Amount	Year(s)

Total to be received for 2020-21 School Year	\$	_____

C. Student Loans

List all Student Loans (add additional pages if necessary):

Loan	Amount	

Total to be received for 2020-21 School Year	\$	_____

D. Employment

1. Employment History. List all of your current and previous employment/jobs including full-time and part-time jobs starting with the most recent (attach additional pages if necessary):

Employer	Year(s)	Time Period	Number of Hours per week

2. How much money have you earned that you will be contributing toward the cost of your education listed in Part II of this application? \$ _____

3. Do you have a work study grant? ___ Yes ___ No .

If you have a work study grant, what is the total of your work study grant? \$ _____.

Have you accepted or declined the work study grant? ___ Accepted ___ Declined

4. Will you be employed while you are taking classes/engaged in training at the institution you identified in Part II of this Application? ___ Yes ___ No.

If you will be working, how many hours per week do you anticipate being regularly scheduled to work? _____.

What is your estimated compensation per hour? \$ _____ per hour.

E. Summer Activities

1. What did you do during the summers of 2019 (pre-covid) and 2020 (during covid)? List all activities. Include and designate all activities as Travel, Study/course work, Volunteer work, Employment, or Other activities.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Number of Weeks</u>	<u>Number Hours/Week</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

2. What are your plans for the Summer of 2021?

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Number of Weeks</u>	<u>Number Hours/Week</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

PART IV. ACADEMIC WORK

Funds from the Moses Reed Tyler trust are used to assist earnest and industrious students even if such students do not have the highest scholastic standing.

A. Academic Transcript (REQUIRED)

Attach a copy of your most recent transcript (copies are acceptable)

- High school students must submit a copy of their high school transcript.
- Home schooled students need to submit a statement regarding their progress in the approved home schooling program.
- Students in college, university, or other educational or training programs must submit a current transcript from their college, university, educational or training program.

B. Academic Work Statement (Optional, but recommended)

If there is any information regarding your academic performance which you wish the Committee to consider, please write a brief statement labeled “Statement Regarding Academic Work” (not to exceed one page) to the Committee.

Although an Academic Work Statement is optional, it is recommended to help the Committee understand your particular circumstances and your ability to be earnest and industrious. For example, you may wish to explain to the Committee that your academic program includes taking extra courses beyond the required number of credits or you may wish to explain the circumstances regarding an Incomplete in a course, a decline or improvement in course grades over time, or the actions you have taken to ensure your successful completion of the program.

PART V. CERTIFICATION (REQUIRED)

Students who are beneficiaries of scholarships from the Moses Reed Tyler trust fund are expected to faithfully complete the course for which the scholarship is granted.

1. I certify that all of the information on this application and enclosed with this application is complete and true.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Awards Process: All scholarship applications are evaluated by an appointed subcommittee of the Berlin-Boylston Regional School Committee. After confirmation of eligibility, the committee evaluates each anonymized application using a rubric centered on two factors: (1) the extent of financial need and (2) personal qualities of being earnest and industrious. The applications are then sorted into four tiers: (1) Tier 1 Priority Beneficiary, (2) Tier 2 Beneficiary, (3) Tier 3 Beneficiary, or (4) Not Eligible / Do Not Recommend Award, with associated award amounts for each tier, based on funds available that year. Once award recommendations are approved by the School Committee, all applicants are notified by mail of the Committee’s decision; approved high school senior recipients may also receive their award at their high school awards or commencement ceremony. Funds are then disbursed directly to the institutions named in the approved applications.