

The Bella Kind Foundation
“Be Kind” Scholarship
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

“You cannot do kindness too soon,
for you never know how soon it will be too late.”
– Ralph Waldo Emerson

Purpose:

Kindness is the pathway to a better world. Everyone, regardless of their circumstances, is struggling with something. While you may not be able to understand or solve another person's problems, you can often make a difference with the smallest of gestures. As one small way to promote more kindness in the world, the Bella Kind Foundation “Be Kind Scholarship” exists to support those who are committed to spreading kindness and improving the world.

Award Components:

This year scholarship recipients will be selected, each of whom will receive amounts ranging from \$500- \$2,000 in scholarship.

Award Eligibility:

- Applicants must be a graduating Rahway High School Senior
- Applicants must be accepted into a two-year, four-year college or trade school.
- Applicants must be present at Awards Night to accept scholarships.
- Applicants must agree to a personal interview with the selection committee via phone/zoom
- Applicants must show commitment to the life of Rahway High School and the Rahway community as evidence by their participation and excellence in any extra co-curricular activities and community service (fine and performing arts, sports, community service, volunteer, work etc.)
- Special Provisions: Scholarship funds will be issued directly to the higher learning institution.

Application Process:

Applicant must submit the following items:

- Completed application form (if handwritten, please print legibly).
- Two (2) character references in the form of a letter of recommendation.
- College Acceptance Letter or intended trade school.
- High School Transcript
- Personal Essay and or short film/video

Please email your application to: scholarship@bellakind.org



Bella Kind Scholarship Application

Please type or print your answers clearly. If the application is illegible, it will be returned to you.	
1. Name:	Date of Birth: Month: Day: Year:
2. Mailing Address:	City: State: Zip:
3. Telephone Number:	Email:
4. Date of Birth: Month: Day: Year	
5. College or trade school enrolled in or plan to attend in fall:	
6. Grade Point Average (GPA): ____ Attach proof of GPA. Your most recent unofficial or official transcript is required	
7. What is your intended major/degree/trade?	
8. Name of parent(s)/legal guardian(s):	
9. Mailing Address:	City: State: Zip:
10. Telephone Number:	Email:
11. List other financial assistance or other scholarships you will receive:	
A. Personal:	Amount: \$
B. Other Scholarship(s):	Amount: \$
C. Student Loan(s):	Amount: \$
D. Other Financial Resources:	Amount: \$

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed to promote this scholarship program.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to the scholarship policy, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at an accredited, post-secondary institution before my scholarship funds can be awarded. Special Provisions:

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of parent or guardian: _____ Date: _____



Personal Essay and/or short film/video: Submission Format Rules

Applicants must choose **one** of the following:

Option 1: Written Essay

- Length: **500–750 words total**
- Must be typed and clearly written.
- Use **12-point font, double-spaced**.
- Include your **full name** at the top of the document.
- Label each response clearly (example: *Part 1 – Question 2, Part 2*)

Option 2: Video Submission

- Length: **3–5 minutes total**
- Must clearly show the applicant speaking.
- Speak naturally and from the heart — no need to be perfect.
- Begin the video by stating your **full name**.
- Clearly state the **question number** before answering each question

12. Part 1 – Kindness in Action

Choose and answer any TWO (2) of the following questions:

1. Have you ever stood up for someone who was being treated unfairly? What happened?
2. Who taught you the most about kindness, and how did they influence you?
3. What is the kindest thing you have done for someone outside your family?
4. How do you think kindness can change a school, community, or even the world?
5. What is one way you struggle with kindness, and how are you working on it?
6. Who in your community do you think needs kindness the most right now?

Part 2 – Purpose & Impact

Answer this question:

7. How can you use your abilities and skills to make a positive contribution to society?

Please circle YES or NO to confirm that each item is included:

To be eligible for review by the Scholarship Committee, all required materials listed below must be submitted with your application. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

YES	NO	Completed and signed application form (this form)
YES	NO	Two (2) character reference letters of recommendation
YES	NO	College acceptance letter or confirmation of enrollment in a trade or vocational school
YES	NO	Copy of your most recent academic transcript
YES	NO	Personal essay and/or video submission