

Innovation Scholarships are awarded to **new, incoming grade 7 and grade 9 students** who meet the qualifications below. We seek students who are motivated to influence and deepen our spirit of innovation at Bear Creek.

Benefits of the Innovation Scholarship

- Annual award of \$5000
- Renewable through grade 12
- Important accolade to position yourself for collegiate eligibility

Qualifications*

- Be entering grade 7 or grade 9 as a new student in the fall of 2020 (must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident).
- Have a minimum GPA of 3.0 (or equivalent) in previous two school years and demonstrate ongoing academic strength in current year.
- Demonstrate achievement in science, math, engineering, technological and/or digital innovation and demonstrate a desire to further develop and pursue ongoing innovation.

Deadlines—All scholarship requirements must be submitted/completed by the dates shown below and prior to acceptance or enrollment. Scholarships are not awarded after admission decisions have been made. Scholarship applications may be considered on a rolling basis after the above dates; however, please call to Admission Office to inquire if this possibility is available.

Sibling Applicants:

- ❑ October/November 2019—Start the application process by submitting an online application. Additional items are required and are listed in the applicant's Admission Portal. Schedule visit/interview dates early.
- ❑ On or before December 14, 2019—Take either the Independent School Entrance Exam (ISEE) or the Secondary School Admission Test (SSAT). Advanced registration is required, please plan accordingly.
- ❑ On or before December 16, 2019 (deadline for **all** items)—Submit/complete all Admission Portal required items. This includes completing the visit/interview (schedule well in advance as visit/interview dates fill quickly and may not be available as this deadline approaches).
- ❑ On or before January 6, 2020—Submit all specific scholarship items (see below) to the applicant's Admission Portal.

Non-Sibling Applicants:

- ❑ October, November, or December 2019—Start the application process by submitting an online application. Additional items are required and are listed in the applicant's Admission Portal. Schedule visit/interview dates early.
- ❑ On or before January 24, 2020 (deadline for **all** items)—Submit/complete all Admission Portal required items. This includes completing the visit/interview (schedule well in advance as visit/interview dates fill quickly and may not be available as this deadline approaches).

- ❑ On or before January 31, 2020—Submit all specific scholarship items (see below) to the applicant’s Admission Portal.
- ❑ Admission Testing—Advanced registration is required, please plan accordingly.
 - Take the Secondary School Admission Test (SSAT) on or before January 4, 2020, **or**
 - Take the Independent School Entrance Exam (ISEE) on or before February 1, 2020.

Specific Innovation Scholarship Items

1. Letter of recommendation—From the Admission Portal, send an email to an individual of the applicant’s choice requesting a letter of recommendation. The person selected should be someone who has observed the applicant’s science, math, engineering, technological, and/or digital capacity and can knowledgably comment on how the applicant has demonstrated exceptional skill, achievement, and/or innovation. It is strongly suggested that the applicant or applicant’s family confirm with the Admission Office that this item has been received by January 6, 2020 (sibling applicants) or by January 31, 2020 (non-sibling applicants).
2. List of applicant’s awards, competitions, recognitions, honors, and/or acknowledgements which demonstrate the applicant’s science, math, engineering, technological and/or digital accomplishments. Include frequency, duration, and estimated hours of involvement. This item should be uploaded to the applicant’s Admission Portal.
3. Two additional essays (maximum 650 words each), uploaded to the applicant’s Admission Portal:
 - Prompt 1: Why do you believe you are qualified for this scholarship?
 - Prompt 2: Envision a future where your science, math, engineering, technological, and/or digital accomplishments have made a significant difference in the quality of life of others. Describe that future accomplishment and tell us why it matters.

*Note: Because not all applicants apply for this scholarship, the letter of recommendation, list of accomplishments, and two essays will show in the Admission Portal as “optional;” however, they are **required** of all Innovation Scholarship applicants.*

Notification—Admission decisions and scholarship decisions will be communicated via email to

- Sibling applicants in late January 2020
- Non-sibling applicants between February 13, 2020 and March 13, 2020

Renewal Eligibility (annually in January)

- Maintain grade point average of 3.0.
- Continue to demonstrate intentionally pursuing your passion for science, math, engineering, technological and/or digital innovation by submitting an updated list of awards, competitions, recognitions, honors, and/or acknowledgements (list should include frequency, duration, and estimated hours of involvement).
- Submit an annual renewal essay.
- Receive Division Head approval.

** Children of benefit-eligible Bear Creek employees are not eligible for scholarship consideration.*