

March 16, 2015

Dear :

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To qualify for the awards, an application must be submitted by current or former Big Brother or Big Sister. Enclosed please find an application form. Three letters of reference must accompany the form including a recommendation by your Big Brothers Big Sisters caseworker. All applications must be received by April 15, 2015 in order to be eligible. The winners will be chosen by a Selection Committee comprised of representatives from the Advisory Board, program staff and volunteers. The criteria to be used by the committee are as follows:

- 1) Applicants must be an active Big Brother or Big Sister currently enrolled in their senior year of high school or in an institution of higher learning, and planning on continuing their education.
- 2) Applicants must demonstrate the qualities of service to others and their community, integrity, leadership and commitment so aptly displayed by Michael Costanza in his tenure as a member and officer of the Big Brothers Big Sisters Advisory Board

If you have any questions do not hesitate to call me at 570-824-8756 ext. 331.

Sincerely,

Tanya P. Olaviany
Program Director

The Michael J. Costanza Scholarship Award

To Be Completed by Big Brother or Big Sister Scholarship Applicant

Please describe your plans for continuing your education:

Please describe how you feel you have demonstrated leadership, service to others in your life, and your community involvement beyond your involvement with Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Please attach three letters of reference: 1.) One must be from an educational reference 2.) Big Brothers Big Sisters Caseworker who supervised your match 3.) Someone familiar with your other community service work

Please return to:

Big Brothers Big Sisters of The Bridge
P. O. Box 1285
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703-1285

Signature of Big Brother or Big Sister
Address _____

Deadline for applications:

Phone: _____

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Michael J. Costanza Scholarship Eligibility Criteria

1. Applicants must be active Big Brother or Big Sister who has been matched for at least two years.
2. Applicants must be currently enrolled in their senior year of high school or a post-secondary institution of higher learning.
3. Applicants must have applied and been accepted to or currently enrolled in a post secondary institution.
4. Committee requires 4 document of support:
 - a. Completed application
 - b. Education reference
 - c. Caseworker's recommendation
 - d. Letter of reference from community service representative