The Future Begins Today
LAST DOLLAR GRANT APPLICATION CRITERIA

The Future Begins Today will offer *Last Dollar Grants* to selected high school graduates who demonstrate unmet financial need for post-secondary education.

Criteria are subject to change in subsequent application years.

1. Students living in Troy, Ohio, who are recent high school graduates are eligible to apply. An applicant may participate in the program for a maximum of four years. Students are eligible to apply up to five years after their high school graduation.
2. Students shall be considered for a ***Last Dollar Grant*** only after they have demonstrated that they have applied for all other sources of financial aid (FAFSA), and they demonstrate unmet financial aid need. (See Application Checklist below.)
3. Students must meet the minimum cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) requirement of 2.0 at all times.
4. Students must be enrolled in a full-time status (according to student's institution) at an accredited or qualified post-secondary educational institution identified by US Dept. of Education, Office of Postsecondary Education.
5. ***Last Dollar Grant(s)*** **will be paid directly to the post-secondary institution** (pending criteria such as grade minimum and enrollment status).
6. Students shall submit to The Future Begins Today their grade and enrollment reports at the end of each term before remaining ***Last Dollar Grant*** money will be issued to the institution. Submit to info@thefuturebeginstoday.org.
7. Recipients of ***Last Dollar Grants*** must volunteer 15 hours of community service in (or for) Troy, Ohio during each award year. A community service form with more specifics can be found at www.thefuturebeginstoday.org.
8. Recipients of ***Last Dollar Grants*** for any term or year are not guaranteed grants in any additional year or term.
9. Upon further review by the Board of Trustees, students who fail to complete a term in which they received grants shall pay back such grants to The Future Begins Today.
10. **Students who have participated in The Future Begins Today Club program will be given first consideration.**

Application Process

1. Applicant must have completed financial aid from federal (FAFSA) and state and college/school sources before that institution's priority deadline or June 1, whichever comes first.
2. Applicant must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 at the beginning of their senior year of high school and also at the beginning of each subsequent year from the applicant's post-secondary institution. Applicant may appeal based on special circumstances.
3. **If applicant received an LDG Award previously**, she/he must have completed 15 hours community service in Troy for their most recent ***Last Dollar Grant*** and submitted their forms along with their final grade report to TFBT to be eligible.
4. Applicant must return all requested completed documents **in one packet** to The Future Begins Today by the deadline.
   Mail: P.O. Box 511, Troy, OH 45373, postmarked by June 30.
   Fax: (937) 335-7757
   Hand Deliver: 305 W. Staunton, Troy, OH *(black dropbox attached to the back of the house next door to THS)*
5. Applications that are incomplete on **June 30 at noon** will not be considered for funding for any part of the school year.

Application Checklist:

- ❑ Financial Aid Certification Form (page 5) completed by the Financial Aid Office at your institution.
- ❑ Copy of your "Financial Aid Award Letter" from the institution that you will attend.
- ❑ Completed application pages 2 – 4 including a separate page for your Essay Answers.

If you received the LDG Award previously, ALSO include: ***(in addition to the items above)***

- ❑ Copy of most recent college grade and enrollment report if we do not already have it on file.
- ❑ Community Service forms submitted to TFBT for total of 15 hours for the past academic award year.

TFBT Last Dollar Grant

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Applicant Information

Application Year **20 ____ – 20 ____**

Were you a previous TFBT Club student? ☐ **Y** ☐ **N**

Have you applied for/received this Last Dollar Grant before? ☐ **Y** ☐ **N**

If yes, the years received were: _____

Which elementary school(s) did you attend? _____

First Name MI Nickname **Last Name**

Home Address **City, ST** **ZIP**

Cell Phone **email (**required)

Student ID# *(at your college/school)* **Birthdate** **Age**

High School diploma is from: ❑ THS ❑ TCHS ❑ Other_____

High School Graduation: Month/Year _____

High School or College GPA (most recent school year): _____

Did you attend UVCC? ☐ **Y** ☐ **N**

If **Y** to above, what program was studied at UVCC: _____

College Credit Plus? ☐ **Y** ☐ **N**

If **Y** to above, how many hours were completed: _____

Post-Secondary Training / College Information

Institution Name (for upcoming academic year) **Cumulative College GPA** (if applicable)

Current Major **Expected Grad Month / Year** **Degree Name**

Institution Terms: ❑Semesters ❑Quarters ❑Other_____

Your Rank/Year: ❑Fr ❑So ❑Jr ❑Sr ❑Sr 2nd Year

Current Degree Program: ❑Associate's Degree ❑Trade Certificate ❑Bachelor's Degree ❑Master's Degree

Parent/Guardian Information

Parent 1 **First/Last Name** **Cell Phone** **email**

Home Address ❑ *Same as above* **City, ST** **ZIP**

Parent 2 **First/Last Name** **Cell Phone** **email**

Home Address ❑ *Same as above* **City, ST** **ZIP**

Highest education of mother:
- ❑ Less than high school diploma
- ❑ High school diploma
- ❑ Technical training: _____
- ❑ Some college
- ❑ Associate's / Technical degree
- ❑ Bachelor's or higher: _____

Highest education of father:
- ❑ Less than high school diploma
- ❑ High school diploma
- ❑ Technical training: _____
- ❑ Some college
- ❑ Associate's / Technical degree
- ❑ Bachelor's or higher: _____

Essay Questions

*Please **type your essay** answers in the boxes on the next page, or attach a separate page with question numbers.*

1. **What are your academic goals? What are your job/career goals?**

2. **How will a *Last Dollar Grant* from The Future Begins Today help you achieve your goals?** *(If you have received this **Last Dollar Grant** before, describe how it has helped you. This information may be shared with our generous donors.)*

3. **During the last three years, what extracurricular, leadership or community service activities have you been involved with, such as community organizations, athletics, arts or service organizations)?** *(Please provide in a list format.)*

4. **If you receive a *Last Dollar Grant*, you will be expected to complete a minimum of 15 hours of community service in Troy during the upcoming academic year separate from other service requirements you might have. What Troy organization(s) are you interested in volunteering for and why?**

5. **What are special circumstances that you feel The Future Begins Today should know in consideration of providing you a *Last Dollar Grant*?** (*Examples: personal or family challenges that have been overcome, memories and involvement as a TFBT Club student, aspirations, goals already achieved, family or personal financial situations, etc.)*

Agreement

The undersigned agrees that The Future Begins Today (TFBT) may use, transmit or receive information from this application and from the undersigned's FAFSA, PROFILE and PELL GRANT reports, as well as from the undersigned's college award letter when used for admission, determining aid eligibility or referral, and may also request the undersigned's high school and college Grade Point Average and/or transcript. The guidelines for ***Last Dollar Grants*** from TFBT are also available in your school's Guidance Office (Troy H.S., Troy UVCC, Troy Christian H.S.). Initial grants are offered only to persons who have graduated from a high school in Troy, Ohio, on or after the year 2000 for a period of five years after graduation. Grants are offered for a maximum of four years. The maximum amount of each year's ***Last Dollar Grant*** is in most cases the lesser of $2,500 or the student's unmet need for financial aid as determined by the student's post-secondary school in its analysis of the student's most recent FAFSA form. TFBT does not discriminate in awarding ***Last Dollar Grants*** on the basis of race, sex, religion, national origin, employment, handicap, marital status, sexual orientation, or age**.**

The undersigned gives permission for this completed application to be shared with any other organization(s) that grants scholarships for which the undersigned may qualify. **By signing this application, the applicant hereby acknowledges receipt of the guidelines and agrees to abide by them.**

If I am selected to receive the Last Dollar Grant, I agree to:

Meet the requirements in the Last Dollar Grant Application Criteria on page 1. ❑ **Yes** ❑ **No**
Give my permission to use my picture for promotional purposes. ❑ **Yes** ❑ **No**
Attend the Awards Ceremony one evening during the first full week of August. ❑ **Yes** ❑ **No**
(Special circumstances must be approved by the committee prior; a parent/guardian must attend in recipient's place.)
Write a "thank you" to donors who make my ***Last Dollar Grant*** possible. ❑ **Yes** ❑ **No**

☐ **Electronic Signature Consent:** By checking this box and typing my full legal name on the signature line below, I agree that my typed name is my electronic signature and has the same legal effect as my handwritten signature.

_____ _____

Applicant's Signature *(type full legal name)* **Date**

The application must be **submitted in one packet by June 30 at noon.** Return to:

Email: info@thefuturebeginstoday.org
This electronic application is an accepted way to apply: save the completed, electronically signed PDF and email it with all required documents attached.
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Essay Responses

Type your answer in the box below each question. Boxes scroll if your answer is long. You may also attach a separate page instead.

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Financial Aid Certification

The Future Begins Today is a non-profit organization in Troy, Ohio that awards Last Dollar Grant scholarships. The applicant is required to submit information about the financial aid s/he is eligible to receive. This information will assist TFBT in determining the correct grant amount to award our potential recipient. **Please return this form no later than June 30:**

TFBT P.O. Box 511 Troy, OH 45373 fax: (937) 335-7757
Questions: (937) 332-0467 ★ info@thefuturebeginstoday.org

STUDENT COMPLETES:

I give permission to The Future Begins Today to obtain information about my financial aid status.

First Name **Last Name** **Student ID #**

Student Address **City, ST** **Zip**

List all scholarships/grants/awards you will receive for the upcoming academic year other than from your college or federal funding. *(Examples: Troy Dollars for College, Senior Class awards, Rotary Club, Optimist Club, fraternal organizations like Elks, Moose, Eagles, College's tuition support scholarships, etc.)*

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Applicant's Signature ☐ *I agree that my typed name above is my electronic signature.* **Date**

FINANCIAL AID COMPLETES:

Date of receipt from student: _____

Institution Name **Financial Aid Address** *(Award will be mailed to this address.)* **City, ST** **ZIP**

Undergraduate Cost of Education: ***(tuition, mandatory fees, room & board only)*** $_____

EFC: ***(as determined by the US Department of Education)*** $_____

Gift Financial Aid:

Pell Grant $_____ SEOG $_____

Athletic Scholarships $_____ Ohio College Opportunity Grant $_____

Institutional Scholarships $_____

Other: _____ $_____

Self-Help Financial Aid: ***(please exclude parent loans)***

Work-Study $_____ Perkins Loan $_____

Stafford Loans $_____ Other Self-Help Aid $_____

Total Financial Aid Package: ***(exclude parent loans)*** $_____

Unmet Financial Aid Need: ***(cost of attendance minus EFC minus total student need-based aid)*** $_____

Number of credits considered as "full-time student status" at your institution *(ex: 12.0)***:** _____**credit hours**

Financial Aid Officer Name **Phone** **e-mail**

Financial Aid Officer Signature **Title** **Date**