

**Bootstraps, Inc.**  
**Instructions for Completing the**  
**2016 Application for Scholarships and Loans**

**Print these instructions, read them thoroughly before you begin, and then follow them closely when completing your application.**

Although we would like to be able to award a scholarship to every applicant, our funding is limited. This application is our opportunity to get to know you as we review your application.

All information submitted to the committee is completely confidential.

**You should allow ample time to complete all parts of the application by the due date of Friday February 26, 2016.**

*Please note: there are several components to this application that can take several days to complete.*

If you have any questions, please contact Colleen Skates at 303-670-3632 or email [secureapp@bootstrapsinc.org](mailto:secureapp@bootstrapsinc.org)

**Eligibility:**

You are eligible for a Bootstraps scholarship and/or loan if you meet the following criteria:

- You are a senior currently attending and graduating from Evergreen, Conifer, Platte Canyon\* Clear Creek\*, or Gilpin County\* High School. (\* **Please note - Students of Gilpin County High School are eligible for the Mountain Protective Association Scholarship only. Clear Creek High School students outside of the 80439 zip code are only eligible for the Mountain Protective Association Scholarship. Platte Canyon High School Students are eligible for the Mountain Protective Association Scholarship and the Elks Scholarship. Please see your counselor for specific information about this scholarship**)  
OR
- You live in the Conifer High School or Evergreen High School attendance area and will graduate from a different high school or are home schooled;  
AND
- You are a legal resident of the State of Colorado;  
AND
- You plan to attend a post-secondary school full time in the fall of 2016.

**A complete application consists of the following:**

- PART A** - An Applicant Statement with an electronic signature from you and your parent or guardian. You must complete this page to make your application valid.
- PART B** - of the application form must be submitted electronically. **You may not mail or fax PART B of the application. PART B must be completed online during a single computer session.**
- ESSAYS** - **must be submitted electronically. You may not mail or fax the Essay section of the application. The Essay section must also be completed online during a single computer session.** Suggestion: Write and save your essays in a Word file, then copy and paste to the online application.
- SAR** - You must apply for Federal Financial Aid at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) and submit your Student Aid Report (SAR). Send the SAR to [secureapp@bootstrapsinc.org](mailto:secureapp@bootstrapsinc.org) as an attachment to an email. More information about applying for financial aid, and a sample of the SAR are at the end of the Application Instructions.
- Transcript(s)** - An official copy of your high school transcript. Fill out a Transcript Request Form in your school counseling office. The transcript must be received directly from the counseling office.
- Recommendations** - **Two** written recommendations submitted by teachers or counselors. You can find the Recommendation Request Form on the Bootstraps application page. Print out the form and present it to your teachers and/or counselors.

**Deadline: Friday, February 26, 2016 (midnight). All application materials must be received by that date.**

Decisions will be made by mid-April. If you receive an award, you will be expected to attend a reception on May 16, 2016 at the Evergreen Lake House.

**BEFORE YOU START THE BOOTSTRAPS APPLICATION YOU MUST FIRST COMPLETE THE FAFSA AT <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> TO OBTAIN A STUDENT AID REPORT (SAR).**

**Instructions for Completing Application Questions:**

- Your application **must** be completed electronically or it will not be considered
- PART B must be completed online during a single computer session. Be sure to have all of the required information available before filling out the form. We suggest that you first open the PART B form, print it out, and use it as your rough draft.
- The Essay section must also be completed online during a single computer session. Be sure to have your essays ready before filling out the form.

**PART A**

This page contains an applicant statement with an electronic signature from you and your parent/guardian. In the first box, enter your initials. The second box is for the initials of your parent or guardian. You should use two or three letters in each box. You must complete and submit this page to make your application valid.

**PART B**

**Question 1:** Please complete all information accurately.

**Question 2:** Click here if you would like to be considered for a loan as well as a scholarship.

- Bootstraps, Inc. loan recipients must meet the same high standards as scholarship recipients.
- The Bootstraps, Inc. interest-free loan allows you to repay only the amount borrowed. In addition, the Bootstraps, Inc. loan is renewable, funds permitting, as long as you are in good academic standing.

**Question 3:** College grid

- Enter schools to which you have applied in order of preference, with the one you are most likely to attend first. For each school, enter
  - your expected major
  - whether you plan to live in a dorm, at home with your parents, or another location
  - whether you have been accepted or are awaiting a reply.

**Question 4:** Are you the first person in your family to attend college?

- If you have an older sibling who is in college but your parents and grandparents did not attend, you may check this box.
- If you have an older sibling who has graduated from college but your parents and grandparents did not attend, then leave this box blank.

**Question 5:** Educational Data and Test Information:

- Weighted class rank (Home schooled students may enter 1 out of 1)
- Weighted GPA based on a 4.0 scale. (Your weighted GPA reflects any AP courses completed).
- ACT test scores: List only the composite score. If you have taken the test more than once, enter the highest score.
- Total number of AP **semesters** successfully completed:
  - Count any course that you passed
  - A full year course counts as two semesters
  - Count fall semester of any full-year course in which you are currently enrolled
- AP courses currently enrolled
  - Count only spring semester courses.

**Question 6:** High school counselor's last name.

**Question 7:** EFC

EFC stands for Estimated Family Contribution. You will find this number near the top of the page of your Student Aid Report (SAR). See sample SAR on page 4 of these instructions.



**Question 8:** Do you have any sources for funding besides yourself and your parents?

- Do **not** count your own savings.
- Do **not** count financial aid other than scholarships.
- **Do** include sources such as grandparents, trust fund, and other scholarships.
- Please list each source and the approximate amount you expect to receive.

**Questions 9-12:** Please list your extra-curricular activities (including sports), awards received, volunteer work, and work experience. Please be concise since many of the spaces allow a limited number of characters.

## ESSAYS

**Questions 13 - 17:** Essays

Your essays should be between 150 and 400 words. They should respond to the following questions. (Hint: You can write your essay in a word document and paste it into the application form.)

**Essay 13: Who are you? Tell us something about yourself, your life, and/or what makes you unique.**

**Essay 14: What are your career goals?**

**Essay 15: If you had something to tell us about yourself that would convince us to give you a scholarship, what would it be?**

**Essay 16: What piece of writing has influenced your life and how? Any style or genre is acceptable including fiction, nonfiction, scientific, young adult, etc.**

**Essay 17: (Optional) What else do we need to know about you that could affect our decision?** Please explain or elaborate on anything else you feel is important in evaluating your situation. For example:

- you have overcome some adversity
- your family is experiencing some difficulties
- you have an IEP or 504 plan
- your family has exceptional medical expenses
- your parents are supporting a grandparent
- anything else you want us to know

## SAR - The Student Aid Report

- To receive your SAR, you must complete the FAFSA.
- To complete the FAFSA, go to <http://www.fafsa.gov/> and follow the instructions.
- It is best if you complete the FAFSA using completed 2015 federal tax returns. If you or your parents owe taxes, you can file the returns with the IRS later, but by completing them early, you will know that your information is accurate. If you use estimates, you may be required to make corrections later.
- When your FAFSA has been processed (usually within two business days from submission date) you will receive an email. You can then go to the FAFSA web site above, and click on "View and Print Your Student Aid Report". Save the report to your computer, then attach it to an email sent to [secureapp@bootstrapsinc.org](mailto:secureapp@bootstrapsinc.org)
- We have included an example of the first page of the SAR at the end of the instructions. For this application, you must submit the entire SAR form.

## Transcripts:

Transcripts must be received directly from your high school counseling office.

## Recommendations:

Open and print the Recommendation Request Form on the Bootstraps application page. Be sure to allow adequate time for your teacher/counselor to write their letter of recommendation.

# Example Student Aid Report

## Processed Information

Federal Student Aid **FAFSA** 

Form Approved  
OMB No. 1845-0001  
App. Exp. 12/31/2013

### 2013-2014 Electronic Student Aid Report (SAR)

The SAR summarizes the information you submitted on your 2013-2014 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Application Receipt Date:	01/11/2013	XXX-XX-1234 JO 01
Processed Date:	01/11/2013	EFC: 7256
		DRN: 4557

### Comments About Your Information

Based on the information we have on record for you, your EFC is 7256. You may be eligible to receive a Federal Pell Grant and other federal student aid. Your school will use your EFC to determine your financial aid eligibility for federal grants, loans, and work study, and possible funding from your state and school.

WHAT YOU MUST DO NOW (Use the checklist below to make sure that all of your issues are resolved.)

If you have now completed your 2012 tax return, you should correct your information to reflect the income and tax information reported on your tax return. Click 'Make FAFSA Corrections' on the 'My FAFSA' page to make the correction. You may be able to retrieve your tax return information directly from the IRS. If you have not yet completed your tax return, you must correct this SAR to reflect the income and tax information reported on your tax return since it is not available.

If you need to make corrections to your information, click 'Make FAFSA Corrections' on the 'My FAFSA' page. You must use your Federal Student Aid PIN to access your records online. If you need additional help with your SAR, contact your school's financial aid office or the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243). If your mailing address or e-mail address changes, you can make the correction online or call 1-800-4-FED-AID and ask a customer service representative to make the change for you.

### FAFSA Data

Assumed fields, based on the data you provided, are marked with an '\*' (asterisk) sign.

1. Student's Last Name:	JOHNSON
2. Student's First Name:	ANNA
3. Student's Middle Initial:	M
4. Student's Permanent Mailing Address:	123 HOMETOWN STREET
5. Student's Permanent City:	ANYTOWN
6. Student's Permanent State:	MA
7. Student's Permanent ZIP Code:	02115
8. Student's Social Security Number:	XXX-XX-6789
9. Student's Date of Birth:	03/04/1994



**Part A - Applicant Statement:**

By initialing the boxes below, my parent/guardian and I indicate that all the information in my application is factually correct and honestly presented. If selected as a recipient of funds, I give Bootstraps, Inc. permission to use my name and photograph in publicity about the organization.

I understand that:

- the Awards Committee may contact my high school counselors and/or teachers for additional information about me and that I may be contacted for a brief personal interview.
- if selected for an award, I must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours beginning the fall semester immediately following high school graduation.
- Bootstraps, Inc. may provide either scholarship and/or interest-free loan funds.
- if approved for a loan, I will be expected to repay the amount loaned to me if I drop out of school or upon graduation.

Your SAR information will NEVER be shared outside of the Bootstraps organization and is used solely for evaluating your eligibility for a Bootstraps award. All board members are required to sign a confidentiality statement before receiving access to any applicant information.

You must enter your initials in this box to validate your application.

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ High School \_\_\_\_\_

You must enter your parent or guardian initials in this box to validate your application.

Name of Parent of Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you for your application. If you have any questions, please contact Colleen Skates at 303-670-3632 or email [secureapp@bootstrapsinc.org](mailto:secureapp@bootstrapsinc.org)*

## Bootstraps, Inc. Scholarship and Loan Application – PART B – Page 1 – 2016

- Before filling out this application, print out the instructions, read them, and follow them carefully.
- This form must be completed online in one session. You may not save your work and return later.
- Please allow ample time to enter the data in one session.
- Do not mail or Fax this form.

### 1. Personal Data:

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Mailing Address: Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Student E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ High School \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell number)

Parent Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Address (if Different): Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

2.  Check here if you would like to be considered for a loan as well as a scholarship.

3. In the grid below, list your top three school choices in order of preference.

Name of School	Expected Major	Housing Plans (on-campus, parents, your own apt.)	Accepted (yes or awaiting reply)

4. \_\_\_\_\_ Are you the first person in your immediate family to attend college? (see instructions for definition)

### 5. Educational Data and Test Information:

a. Weighted class rank :Your rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Out of number in your graduating class: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Weighted GPA on a 4.0 scale: \_\_\_\_\_ (This is weighted to reflect AP courses)

c. ACT score: \_\_\_\_\_

d. Total number of **Semesters** of A.P. Classes Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

e. Total Number of A.P Classes in which you are currently enrolled: \_\_\_\_\_

6. School Counselor's Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Financial Information:**

7. EFC: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Other sources of funding? (See instructions) \_\_\_\_

9. Extra Curricular Activities:

Activity	Number of Years

**10. Honors and Awards:**

List Honors and Awards	Grade (9,10,11,12, etc.)

**11. Volunteer Work and Community Activities:**

Organization or Activity	Duties	Number of Years

**12. Work Experience:**

Name of Employer	Specific nature of work	Dates of Employment	Approx. hours per week



## **Boostraps Scholarship and Loan Application – PART C - 2016**

**13. Student Essay #1: Who are you? (Tell us something about yourself, your life, and/or what makes you unique.)**

**14. Student Essay #2: What are your career goals?**

**15. Student Essay #3: If you had something to tell us about yourself that would convince us to give you a scholarship, what would it be?**

**16. What piece of writing has influenced your life and how? Any style or genre is acceptable including fiction, nonfiction, scientific, young adult, etc.**

**17. Student Essay #4: (Optional) What else do we need to know about you that could affect our decision?**