Boston University (BU) has a long-standing commitment to making BU financially affordable for exemplary students graduating from the Boston Public Schools (BPS). The following annual programs are a reflection of BU’s commitment to the City of Boston and its students. Please share this valuable information with your students and their families.

**THE THOMAS M. MENINO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Since 1973, the Thomas M. Menino Scholarship Program (formerly the Boston High School Scholarship) has provided academically outstanding students from the city’s public schools with full-tuition, four-year scholarships to BU. Since the inception of this scholarship program, BU has awarded about $148 million to 1,847 BPS graduates.

Every year, 25 Menino Scholarships will be awarded to deserving BPS students. Each school can nominate up to 10 students for this award. Interested students should speak to their guidance counselor about the nomination process.

**Minimum Criteria to be nominated:**
- 3.0 GPA
- 1650 on the SAT
- 24 on the ACT
- Students should submit their application and required credentials for admission by December 1

**THE BOSTON COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM**

For all BPS students who qualify for admission, BU will meet the full calculated financial eligibility* for need-based financial aid, without loans.

**Program Requirements:**
- 25 hours of community service each semester.
- Work with a faculty or staff mentor who offers student support and resources for the community service requirement.

*Calculated financial eligibility is the measure of a family’s need for financial assistance, and is calculated from the FAFSA and CSS Profile financial aid forms. Each student’s calculated financial ability will vary.

To qualify for this program, families must submit a complete application for financial assistance, consisting of the FAFSA form and CSS Profile form, to BU’s Financial Aid Office by February 15. For more information on these forms, visit [bu.edu/finaid](http://bu.edu/finaid).

**ADDITIONAL BENEFITS**

**FREE TOEFL TESTING**

Each year BU will host this exam at no cost for non-native English speakers who are BPS students and are applying to BU.

The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is a required exam for students whose first language is not English, or if English is not the primary language spoken in the home.

Students should contact their high school’s guidance counselor to be included on our schedule for the BPS-only TOEFL test date. The test score can only be used at BU.

**WAIVED APPLICATION FEE**

BU will waive the $80 application fee for applicants currently attending any Boston Public Schools. BPS students can take advantage of this offer by simply requesting a fee waiver while submitting their BU application on the Common Application website.

For questions about our BPS programs, please contact Boston University Admissions at scholars@bu.edu or 617-353-2320.