

# BOB BLISS "DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS"

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

In awarding this scholarship preference will be given to graduates with some of the following criteria & traits:

1. Student is not the top academic leader, however is seen as a hard worker with drive and is still college bound.
2. Student must already be accepted for further education in a full time 2 or 4-year college program.
3. Student has been involved in both their community and church, as well as active in sports and extra-curricular activities at school.

**Please submit your typed application by April 15th to the following address:**

**Bob Bliss Dollars For Scholars Scholarship**

**P.O. Box 386**

**Saint Albans Bay, VT 05481**

Name of Applicant:

DOB:

Home Address:

Name of College Accepted:

1. What are your professional or occupational ambitions? Please elaborate for Scholarship Committee.
2. Did you work while in High School? List Employer/Job/Number of hours worked.
3. List all extra-curricular activities you have participated in at BFA:
4. List all volunteer, community, and church activities:
5. Write a short essay explaining how you meet the criteria for the Bob Bliss "Dollars For Scholars" Scholarship:
6. Briefly describe how you expect to benefit from further education and what field of work you expect to pursue in the future:

**All applications require your signature at the bottom.**

**\*PLEASE ATTACH ANY LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION FROM TEACHERS, COACHES, OR EMPLOYERS.**

## A little bit about Bob Bliss.....

In applying for the BOB BLISS DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS scholarship, we felt it important for you to know a little bit about his life and achievements. Here is a short synopsis of who he was.

Bob Bliss grew up quite poor in an apartment in Swanton Vt. His father was a bus driver for a local bus route in the 1920's and 30's. Bob was always an entrepreneur and started his own successful photography business by the time he turned 14.

There was no college for Bob. Right out of Swanton High he went on to serve in the Pacific in the U.S. Marines for several years and was an aviator in WW II as well as the Korean conflict.

Bob came back to the area and settled in Saint Albans and quickly became involved in a number of successful business interests. He was a self-made man who earned such respect that he was elected to so many offices of so many associations and boards that there isn't space to list them all. He ran a very

successful independent insurance agency and real estate business, and became the Vice President of the National association in short order. He served on many Boards Of Directors such as Franklin Lamoille Bank (TD), CVPS (Green Mountain Power), Union Mutual Insurance Co, VELCO and others. He was later appointed by the Governor to serve as a University Of Vermont Board member and was elected Chairman of the Board in 1984-85.

When Bob was in a room it was clear that he was among the most respected people present. His opinions were highly valued. His smile was infectious, and he was always very friendly. He was a tremendous speaker and was frequently asked to MC an event. He was very articulate, but most of all he always made others feel though he cared about what they thought and about what was going on in their lives.

Bob's interest in helping people with their education goes way back. He helped many disadvantaged youths in our area gain an education. He was the founder of "Dollars For Scholars". At a time when there weren't many scholarships available, Bob wanted to do everything he could to make sure local students from all walks in life weren't shorted the opportunity to go to college because of money.

Bob's spirit still lives strong around Vermont. His influence on a community and its economic development, finance, health care and education still serve us today. He also spearheaded the first main expansion of the Northwestern Medical Center that has assured our good health care.

Bob would be excited to meet all the applicants for his scholarship with a smile if he were alive today and wish them all the very best in conquering life's challenges ahead.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and Thank you for applying for the BOB BLISS DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS SCHOLARSHIP. Good luck to you in your future endeavors. If you work as hard as Bob did in life, there will be no room for failure.