



Dear Parents and Students,

Bradford Christian Academy is pleased to provide an academic honors scholarship program available to qualified entering freshmen. The Newell Honors Scholarship Program is named for Harriet Newell, 19<sup>th</sup> century graduate of Bradford Academy whose life was distinguished by faithful service to God and others. The Newell Honors Scholarship Program endeavors to raise the academic visibility of Bradford Christian Academy with an academically rigorous program and merit scholarship designed for the highest caliber of students.

Newell Scholars are accepted into the program as freshmen only and are required to take a minimum of five Honors or AP classes each year and must complete three AP courses during their four years of high school. Newell Scholars are required to maintain a weighted Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.5 throughout high school, and to maintain the academic integrity as outlined by school policy. Newell Honors Scholars, who complete all requirements of the program over the four years of high school, will receive a one-time \$2,000 scholarship paid directly to their college to support the student's college enrollment and academic future and to honor the academic commitment, determination, and achievement demonstrated at Bradford Christian Academy.

Students interested in applying for this program should complete the application requirements by May 1, 2017 for September entry into the program. Through the Newell Honors Scholarship Program Bradford Christian Academy endeavors to inspire and celebrate continued academic excellence among current and future students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Loren Stevens". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Loren" and last name "Stevens" clearly distinguishable.

Loren Stevens  
Dean of the High School  
Bradford Christian Academy

## **Newell Honors Scholarship Program**

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### **Selection Process**

The Newell Honors Scholarship Program is a competitive program with limited slots each year representing roughly 20% of each freshmen class. Each potential Newell Scholar will be evaluated on his or her GPA, standardized test scores and report cards for two previous years, a faculty letter of recommendation, an essay, and a personal interview. The Newell Faculty Review Board will evaluate each candidate holistically as an individual. However, the ideal candidate will have a GPA of 3.5 or better, standardized test scores of 80% or better in language arts and mathematics, and will reflect academic focus, a strong work ethic, and the ability to maintain academic rigor throughout four years of high school and across the entire academic curriculum.

### **Application Process:**

Students interested in applying for the Newell Honors Scholarship Program should:

- Complete the application form and essay,
- Send official report cards for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades,
- Submit standardized test scores:
  - TerraNova 3 for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades,
  - SSAT for 8<sup>th</sup> grade only,
  - ISEE Exam for 8<sup>th</sup> grade only, or
  - Catholic High School Placement Test for 8<sup>th</sup> grade only,
- Request a faculty member to write a letter of recommendation,
- Sign a release of information form for school records, and finally,
- Schedule an interview once all other parts of the application are completed. You will be contacted by BCA to schedule your interview. Interviews will be held between May 15th and May 26th.
- Applicants will be notified by letter by within two weeks of the conclusion of interviews.

**The application and nomination letter must be complete and submitted to Ms. Thurston by May 1, 2017 to be considered for this scholarship. Forms may be submitted electronically or paper form in the following ways:**

- Electronic Forms of the application can be emailed to: [cheryl.thurston@bradfordchristianacademy.org](mailto:cheryl.thurston@bradfordchristianacademy.org)
- Applications can be mailed to: Cheryl Thurston, Associate Dean of High School, Bradford Christian Academy, 514 Main Street, Haverhill, MA 01835
- Current 8th Grade Students at the BCA Middle School may submit paper applications directly to Mrs. Fitzgerald in the BCA Main Office by May 1.

**Newell Honors Scholarship Application**

Name:

Street:

City, State, and Zip Code:

Student Email:

Telephone:

Parents' or Guardians' Name(s):

Street:

City, State, and Zip Code:

Email:

Phone:

Middle School currently attending:

School address:

School phone number:

Why do you want to be selected for the Newell Honors Scholarship Program?

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Essay: Please type your essay response. Your essay should be 250 words with strong vocabulary, accurate spelling, and good grammar.

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Please choose from one of the four ideas below that you find most interesting and write a creative story or a fascinating essay:

1. It was unlike any place I'd ever been...
2. Will we all live in a kinder, more moral world in 100 years' time?
3. Is war ever justifiable?
4. Tell me what makes a good teacher?