

# *B.radley E.ncourages KINDness*

## **THE KINDNESS AMBASSADOR 2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

*The B.E. KIND Scholarship was created to celebrate the success of youth who practice kindness throughout our community. In 2016, Mr. Bradley Ross Jackson was selected as Illinois' Kindness Ambassador and receives grants to further meaningful acts of kindness. The Hasbro Toy Company, Disney, Amazon, and Hershey have supported his efforts.*

*The **Bradley Encourages Kindness** scholarship will acknowledge the fine efforts of a local African-American high school senior who embraces the spirit of kindness and inclusion, while being energetically and enthusiastically engaged in community service, community projects, and other community-based activities. Mr. Bradley Ross Jackson will bestow the scholarship award during the **2026 Joint Scholarship Celebration on Saturday, June 6, 2026 from 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. at Mount Pisgah Baptist Church-801 W. Market Street-Bloomington, Illinois.***

*If you meet the above criteria, please consider applying for this kindness scholarship. The scholarship application must be emailed to **BRADLEYROSSJACKSON5@GMAIL.COM** by **Friday, March 20, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. CST, as the judging will occur immediately after the deadline. Students will be notified on Friday, May 1, 2026, and the scholarships will be awarded on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at the Joint Scholarship Celebration!***

YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR HIGH SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR PARENT(S) NAMES: \_\_\_\_\_

## **NOMINATION GUIDELINES**

### **CRITERIA:**

1. *The nominee must be an African-American/Black high school senior at a local high school.*
2. *The nominee must reside in the Bloomington/Normal area.*
3. *The nominee must have specific exemplars of acts of kindness.*
4. *The nominee must be actively engaged in community service efforts.*

### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. *Application must be typed or neatly printed.*
2. *When completing the brief Parts A-D, please respond succinctly.*
3. *Include a copy of your high school transcript.*
4. *The application should be sent to: [BRADLEYROSSJACKSON5@GMAIL.COM](mailto:BRADLEYROSSJACKSON5@GMAIL.COM)*

***ALL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2026 by 11:59 p.m. PLEASE CONTACT MR. BRADLEY ROSS JACKSON AT [BRADLEYROSSJACKSON5@GMAIL.COM](mailto:BRADLEYROSSJACKSON5@GMAIL.COM) IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS.***

*PART A:*

*Please indicate how you have shown a kind spirit and offer specific examples:*

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*PART B:*

*How have you addressed the nation's bullying crisis—on a local level?*

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*PART C:*

*What motivates you to participate in community service projects/activities?*

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*PART D:*

*What are your future goals and aspirations?*

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**PLEASE LIST THE NAMES AND NUMBERS OF THREE PEOPLE WHO WOULD SERVE AS REFERENCES (TEACHER, MENTOR, COUNSELOR, PASTOR, ETC.):**

**NAME**

**TELEPHONE NUMBER**

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**OPTIONAL:** Please provide additional facts the judges should know that may be relevant to the nomination selection process.

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**I hereby certify all of the above information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Any intentional misrepresentation or omission of facts will be justification for denial of this award.**

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*Student's Signature*

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*Date*