Beans for Brains: Instructions and FAQ's

<u>What is Beans for Brains?</u>
Beans for Brains is a 501(c)(3) merit-based scholarship program for creative students attending an approved accredited institution of higher education. It recognizes students for a wide range of attributes including everything from GPA to extracurricular activities, project knowledge and more.

<u>Who is eligible to apply?</u>
Students that know how to knit, crochet and/or weave AND are attending an approved accredited institution of higher education during the 2015-2016 academic school year.

Graduating high school seniors, undergraduate, graduate and professional school students in any course of study are encouraged to apply.

<u>Can students apply if they have not yet been accepted to an approved accredited institution of higher education?</u>
Yes. Students may apply if they have not yet been accepted to an approved accredited institution of higher **education**. If such students are awarded a scholarship, verification of enrollment in the Fall 2015 semester will be required before funds are dispersed.

<u>How do students apply?</u>
Complete and electronically submit an application AND a photo (see requirements below) of an original knitting, crochet and/or weaving project via the Beans for Brains scholarship <u>page</u>. NOTE: Both of these components are required to be considered for an award.

<u>What are the requirements for project photos?</u>
There are three important requirements for submitting project photos:
•The maximum photo file size that can be accepted is 80K (kilobytes). All photos must be 80K (kilobytes) or less in order to be considered.
•The maximum photo height and width that can be accepted is 400 X 400 pixels. All photos must be no larger than 400 x 400 pixels.
•Only .jpg and .gif images will be accepted.
•Only one image per application.

<u>What are the requirements for application submissions?</u>
•Your application must be submitted using the application form available via the Beans for Brains <u>page</u>.
•The picture must be submitted within that form must be in .jpg or .gif format.
•Incomplete applications or applications missing required fields will be removed from consideration.

<u>What are the requirements for project submissions?</u>
•You can submit a project of your own design, or you can use someone else's pattern.
•Please only submit ONE project
•The image must match the project described in your application.

<u>Where can students find the application?</u>
From Wednesday, April 1through Thursday, April 30, 2015, the application will be available for downloading <u>here</u>.

When can students start applying?
Students can start applying Wednesday, April 1, 2015

When is the last day that students can apply?
The last day students can apply is Thursday, April 30, 2015. The application and project photos are due by 11:59 PM PST that day. Applications and project photos received after this time/date will not be considered for an award.

Are extensions ever granted for late applications and project photos?
No. All applications and project photos must be received by the due date. Late applications and project photos will be discarded and not considered for an award.

Can students mail or fax in their application and project photo?
No. Applications and project photos must be submitted electronically via the Beans for Brains page. Applications and project photos sent via mail or fax will be discarded and not considered for an award.

How can students verify their application and project photo was received?
Students will receive an e-mail confirmation upon completion of their submission.

How many scholarships will be awarded?
Four scholarships will be awarded to one student from each of the four U.S. Regions as outlined by the U.S. Census.

What are the four U.S. Regions outlined by the U.S. Census?
The four regions are West, Midwest, Northeast and South. View a map here.

How do students determine which region they fall into?
The region a student falls into is based on the location of their hometown. For example, a student whose hometown is Los Angeles, California falls into the West region.

If students have questions what should they do?
All questions should be emailed to scholarship@jimmybeanswool.com.

Can students call Jimmy Beans Wool to discuss Beans for Brains or if they need help?
No, we ask that students please do not call. All questions/comments regarding the scholarship should be emailed to scholarship@jimmybeanswool.com.

When will winners be announced?
Winners will be announced no later than Wednesday, June 17, 2015. A Beans for Brains representative will notify awardees via email.

Will I be notified if I do not win an award?
No, we are only able to notify those who win an award.

When will winners receive their scholarship money?
Scholarship money for winners will be distributed by Beans for Brains directly to the student's approved accredited institution of higher education during the month of August 2015.