



2020 Bike & Build Scholarship Application

Thank you for your interest in a 2020 Bike & Build Scholarship! After completing this application, visit www.bikeandbuild.org for more information!

About Bike & Build

Through service-oriented cycling trips, Bike & Build (a nonprofit 501c3 organization) empowers young adults for a lifetime of civic engagement and benefits other affordable housing nonprofits. Since our first summer in 2003, Bike & Build has engaged over 3,700 riders and donated more than \$6.7 million and 255,000 volunteer hours to orgs across the United States. Bike & Build will operate 3 cross-country and one regional trip in 2020.

Bike & Build Scholarships

In 2020, Bike & Build plans to grant at least 6 scholarship awards on the basis of need to young adults who demonstrate the values Bike & Build seeks to promote: a passion for adventure and a commitment to making their community a better place. The scholarships will engage promising young adults from underserved backgrounds who may not otherwise have the opportunity to participate in Bike & Build.

Applicants can apply to our Alumni Council Scholarship.

The Bike & Build Alumni Council Scholarship

- Who can apply? Any young adult age 18-29 who demonstrates the qualities that make up the collective heartbeat of our alumni community: a hunger for adventure; desire to serve the affordable housing cause; and a passion for building community.
- This Scholarship award engages young adults from low-income and historically marginalized communities to participate in Bike & Build. People of color, immigrant, trans and genderqueer applicants are encouraged to apply.
- What trip will the rider be placed on? The recipient will be placed on one of Bike & Build's 3 cross-country or 1 regional Drift trip. Trip placement will take place in the same manner in which Bike & Build places all other riders, through ranked trip choices and dates of availability.
- What is the value of the scholarship?

Estimated Scholarship Benefits	XC Value/ Drift Value
Roughly two-thirds of the rider's fundraising requirement	\$3,400/ \$1,500
Cycling gear, travel to and from the trip, en-route stipend	\$1,500/ \$1,000
Giant Contend or LIV Avail road bike (yours to keep!)	\$800
Trip Application fee	\$200
Total Value:	\$5,900/ \$3,500

*****This application will be used to determine scholarship recipients only. Other pre-trip requirements must be completed by recipients (see page 3).*****



Submission and Due Date

You can complete the full application in this single Word Document. Email the completed document to lily@bikeandbuild.org by Friday, November 1st at 5 pm EST. If you do not have access to email, contact Lily Goldberg to make alternate arrangements beforehand.

Interviews, Decisions, and Questions

Bike & Build will interview finalists and aim to notify recipients in late November/Early December. Please contact Lily at 267-331-8488 or lily@bikeandbuild.org. You can also learn more about Bike & Build's cross-country and regional Drift trips by visiting bikeandbuild.org.

Pre-Trip Requirements

The following will be required once you earn the scholarship and enroll in Bike & Build:

A. Fundraising

Bike & Build riders raise at least \$5,000 to participate (\$2,400 for Drift trips). The scholarships will cover roughly two-thirds of the fundraising requirement for either trip (partial awards typically go towards gear and travel).

Why doesn't the scholarship cover a rider's full fundraising? The experience a rider earns in advocating for the affordable housing cause, including through their fundraising, is an essential component of the trip. The money raised by scholarship riders will support the organizations that Bike & Build volunteers with on the road, as well as hundreds of other housing nonprofits around the country.

Bike & Build offers hands-on support to riders to complete their fundraising requirements. We've seen many ideas work in the past, from letter writing campaigns to obtaining donations from local businesses to setting up displays in large public areas. Every year Bike & Build staff dedicates significant time to supporting our riders as they reach their fundraising goals.

B. Sweat Equity Requirements

Bike & Build relies upon the energy and talents of our participants to help produce and shape our programs and carry out our mission. As such, Bike & Build Scholarship recipients will volunteer pre-trip with a local affordable housing organization for a minimum of 10 hours, either on-site at construction projects or as otherwise needed.

Riders will be responsible for setting up these days, but Bike & Build staff will be happy to assist in locating affiliates and working with the riders on how to set up their volunteering.

C. Training

Most of our riders have never done long-distance cycling before signing up for Bike & Build. That said, cycling is a demanding physical activity. All riders are required to arrive prepared for the trip.

All riders must arrive to orientation prepared to meet the physical challenge of participating in a trip and with the skills to ride on the road with cars. Bike & Build considers preparedness to mean: ride at least 500 miles on your bike, complete at least two rides over 65 miles, one rain ride, one ride in hilly terrain, and one group ride before



arriving at orientation. Failure to do arrive prepared will result in dismissal from the program, as it puts riders and their teammates at greater risk for injury. This jeopardizes the “awesomeness” factor of your Bike & Build experience!

During training and on the trip, all riders must pledge to make riding safely their top priority. This includes wearing a helmet and safety triangle (safety triangle is provided) at all times.

Bike & Build staff, leaders, and alumni will work with riders to set up training rides pre-trip.

D. Waivers, Medical Forms, and Online Application

Scholarship recipients must complete the formal ride application process. This includes creating an online profile, signing a legal waiver, and providing a detailed medical history. All riders must submit proof of health insurance and complete a physical. If the scholarship recipient doesn't have insurance, Bike & Build will work with you to provide a policy for the trip.

When accepting the scholarship, riders must sign a liability waiver stating that they understand that cycling, and thus participation in Bike & Build, is a potentially hazardous activity. Bike & Build's highest priority is the safety of our riders. We reserve the right to restrict participation if it is deemed that the rider poses a medical or safety risk to themselves or the other riders on the trip.



Scholarship Application - Part 1

Instructions: Complete pages 4-6. You can type directly in this document or print and write in black ink. Email responses to lily@bikeandbuild.org by Friday, November 1st at 5 pm ET.

A. Personal Details

Full Name

DOB

Home Address

Home City, State, ZIP

Email

Main Phone

Gender & Pronouns:

**Most Recent School Attended,
Grade Finished**

How did you hear about the Scholarship program?



B. Cycling and Service Experience

Note: Cycling experience is NOT required to apply for the scholarship. All riders are HIGHLY encouraged to complete 500 training miles prior to the trip, including one 65-mile ride. Don't worry. Pretty soon, 500 miles will feel like nothing.

How often do you ride a bike? What is your experience riding long-distance AND riding in groups?

What extracurricular and volunteer service activities do you participate in?



Scholarship Application - Part 2

Instructions: Continue following the instructions stated on page 4... write your response directly in the text box.

C. Health Insurance

** If you have health insurance, you will be required to demonstrate proof of insurance pre-trip.*

** If you do not have health insurance, Bike & Build will work with you to obtain a policy for the trip.*

Do you have health insurance? (Y/N)

D. Biography

Tell us a little about yourself.

If you earn a scholarship, this will be your online bio. See our website for samples of other riders' bios. Yours might include some or all of the following:

- Who you are, where you're from, what activities/sports you like doing, what you want to do in the future, etc.
- Why are you choosing to advocate for the Affordable Housing cause? Are there other charities you've worked with in the past? What are the affordable housing issues in your community? (Don't know? Find out!)
- Why are you excited about Bike & Build? What are you most nervous about?



Scholarship Application - Part 3

Instructions: Continue following instructions stated on page 4... write your response either below or in a separate document and include with pages 4 and 5. E-mail your application to lily@bikeandbuild.org

E. Essay Questions

To get a better understanding of your motivations for riding with Bike & Build this coming summer, please answer the following questions. Each response should be between 300 and 500 words. Please write the answers in regular typeface (not bold) directly below each question.

- 1. Why do you want to do Bike & Build? How do you foresee it impacting you in the future?**
- 2. Describe your experience helping others in your family, school, and community. Why do you think volunteering and social responsibility are important?**
- 3. Your time on Bike & Build will be unforgettable, but also one that is physically and mentally challenging. Our alumni often speak of their experience as a period of great personal growth, and we feel that is largely due to the challenges you will encounter along the way. What is the hardest thing you've ever done? How do you think it may have prepared you for a Bike & Build trip?**
- 4. (Optional) The Bike & Build Scholarship is awarded taking into account both need and merit. Is there any additional information you would like us to consider about your financial situation? Do you receive financial aid at school? Do you or your family receive financial assistance? The more detail you can provide that demonstrate your need for a scholarship to do a Bike & Build trip, the better.**
- 5. Is there anything else you would like us to consider in your application?**