



Brody Reynolds Balcony Scholarship



Scholarship Amount: \$2000 One-Time Award

Who: Senior with exceptionally advanced social and emotional leadership skills

Nominations Due: March 12th

Nomination formats: Essay or Video

(Applicable for: tuition, books, supplies, and/or fees for trade schools, colleges, universities, and apprenticeship programs)

Why is it called a BALCONY PERSON scholarship?

Brody was taught at home that there are two types of people in this world: Basement People and Balcony People. Basement People spend their whole lives pulling others down in order to feel as low and miserable as they feel. **BALCONY PEOPLE, on the other hand, spend their lives with arms wide-open, lifting up others so they feel embraced, secure, loved, seen and heard. They are connectors of people, who share their enormous light, joy, friendship, kindness, empathy, respect, and smiles to love, encourage, and support others. They are nonjudgmental leaders who possess and demonstrate exceptionally high social and emotional intelligence.**

We are seeking to recognize a BALCONY PERSON for their profound impact on the hearts and lives of others. (Additional information of the Brody Reynolds Balcony Foundation may be found by using the QR code above.)

How to nominate an exceptional senior for the Brody Reynolds Balcony Scholarship:

1. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/BalconyPeople> to fill out the scholarship nominee submission form. Nominees will be notified and congratulated of their nomination via email.
2. Use the Jotform scholarship submission form to submit either a 500-word essay OR a 3-5 minute video detailing the exceptional social and emotional leadership characteristics which qualify the nominee as a "Balcony Person."
3. Be sure to include specific traits, experiences, stories, and examples demonstrating advanced social and emotional leadership qualities. To ensure you have a complete understanding of a Balcony Person profile, review the attached characteristics and examples of balcony person.
4. If you should experience any difficulties submitting your form please don't hesitate to contact us at brodyreynoldsbalconyfoundation@gmail.com

***PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT AN APPLICATION WITHOUT REVIEWING THE ATTACHED CHARACTERISTICS & EXAMPLES OF A BALCONY PERSON!**

Interviews - The top 3 applicants will be selected by April 1st and notified via email. Nominees will be asked to write a personal statement, provide one additional letter of recommendation, and interview with committee members of the Brody Reynolds Balcony Foundation. The Balcony Scholarship recipient will be announced at the Wando High School Senior Awards.

Contacts: Send questions to brodyreynoldsbalconyfoundation@gmail.com, or speak to Ms. Fulmer, Mr. Coker, or Ms. Walters at Wando High School.

Characteristics & Examples of a Balcony Person

Connector- They are a natural connector of people and are skilled at making people feel seen, heard, and that they belong within a group and in this world.

They invite others to join them, and their friends, without concern of what anyone will think. They ensure you feel comfortable and part of the group by introducing you to people, getting you whatever you need to join in, checking on how you're doing, letting you in on inside jokes, and thoughtfully connecting you with others. They don't leave anyone "hanging" and make you feel a part of something. You feel as if you've known them forever and that you're truly safe to be yourself around them.

Giver - They openly, equally, and confidently share their joy, kindness, love, light, and time with others.

They say "I love you," or kind words, to others without hesitation or concern for what others might think. They walk through the halls, enter classrooms, and show up at parties, games, or concerts with big smiles on their faces hugging, high five-ing, or dapping up others with little to no thought of what anyone else might think, because they are genuinely happy to see people. They are authentically and innately joy-filled, funny, and energized. Their laughter and light changes the energy of every space they enter.

Elevator/Promoter- They are the ultimate hype-person when it comes to noticing, applauding, and appreciating someone else's new success, "good thing," or positive change. Whether big or small, it is always a big deal to them.

They notice things like a new haircut, outfit, or food you have and get super excited for you. They feel joy in praising and sharing your successes with others. They happily give their time to show up at other people's games, concerts, family events, or to join in their interests. They encourage you to never give up because they "gotchu" if you ever doubted yourself. Their excitement and confidence in others becomes contagious.

Empathetic and Aware- They seem to have a sixth sense about the feelings and challenges of others, even though they may not say a word. They have an innate ability to create space where you can feel, acknowledge, validate, and/or take action. Through their actions- not just their words- they let you know that you are not alone, or judged, and that you matter.

When they walk into a classroom, party, or activity they instinctively observe and sense what others may not. They sense who feels shy, left out, or in need of someone. They can sense when energy feels off in a space and if someone feels uncomfortable in a conversation or group. They pick up on subtle cues, such as when someone says something but there's much more underneath what they are saying. They notice when others don't want to join in or if they stay silent. They also sense the right time to gently bring these things up and offer them a trusting space to share.

Listener- Even if this person is a super busy, overcommitted, nonstop, high energy student, they'll pause everything to listen if you need an ear or a friend. They offer their time freely and have the ability to listen without needing to solve your problems or judge you. Instead they simply sit with you- hearing, validating, encouraging, and supporting you.

Trustworthy- You can feel confident that when you share secrets, challenges, feelings, or experiences that they will treat the information you share as delicate and private information. They understand that it is not their story to tell. They value you, and your trust, and they do not hesitate to stand up for others.

Open-minded- They do not have a closed circle of friends! They are open and accepting of differences in others and are genuinely curious to learn about, and experience firsthand- both the commonalities and differences of friends and their families. They see beyond appearances and differences and have the ability to appreciate someone's heart.

Good manners/Helper- They are grateful and respectful toward teachers, parents, and friends. While not perfect, they consistently act with good intentions toward others. They eagerly jump in to help without needing to be asked and lead through their actions rather than their words.