

# Burlington Community Scholarship Foundation

## ADOPT A CLASS

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Dear Parents,

What is Adopt-A-Class [A.A.C.] and how could it affect you? Adopt-A-Class is a subcommittee of the Burlington Community Scholarship Foundation [B.C.S.F.]. It is where a business organization agrees to sponsor a particular class, usually starting in kindergarten, working with both parent and later student volunteers of that class with yearly fundraising events. All the monies raised are awarded in their senior year. The money is distributed to those students who earned “points” over the sponsorship period, usually thirteen years. One earns points by getting involved in these fundraising events. Every dollar raised by this class goes to this scholarship fund. There are other avenues to earn points which can be explained upon request but the majority of points earned are through volunteerism for these fundraising events.

In the elementary years it is the parents who earn these points, then as the child enters middle school the parent can share the volunteer responsibilities with their child eventually turning that responsibility over to the student in his or her high school years. It is “critical” that each class has a group of parent leaders who are willing to become class coordinators for the fundraising. They work with their business partner in developing yearly fundraisers that are authorized by the A.A.C.

There are many scholarships given out every year for academic, athletic and organizational reasons. The best thing about this scholarship is that it is based on the parent and student’s involvement throughout his/her 13 years in the school system. Those that want to get involved and stay involved reap the rewards on scholarship awards night. This is the ONLY factor in awarding the A.A.C. scholarships. Each class has various amounts awarded depending on their fundraising capabilities but over the last few years the average has been close to \$40,000.

If you are interested in becoming a parent representative, every class needs a few, you can contact any one of the four board members who oversee the A.A.C. program. They are listed below.

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