

Blue White Scholarship Foundation

"Pay It Forward" Scholarship Application Requirement & Instructions

Blue White Foundation Overview

- The Blue White Scholarship Foundation (BWSF) is an independent 501 (c) (3) Non-Profit Corporation founded in support of Villanova University students and the Catholic and Augustinian character of the University. The purpose of BWSF is to provide scholarships for Undergraduate Students who have experienced financial hardships.

- The scholarships are only for those students who are entering their Junior and Senior years, and who are in Need of Financial Assistance after Exhausting All Financial Aid Possible, as verified by the Villanova University Office of Financial Assistance.

- The scholarship program is open to those of all faiths and academic majors who embrace and exemplify Catholic values and who are committed to practicing, in their own lives, the Augustinian tradition of integrating faith and reason.

- The scholarship is based on Financial Need, Superior Academic Ability, and an Outstanding Work Ethic, as demonstrated by Employment History & Community Service.

Mission: The Blue White Scholarship Foundation's Mission is charitable fundraising to provide scholarships to deserving Villanova University students who have encountered gaps in funding and financial difficulty which could prevent them from achieving their goal of graduating with a Villanova degree. This independent non-profit corporation, composed of alumni and friends of Villanova University, supports the University community of undergraduates, through charitable fund-raising, and by fostering the ideals of Truth, Unity and Charity.

Vision: The Blue White Scholarship Foundation is a leadership organization, composed of alumni and friends of Villanova University, raising funds for the benefit of the Villanova University community of undergraduates, through the common bond of friendship of its members, and the shared heritage of the Augustinian tradition of excellence in education. The Blue White Scholarship Foundation is a catalyst not only for good works through charitable giving, but also for the members' enjoyment of the camaraderie fostered by their Villanova undergraduate experience.

Completed Applications must be received by:

April 30, 2024 at 11:59 pm ET

BWSF Scholarship Overview

The foundation will provide scholarship awards up to \$10,000 per student. The average award over the past three years has been between \$6,000 - \$8,000 per student. A Blue White Scholar is a highly-driven student who is motivated and hard-working, but still needs some help to pay for tuition. The award is paid in three installments in August, January, and May, provided that all requirements have been met during the Fall and Spring Semesters.

Application Review

First Stage: APRIL

Once an applicant has met all the eligibility requirement listed, their application, essays and letters of recommendation will be forwarded to Judges who are comprised of our top alumni donors. The Judges score and rank the applications based upon general application content (10%), academic performance (10%), financial need (20%), response to essays (40%), and letters of recommendation (20%). The Judges are looking for an explanation of why you need some financial help and how you are helping to pay for tuition and or expenses. You should focus not only on your own personal challenge of paying tuition, but also on how your parents are sacrificing to help you if this is applicable. Why is it important to graduate from Villanova University? Are you involved on campus? Are you a leader? Are you willing to give back by helping another Villanova student in the future?

Second Stage: MAY

Applicants that have been ranked as a Judge's first choice and second choice are now finalist. They are entered into the second round of judging for the Scholarship Committee.

Third Stage: JUNE

Mid- June, the Office of Financial Assistance releases the "Un-Met financial need" amount. To select the "Awardees," The Scholarship Committee takes this information into account along with the Judges choices and does their best to match up as many finalist as possible with the available funds raised by BWSF over the course of the year. The Committee then makes recommendation(s) to the BWSF Board of Directors, which constitutes the final approval authority for all scholarship awards.

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Eligibility Requirements for Scholarship Award

To be eligible individuals must:

Be enrolled full-time in an undergraduate degree program at Villanova University for the upcoming academic year.

- Be a rising Junior or Senior with good academic standing.
- Have an unmet financial need as verified by the Villanova University Office of Financial Assistance.
- Demonstrate Exemplary Character, Strong Motivation, and Personal Integrity.
- Have Strong Academic Ability.
- Have a Superior Work Ethic as demonstrated by Employment History or alternatively by combination of Community Service and Employment History.
- Submit: (1.) Completed and Signed Application (2.) Signed Release Forms (3.) School Transcript (4.) Copy of NOVASIS Award History.
- Employment & Professor Recommendation Letters (**Provide to Employers & Professors for them to send directly back to BWSF**)- "Employment" does not include volunteer work or unpaid internships.
- Be willing to complete the requirements for participation in BWSF programs by selected recipients.

Application Submission Procedures

1. The application must be sent back electronically.

2. Email completed applications to:

Applications@BlueWhiteClub.com.

Subject line:

BWSF Application / Last name / First name

Application attachments should be named as follows:

Scholarship Application / Last name / First Name

NOVASIS Award History / Last name / First Name

VU Transcript / Last name / First Name

Requirements of Selected Recipients

It is an honor to receive a Blue White Scholarship. In order to receive and maintain the scholarship, the following requirements are mandatory.

- **Thank You (First week of July)**
A "Thank You" note sent to BWSF donors with a copy to the BWSF Office.
- **Photo (First week of July)**
A Headshot Photo & Short Description for our Newsletter and Website, via email to:
KateCellucci@bluewhiteclub.com
- Information to submit:
Name:
Hometown:
Major:
Minor:
Extracurricular Activities:
Career Aspirations:
Favorite Quote:
- **2 Minute VIDEO (Absolute deadline mid-July)**
- **Attendance**
Scholarship Award Ceremony & Ben Franklin Pledge - Parents Weekend + 2 BWSF Special Events per semester
- **Volunteer**
In order to better understand the extent and magnitude of the fund-raising efforts involved with providing BWSF scholarships, each recipient is required to participate in 15 hours of off-campus volunteer work for BWSF each semester.
5 hours-Sept. - 5 hours-Oct.- 5 hours-Nov.
5 hours-Feb. - 5 hours-Mar. - 5 hours-Apr.

***Note:** Non-fulfillment of the above requirements will result in disqualification for receipt of scholarship funds.

Payments

1. The Scholarship will be paid directly to Villanova Office of Financial Assistance in 3 installments:
2. 1st Payment August; 2nd Payment January; 3rd Payment May.
3. If at any time you are unable or unwilling to fulfill the BWSF Support requirements, then you will be disqualified to receive the remainder of your award.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION

READ BEFORE STARTING

1. The application is a fillable Adobe Acrobat® form file. If you do not have the Adobe® computer program, download Adobe Reader from the internet for free before you start to fill out this application. (Adobe.com) The application is meant to be filled out and returned to BWSF electronically (as a PDF e-mail attachment) to Applications@bluewhiteclub.com for processing.

Do not:

- use a viewer to fill out the form; only use Adobe Reader;
- use any operating system other than Windows 10®;
- alter the form in any way;
- print the application out and fill it out by hand;
- print the form for your files until fully completed.

2. All signature blocks are intended to be completed with Adobe™ digital signatures. Do not digitally sign the form until the form is fully completed. Once the form is digitally signed, it will be locked and cannot be further edited.

3. Essays can be completed in a text processor, and then copied and pasted into the form fields. All essays must be single-spaced 10 pitch type. Do not exceed the allowable number of characters for each essay.

4. Employer and Professor Recommendation forms should be downloaded from the web site and e-mailed to the person (employer/professor) completing the form. Recommendation forms/letters should then be returned directly by the person (employer/professor) completing the form, to BWSF electronically, as e-mail attachment, to Applications@bluewhiteclub.com. The Employer/Professor recommendation is best sent as a letter attached to an e-mail.

5. Do not fill in the Applicant ID # block. Applicant Numbers will be assigned by BWSF.

6. Applicants will be notified of any discrepancies in their applications, and will be given ample opportunity to submit missing information.

7. Any questions on how to properly complete the application can be addressed to Applications@bluewhiteclub.com.
