

Welcome to the [UWM Panther Scholarship Portal](#)! The portal is the application process for institutional scholarships available to UWM students at the UWM-Milwaukee and UWM-Waukesha campus locations. **UWM-Washington students** will need to visit [Washington County Campus Foundation](#) to view and apply for scholarships on that campus.

### Who can use the system?

- Currently enrolled UWM-Milwaukee Bachelor and Graduate Degree students and UWM-Waukesha Associate Degree students. **UWM- Washington students will need to visit [Washington County Campus Foundation](#) to view and apply for scholarships on that campus.**
- Admitted incoming students (new and transfer) to UWM-Milwaukee and UWM-Waukesha campus locations. **UWM- Washington students will need to visit [Washington County Campus Foundation](#) to view and apply for scholarships on that campus.**
- Re-entry students eligible to enroll for an upcoming term at UWM-Milwaukee and UWM-Waukesha campus locations.

### How do I get started?

- Enter the Portal by clicking on the “Panther Scholarship Portal” button on the Scholarship Page, then Click the “Sign In” button at the top right side of the page. On the Welcome Page, click the “Sign in With Your Institution” button and log on using your UWM ePantherID and password.
- Complete the General Application and any other supplemental applications requested by the system. You may save your work and come back to it later if you wish.

### Do I need to complete every section in the General Application?

- There are some sections that are required and must be completed to submit your application.
- The UWM scholarship process is very competitive and it is in your best interest to submit a complete application to provide reviewers with as much information about yourself to be considered for scholarships.

### What happens after I complete the General Application?

- Once you complete your General Application, you will automatically be matched with scholarships that you qualify for.
- Apply-to Scholarships have additional questions and you may see some in your list of recommended opportunities. *Universal scholarships* may be in your list and may or may not be applicable to you. Be sure to read the description and determine if you meet the criteria. If so, and you would like to apply, click the “Apply” button and answer the question(s) and submit.
- Auto-match Scholarships do not have any additional questions and you will be matched to them automatically, no further action is required by you. While you will not be able to see these matches, your profile information will be forwarded to the scholarship committee(s) overseeing each scholarship match. It is important to understand that, due to the competitive nature of most scholarships, matching does not guarantee you will receive a scholarship.

### How do I know when my application process is complete?

- After submitting any application in the system, (including the General, school/college, or recommended scholarship applications), an email will be sent to you confirming this.
- In addition, in your dashboard, a status of “Submitted” will show for each application.
- You will receive weekly emails on Fridays notifying you of Apply-to opportunities that have opened up that

week.

**When will I receive notice about scholarships I have applied to or have been awarded?**

- This timeline varies from scholarship to scholarship. Once the scholarship has closed, reviewers will begin evaluating applications and once that has been completed, recipients will be selected, and communication will be sent to them via email. Students will have a deadline in which to accept the scholarship, if they do not accept by this date it may be rescinded and re-offered to another student. For that reason, notification to unawarded students will be sent after everyone has accepted and completed their post-acceptance piece.

**What do I have to do if I've been offered a scholarship?**

- You will receive an email notifying you and providing a link to log in and view the offer details. You will then be able to accept or decline. After accepting, you will need to complete Post-Acceptance questions, which might include a thank you to your donor. Your offer will not be officially accepted until this portion has been completed and must be done before the deadline indicated. You will be notified when it has been officially awarded.

**Do I have to apply every year?**

- The scholarship season runs from October through May. Your current General Application will be archived in September. The system will reopen for the next scholarship season in October and you will need to resubmit a General Application and Conditional Application to be considered for scholarships. Watch your email for reminders to complete your new General Application at that time.

**What type of questions are on the General Application?**

- Your academic record and demographic information are automatically pulled into the UWM Panther Scholarship Portal.
- You are asked for information on community service, co-curricular activities, work experience, achievements & honors.
- Essay questions include why you chose UWM, your goals, challenges you've overcome, character development, and why you are seeking financial assistance.
- International and Undocumented/DACA students are able to download a NON-FAFSA filer form, and can upload their completed form to the general application in order to apply for need-based scholarships.

**What type of activities should I include?**

- Only list activities you participated in within the last three (3) years
- Be sure to list any positions you held and what you did to enhance the activity

**Who can I contact with questions?**

- You can email [schlrshp@uwm.edu](mailto:schlrshp@uwm.edu) for overall general questions about the portal, log-in, submitting references, or uploading files.
- Questions about specific scholarship opportunities or School/College applications, please contact your School/College scholarship unit. You can find this information by visiting the UWM Scholarship Page and scrolling down to the School/College areas.
- If you have questions about your academic or personal information being pulled into the application, you will want to contact <https://uwm.edu/registrar/contact-us/>