

# Scholarship Info Session

*Welcome! ~ ¡Bienvenidxs!*

Roberto Hernández Center & UWM Financial Aid Office

Fall 2020

- ✓ *Review Collaborate Controls*
- ✓ *Ask Questions*
- ✓ *Take notes*
- ✓ *Please fill out session evaluation*

*Thankyou for being here!*



# UWM PANTHER SCHOLARSHIP PORTAL

Basics, Tips & Tricks



# Scholarships at UWM

2018-19 Academic Year

5,495  
Awards  
Offered

To 4,121  
Students

For a Total of  
\$10.9 Million

# What is the Panther Scholarship Portal?

- A one-stop shop for scholarships at UWM and UWM-Waukesha.
- It is a cloud-based scholarship management system that allows students to access and apply for opportunities from anywhere.
- UWM Scholarships and Private scholarships are housed in the Portal. Currently, all but Lubar Business School, College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, and Zilber Public Health use the Portal to award scholarships.

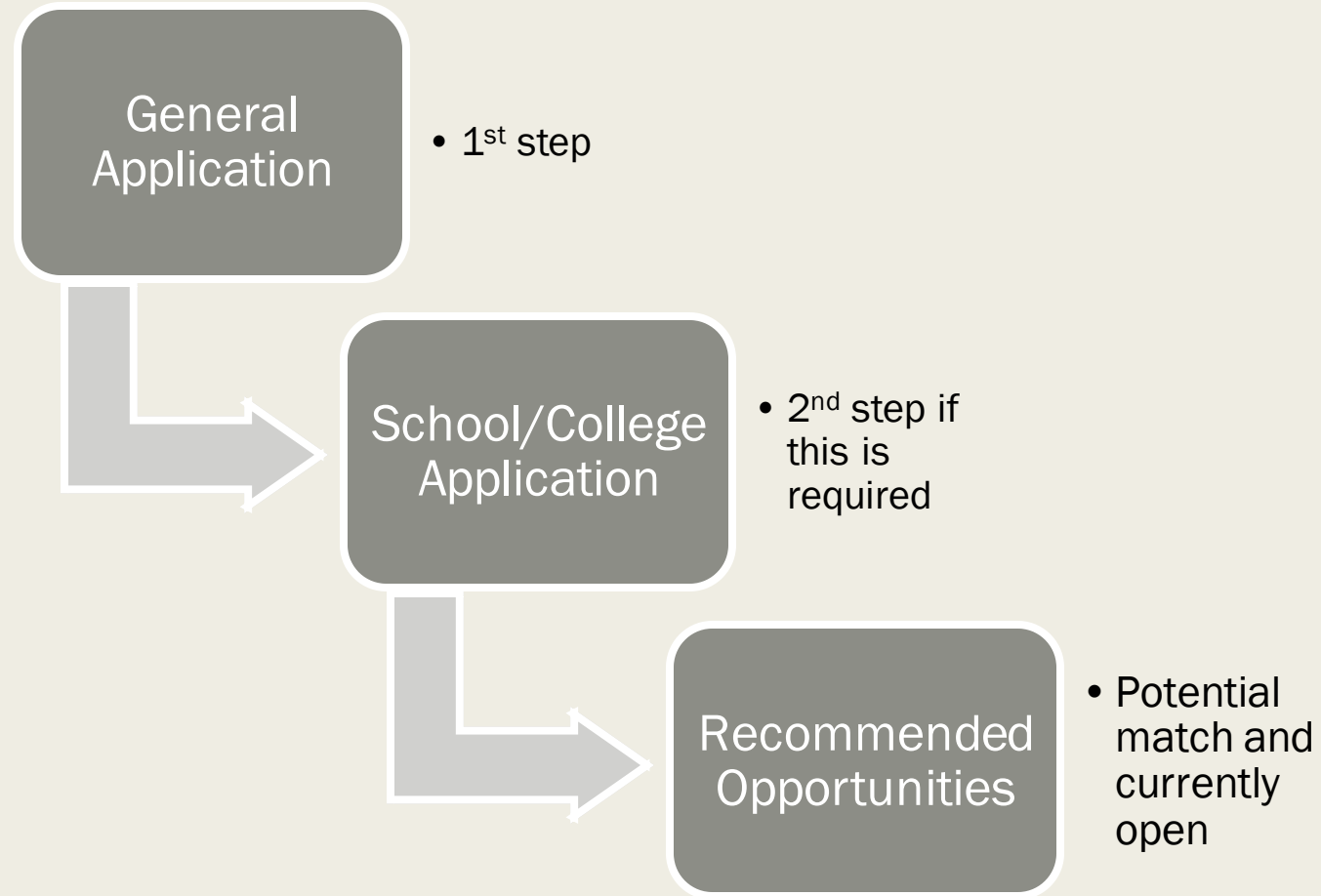
# How does the Portal Work?

- Students information from PAWS is imported on a weekly basis. This includes basic demographic, admission, academic, and financial aid information. This information is what the system uses to match students to scholarships.
- The system automatically walks students through the process,
- All components of the application process are done through the Portal, including letters of recommendation and the post-acceptance questions.
- Many of the answers to the General and School/Colleges applications will be carried over each year for up to four years.

# Application Process

- There is one **General Application**. This application is not required in order to be considered for Auto-Match type opportunities; it is for Apply-To opportunities. Even if you do not plan to apply to specific scholarships, it is in your best interest to submit the General Application because administrators will review it to help make selections with auto-matches.
- Schools/colleges that have a common application **require** that it be submitted to be considered for their scholarships.
- Scholarship opportunities are categorized into two types: **Apply-to's** and **Auto-matched**.
  - *Apply-To's*, Students potentially matching the scholarship criteria will see these listed in their Recommended Opportunity section and can choose to apply.
  - *Auto-matched*, students are automatically matched to the scholarship based on the criteria. Students **will not see** these listed in their Recommended Opportunities list.

# What is the process?



# Getting Started: [scholarships.uwm.edu](https://scholarships.uwm.edu)

## SCHOLARSHIPS



**Hungry for scholarship money?** Finding scholarships at UWM just got a whole lot easier!

Introducing the **UWM Panther Scholarship Portal!** No more time spent filling out multiple applications asking the same questions. Now you can just fill out one General Application and your School/College's supplemental application (if applicable). Afterward, you'll get a list of scholarships that you potentially match to! For more information about the portal, please read [Panther Portal FAQ](#).

**Sounds Great, doesn't it? If you are attending the UWM-Milwaukee or UWM-Waukesha campuses you can get started** by logging into the portal below with the same ePantherID credentials that you use to log into your PAWS account. **If you are attending the UWM-Washington campus, you will need to visit the Washington Campus Foundation to apply for scholarships.**

[PANTHER SCHOLARSHIP PORTAL](#)

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# Portal Public Page



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## Our Opportunities

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Welcome to UWM's Panther Scholarship Portal!

These scholarships are made possible by the generous gifts made by donors, friends, and alumni of UW-Milwaukee who are committed to the education of UWM students. To begin, you must be admitted to either the Milwaukee or Waukesha campus locations. Please sign in using your PAWS ePantherID and password. Once logged in, you will **start with the General Application**, please complete as much as possible as this will be the main source used to select recipients. In addition, you may be asked to complete a school/college/dept application. After completing these applications, **a list of open opportunities that you potentially match to will be provided for you to apply to**. If you need **help logging in**, please **contact the UWM Help Desk** by calling (414) 229-4040 or visit [UWM HELP DESK](#). **UWM-Washington students** may find scholarship opportunities by visiting [Washington Campus Foundation](#)

Search by Keyword

Award	Name	Actions
Varies	<b><u>Catherine Zimmer Memorial Scholarship</u></b> Graduate enrollment in Communication Sciences & Disorders program. Must be a second year graduate student in fall 2020. Selection based on academic...	<b>Deadline</b> 01/31/2020
Varies	<b><u>CHS Dean's Advisory Board Scholarship</u></b> Undergraduate status, minimum 2.75 UWM GPA, demonstrated financial need and volunteer service. Undergraduates must have a minimum of 30 UWM-graded...	<b>Deadline</b> 01/31/2020
Varies	<b><u>CHS New Freshman Scholarship</u></b> Undergraduate admission to CHS and full-time status starting Fall 2020, 23 or higher ACT score, minimum 3.0 GPA in high school and participation in...	<b>Deadline</b> 01/31/2020

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### \$1,250 Video Essay College Scholarship (2019)

Students must be currently studying at or have been accepted to an accredited college or university.

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**Award**  
Varies

**School/Colleges, Departments, and Areas**  
Private Schlrshp

**Deadline**  
01/31/2020

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## External Opportunities [Show Filters](#)

These scholarships are outside of UWM and are considered **Private Scholarships**. Questions about any of these opportunities should be directed to the administrator of the opportunity. UWM does not endorse these sites or their products, services, or organizations. **Always use caution when providing personal and sensitive information.**

Search by Keyword

Award	Name	Actions
Varies	<a href="#">\$1,250 Video Essay College Scholarship (2019)</a> Students must be currently studying at or have been accepted to an accredited college or university.	<a href="#">Visit</a> 01/31/2020
1,250	<a href="#">\$1,250 Video Essay College Scholarship (2019)</a> Students must be currently studying at or have been accepted to an accredited college or university.	<a href="#">Visit</a> 01/31/2020
Varies	<a href="#">12M Loans winter 2019 Scholarship</a> Eligibility At least eighteen (18) years old; Full-time or part-time enrolled in a U.S. school, college, professional, trade school or...	<a href="#">Visit</a> 01/31/2020
\$500.00	<a href="#">2019 Prince Benowitz Make a Difference Scholarship</a> For any student currently enrolled in an accredited community college, undergraduate, or graduate program in the United States. The scholarship...	<a href="#">Visit</a> 01/31/2020
1,000	<a href="#">Against All Odds Scholarship</a> Applicants must be currently enrolled in college, graduate school, or be a GED holder who is about to attend a college within the United States....	<a href="#">Visit</a> 01/31/2020

# Donor Page




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## Our Donors

We gratefully appreciate the scholarships that are made possible by the generous gifts made by donors, friends, and alumni of the university who are committed to the education of UWM students.

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**Aldo Leopold Conservation Club**

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In 1972, the Aldo Leopold Conservation Club provided an initial endowment for this scholarship in memory of Neville B. Hutto and Jerry W. Erdmann.

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**Al Jarreau and Multiple Individual, Foundation and Corporate Donors**

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Al Jarreau was a Milwaukee-born jazz singer known around the world and a major supporter of the School of Education. He recorded 21 albums and earned seven Grammys, representing jazz, pop and R & B. In 2004,

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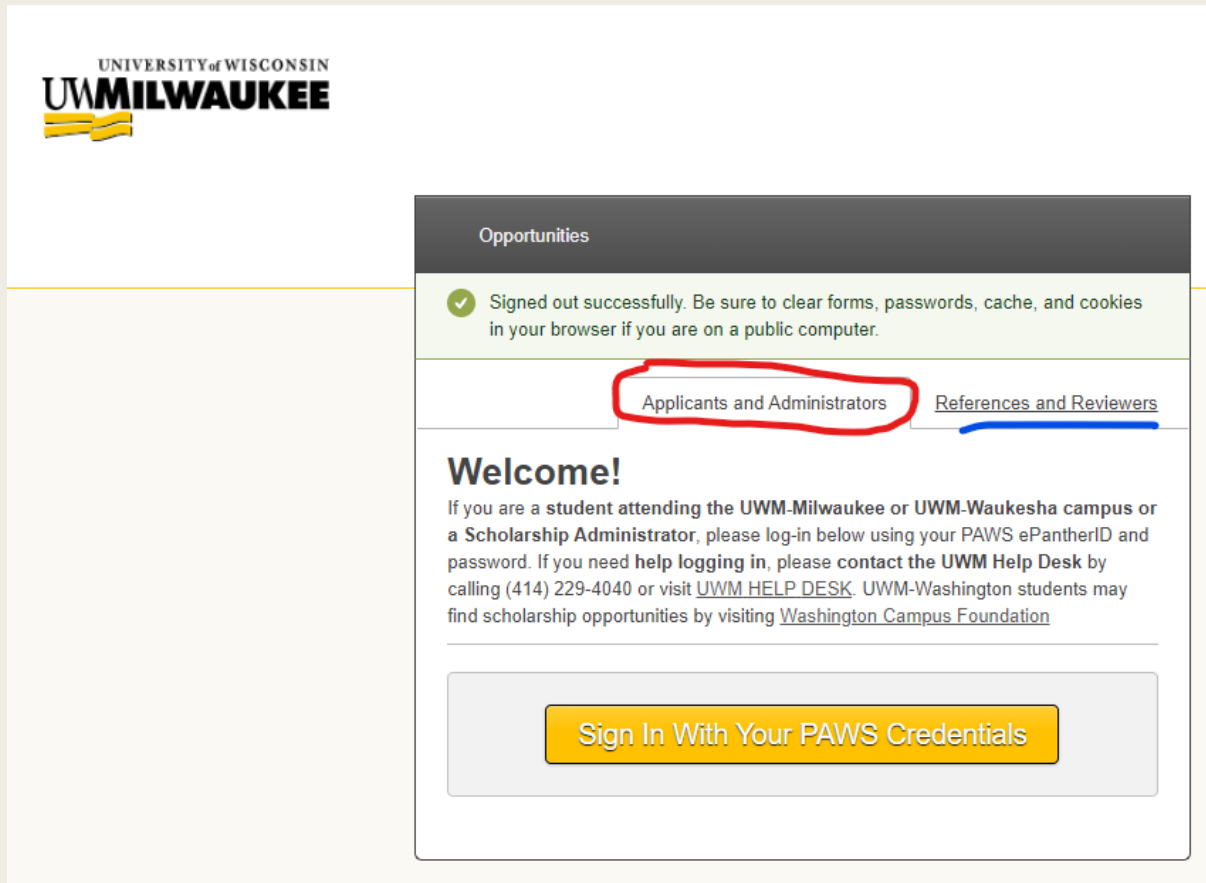
**Allan and Mary Klotsche**

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Allan and Mary both graduated from the Lubar School of Business. Years later, Allan returned to earn his degree in the Executive MBA program, and today teaches in the program and serves as an Executive in Residence.

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# Sign In Page



The screenshot shows the UWM Milwaukee sign-in page. At the top left is the UWM Milwaukee logo. Below it is a dark grey header with the word "Opportunities". A green checkmark icon is followed by the text: "Signed out successfully. Be sure to clear forms, passwords, cache, and cookies in your browser if you are on a public computer." Below this is a navigation bar with two tabs: "Applicants and Administrators" (circled in red) and "References and Reviewers" (underlined in blue). The main content area starts with "Welcome!" followed by instructions for students, administrators, and Washington students. At the bottom is a large yellow button that says "Sign In With Your PAWS Credentials".

- The log-in always defaults to the Applicants and Administrator Tab (circled in **RED**)
- If you have reference, they will select the 2<sup>nd</sup> tab to sign in, labeled References and Reviewers (circled in **BLUE**)

# Landing page

UNIVERSITY of WISCONSIN  
**UWMILWAUKEE**

My Applications <sup>1</sup> Opportunities Donors Clay Laplante

### Application Progress

- General Application <sup>1</sup>

General Application Questions [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Before your General Application can be submitted, you must answer the required questions that are marked with an asterisk (\*). You can save your application at any time by clicking **Save and Keep Editing** at the bottom of the form. Once completed, you can submit your application by clicking **Finish and Continue**.

#### General Application Questions

\* I hereby request and authorize the release of information contained in my student and financial aid records at University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee to the appropriate departmental scholarship selection committees for the purpose of evaluation and scholarship award selection.

I Consent  
 I DO NOT Consent

Please note that if you DO NOT consent, your application will be regarded as if it were left blank and you may not be considered for scholarships.

Preferred Name

[Applicant Record](#) [Save and Keep Editing](#) [Finish and Submit](#)

List your extra-curricular activities

UNIVERSITY of WISCONSIN  
**UWMILWAUKEE**

My Applications Opportunities Donors References Jessica Miller

### Application Progress

- General Application
- College of Health Sciences
- Other Recommended Opportunities <sup>1</sup>

### Recommended Opportunities

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PLEASE NOTE: Based on your student record in PAWS and the answers you provided on the General and School/College/Dept Application (if applicable), the following are scholarships for which you **may possibly be eligible for**. Keep in mind that "Recommended" does not mean qualified. The portal uses your student record to match you to potential *Auto-Match and Apply-To* types of scholarships. You will not be able to see the Auto-Match types. However, you will be able to see the list of Apply-To scholarships that you match and further review of each scholarship will be necessary to determine if you meet all of the requirements. Click "Apply" to review additional criteria and questions. If you qualify, answer questions specific to each recommended scholarship, then click "Finish and Submit."

Search by Keyword

Award	Name	Actions
Varies	<b>Helen Bader Age and Community Scholarship</b> The purpose of the Helen Bader Age and Community Scholarship is to increase the number of people with the knowledge and skills to work with and on...	<a href="#">Apply</a> by 03/01/2020
\$3,000.00	<b>Helmut W Hampel Scholarship</b> To support undergraduate or graduate students demonstrating commitment to promoting and securing equal rights for members of LGBTQIA community or...	<a href="#">Apply</a> by 03/15/2020
Up to \$15,000	<b>Ctr. for International Education Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS) Fall/Spring</b> This fellowship is intended for undergraduate students of any major interested in continuing their study of Arabic, Chinese, Hebrew, Japanese,...	<a href="#">Apply</a> by 03/01/2020

[Applicant Record](#)

# The General Application

- First section offers an opportunity to list up to 10:
  - *Extra-curricular activities (name, office held, description, dates)*
  - *Community service and volunteer work (service, role, description, dates)*
  - *Work experience (type, company, job title, description, dates)*
  - *Academic achievements & honors (achievement/honor, dates)*
  - *Personal achievements or recognition (achievement, dates)*
  - *Interests, hobbies, or special talents*
- Second section is a series of questions:
  - *Veteran or military service status **This is a required question and answers are cleared out each year.***
  - *Foster care or kinship status*
  - *Legacy status (students whose parents or grandparents are alums of UWM)*
  - *Planning to do a study abroad*

# The General Application

- The next section is a series of essay type questions:
  - *Why you chose to attend UWM and what you hope to experience*
  - *Academic and career goals*
  - *Discuss a goal accomplished or meeting a challenge*
  - *Describe an impactful influence on the development of your character*
  - *Personal background or family information you wish to share*
  - *Why you are seeking financial assistance **Required question.***

The last section asks:

- If you may be an International, DACA, or an undocumented student, you may download, complete, and upload the Non-FAFSA Need Worksheet to be considered for need based scholarships. **This is a required question and answers are cleared out each year.**

# The General Application

Last section continued:

- List any UWM or private scholarships and fellowships expected to receive. **This is a required question and answers are cleared out each year.**
- Applicant signature and Authorization to Release. By typing your name (signature), you certify that the information you provided is correct and complete. In addition you authorize the release of information contained in your student and financial aid records at UWM to the appropriate departmental scholarship committees for the purpose of reviewing and selecting recipients. Failure to sign will keep the application in a drafted status and will not be pulled in for certain pools of scholarships. **This is a required question and answers are cleared out each year.**



# Uploading files

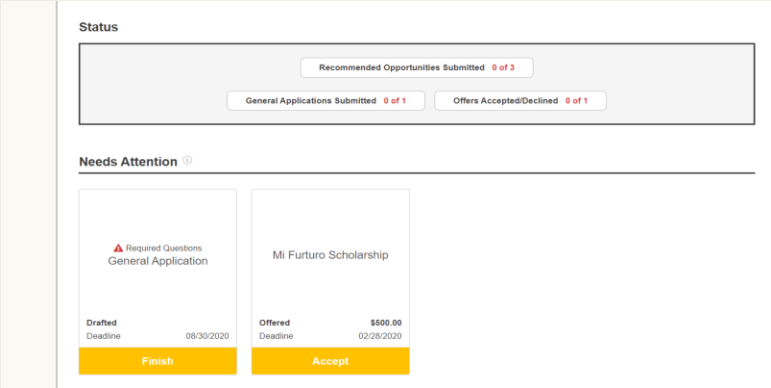
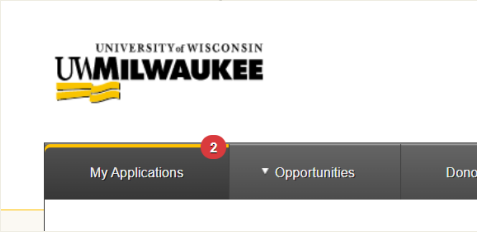
- If you are asked to upload a file please note that the file name must **NOT** contain punctuation, symbols, or spaces. It is best to use the following format:
  - LastnameFirstnameDocumenttype.pdf
- SolisMariaTranscript.pdf, SolisMariaResume.pdf, SolisMariaPorfolio.pdf

# Letters of Recommendations- may be requested in two ways: upload file or provide a reference name and email

- If you are being asked to upload a letter of recommendation, be sure to follow the file name format in the previous slide.
- Providing a name and email of a recommender. The system will send an email requesting the person to set up an account in the portal to be able to submit their recommendation.
- You will not have access to their recommendation but will be able to see if they submitted it or not.
- Please note, you should first ask for permission to use them as a reference before submitting their name. Also, check on a regular basis to see if they submitted. If not, reach out to remind or assist them.

# Scholarship offers

An email will be sent to your UWM email account or the preferred email notifying you have been offered a scholarship. It will provide 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 Supplemental 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.



[Post Acceptance for Fall 2021 English Business Writing Award](#)

[Offer Letter](#) [Supplemental Questions](#)

**Description**

The English Business writing Award is given to students who have excelled in business writing courses. Students are selected based on classroom...

**Donor**

This opportunity is possible thanks to the donations of [Multiple Donors](#).

**Deadline**

11/01/2020

**Category**

Requested

You can save your application at any time by clicking **Save and Keep Editing** at the bottom of the form. Once completed, you can submit your application by clicking **Finish and Submit**. You can make edits to your application as long as it has not closed. Once closed, you cannot make any more changes. **Note:** Required fields are marked with an asterisk.

**Supplemental Questions**

\* For tax purposes, please check one of the following:

Please note that international students will be required to complete additional paperwork prior to disbursement.

I am a US or naturalized citizen

I am a US Permanent Resident Alien

I am an International or DACA student

\* Release Information for Publications and Promotional Materials

I authorize UWM to release my name, qualifications, and/or photo as a recipient of this scholarship in university publications and promotional materials. - Answer 1 time.

# Scholarship Timelines for the 2021-22 awarding cycle

- CHS- 11/1/20 – 2/1/21
- L&S- December to March
- Honors- 10/2/20 – 2/5/21
- Nursing- 11/1/20 – 2/1/21
- PSOA- Art & Design- October to May
- PSOA- Music- November to May
- PSOA- Film- October to March
- SARUP- 11/1/20 – 3/15/21
- Freshwater- November to March 1<sup>st</sup>
- Education- 11/1/20 – 2/12/21
- Waukesha- 11/22/20 – 4/1/21
- HBSSW- 11/1/20 – 2/1/21
- SOIS- 11/1/20 – 2/1/21
- U-Wide- 10/1/20 – 3/31/21

# Examples of Essay Statements

## **Describe your academic and career goals.**

This may sound slightly presumptuous, but my goal is to be the best student in each class that I take at UWM. In high school, I was this person in several classes, and in hindsight, I realize that with more focus and time I could have accomplished this many more times. By top student, I don't necessarily mean getting the highest grade each time. Although this is one part of what I consider a top student, there are other qualities and components to be considered such as effort, contributions to the class, respect, leadership, and attitude. I plan on pushing myself to attain all of these while at UWM and beyond.

As far as career goals go, I don't have a chosen major yet but I would like to minor in Spanish. I believe that many of the attributes I listed in the previous paragraph that make up the best student transfer well to having a successful career.

## **Describe your academic and career goals.**

I know that college will be challenging and I am ready to work very hard. I will love to major in Business but I am open to exploring other majors. I hope to have my own business one day and give back to my community.

# Examples of Essay Statements

**...evaluate how successful you have been in accomplishing your goal or meeting challenges...**

In my career, I've had success in changing systems to allow for expanded pharmacist patient care and enhanced patient records. For example, my collaboration with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services yielded better reporting of vaccinations in Wisconsin. I partnered with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and the University of Wisconsin-Madison to analyze data of over two million vaccines administered at pharmacies. We then used the results of this analysis to begin to address barriers that prevent patients' vaccine histories from being recorded. Results of our methods and findings were published in a prestigious national journal, the Journal of the American Pharmacists Association.

Outside of my career, I am a leader in service organizations. I am the Community Vice President of the Junior League of Madison, an organization focused on improving the lives of women and children.

**...evaluate how successful you have been in accomplishing your goal or meeting challenges...**

Being a single mother of three children and deciding to go back to school for my associates degree presents its own sets of challenges. I was successful at accomplishing my goal by setting smaller goals for myself, working towards them, and seeking the necessary support from my family.

# Examples of Essay Statements

**Please explain why you are seeking financial assistance...**

I am eager to begin my Master of Healthcare Administration (MHA) degree within the College of Health Sciences at the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee in Fall 2020. Earning this degree is contingent on my ability to afford a graduate degree. Additional scholarship funding would be applied toward tuition expenses. With the generous support of scholarships, completing the Master of Healthcare Administration degree would be incorporated into the healthcare initiatives I work on professionally and would broaden my professional skill set. This would result in enhanced healthcare initiatives for Wisconsin residents. Thank you for your time and consideration for these scholarships.

**Please explain why you are seeking financial assistance...**

I am seeking financial aid because for the main reason that I am determined to pay for my education without help from my parents.

OR

Money.

A great resource for you!

## Educational Opportunity Center (EOC)

- **PAYING FOR COLLEGE IS A BIG STRESSOR!**
  - *EOC staff can assist with access to possible resources to pay for college*
  - Assist with obtaining a merit-based scholarship
  - Assist with obtaining a needs-based scholarships
  - EOC staff assist can you with scholarship essay writing strategies
  
- Contact the Educational Opportunity Center(EOC) at **414-229-2917** for a virtual appointment



# Any Questions?

- General questions about the portal or specific scholarships:
  - [schlrshp@uwm.edu](mailto:schlrshp@uwm.edu)
- Changes to academic or personal information imported in from PAWS:
  - <https://uwm.edu/registrar/contact-us/>

