Scholarship Info Session

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Fall 2020

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

Thank you 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.

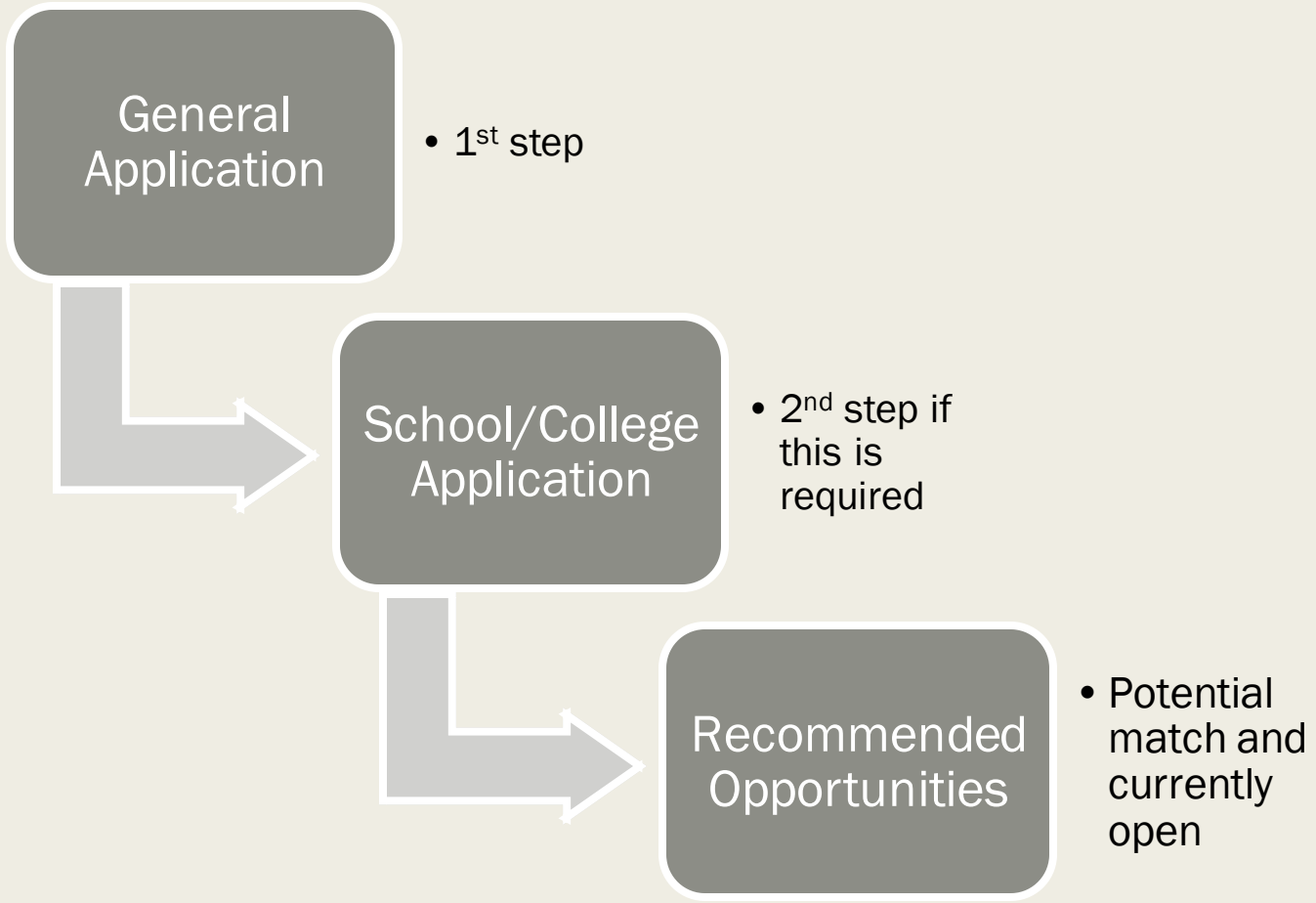
How does the Portal Work?

- 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

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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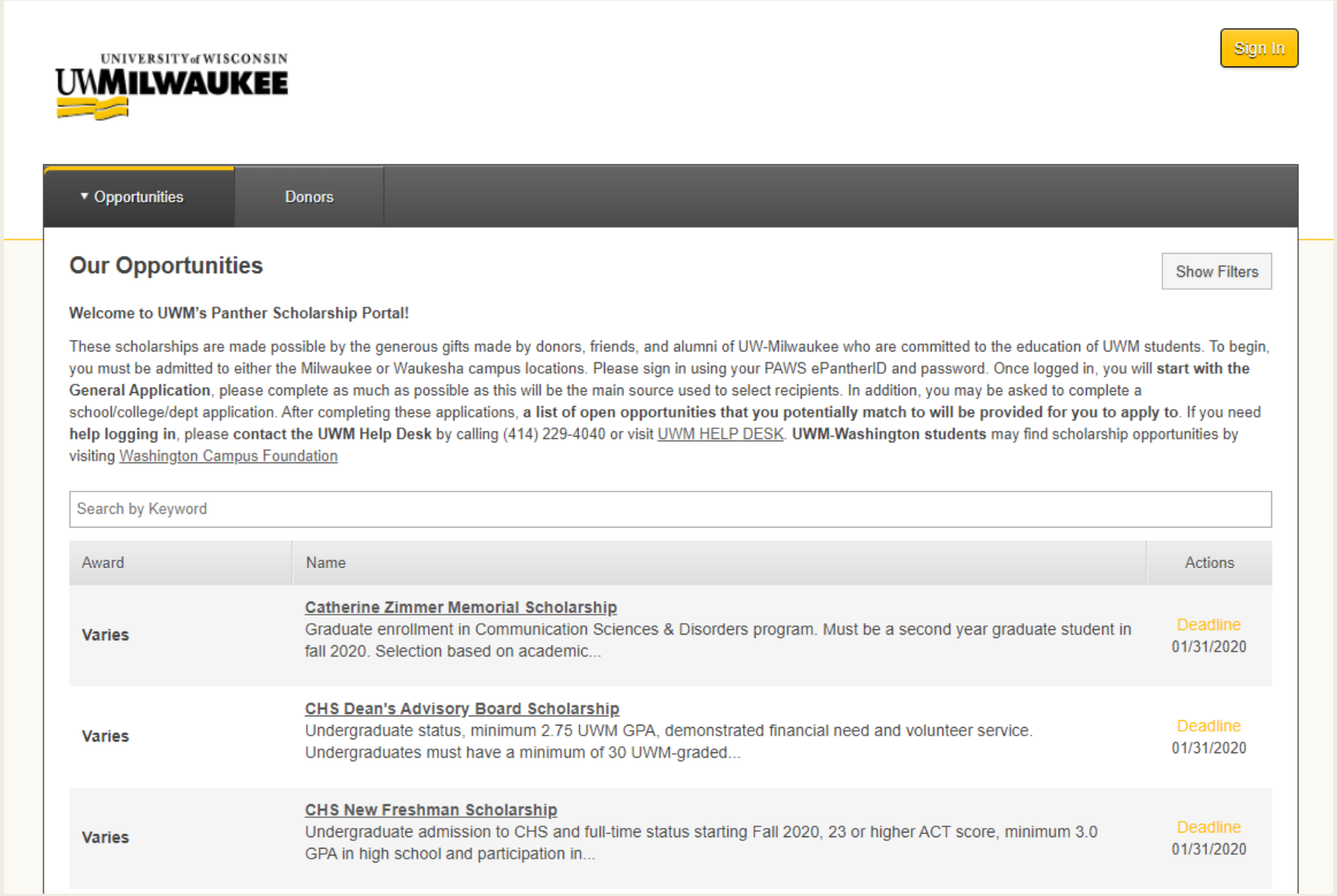
QUESTIONS? ASK POUNCE

Portal Public Page



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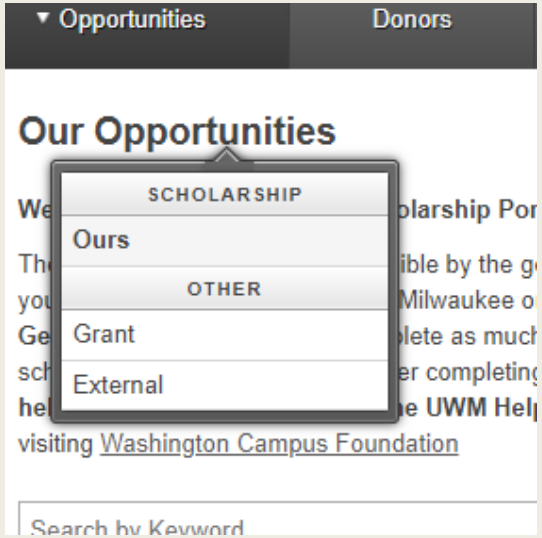

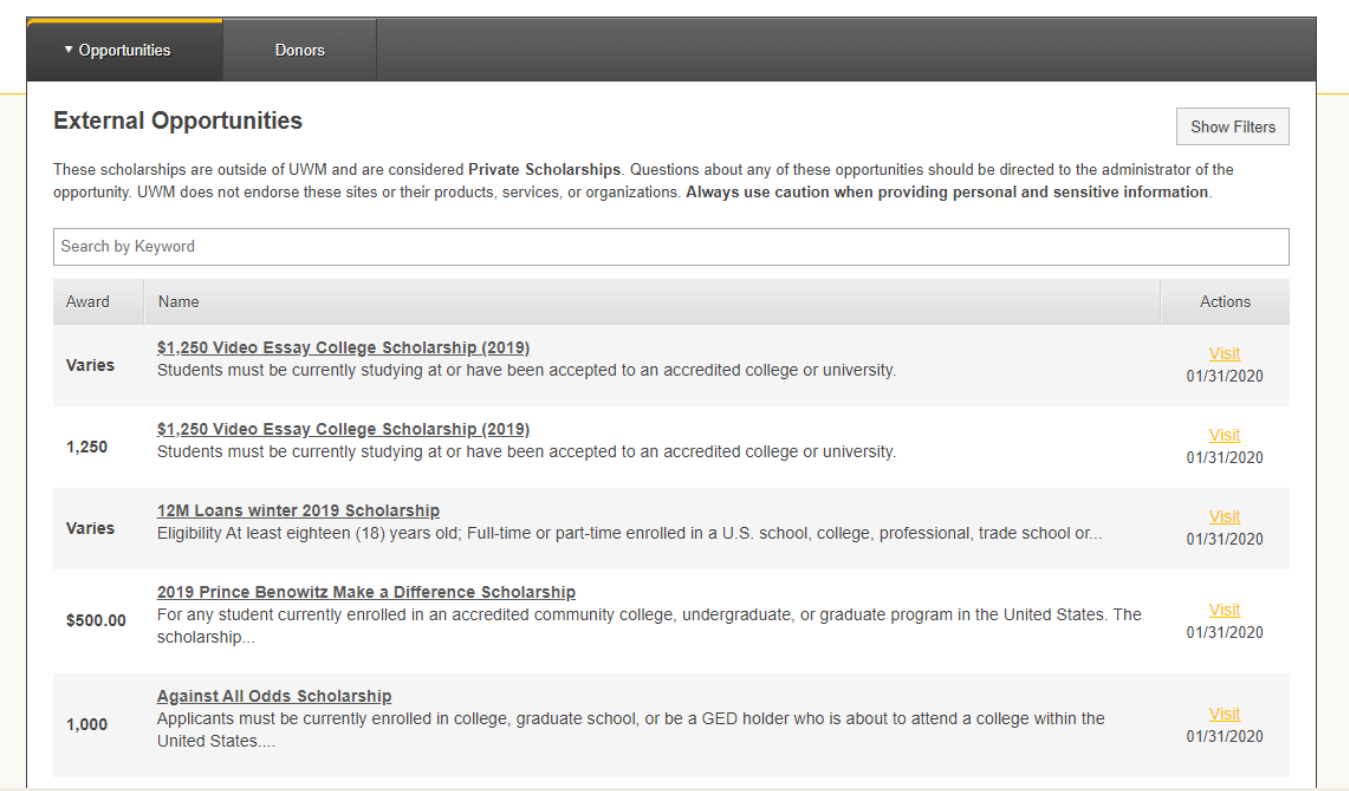

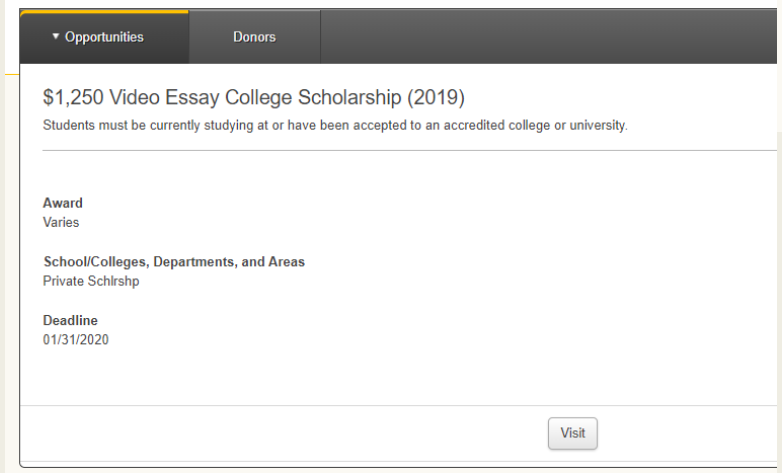

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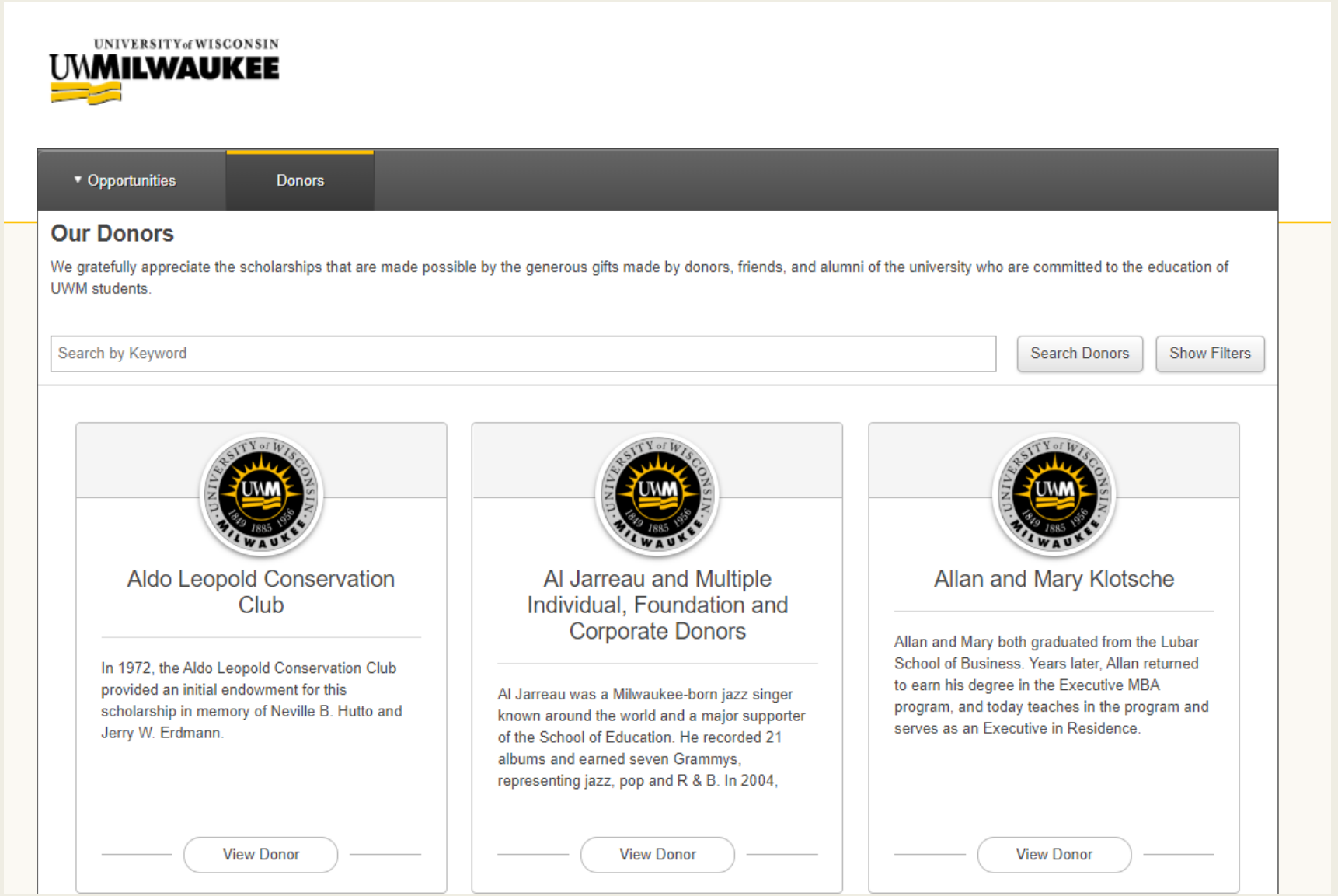
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Aldo Leopold Conservation Club
In 1972, the Aldo Leopold Conservation Club provided an initial endowment for this scholarship in memory of Neville B. Hutto and Jerry W. Erdmann.
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Al Jarreau and Multiple Individual, Foundation and Corporate Donors
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
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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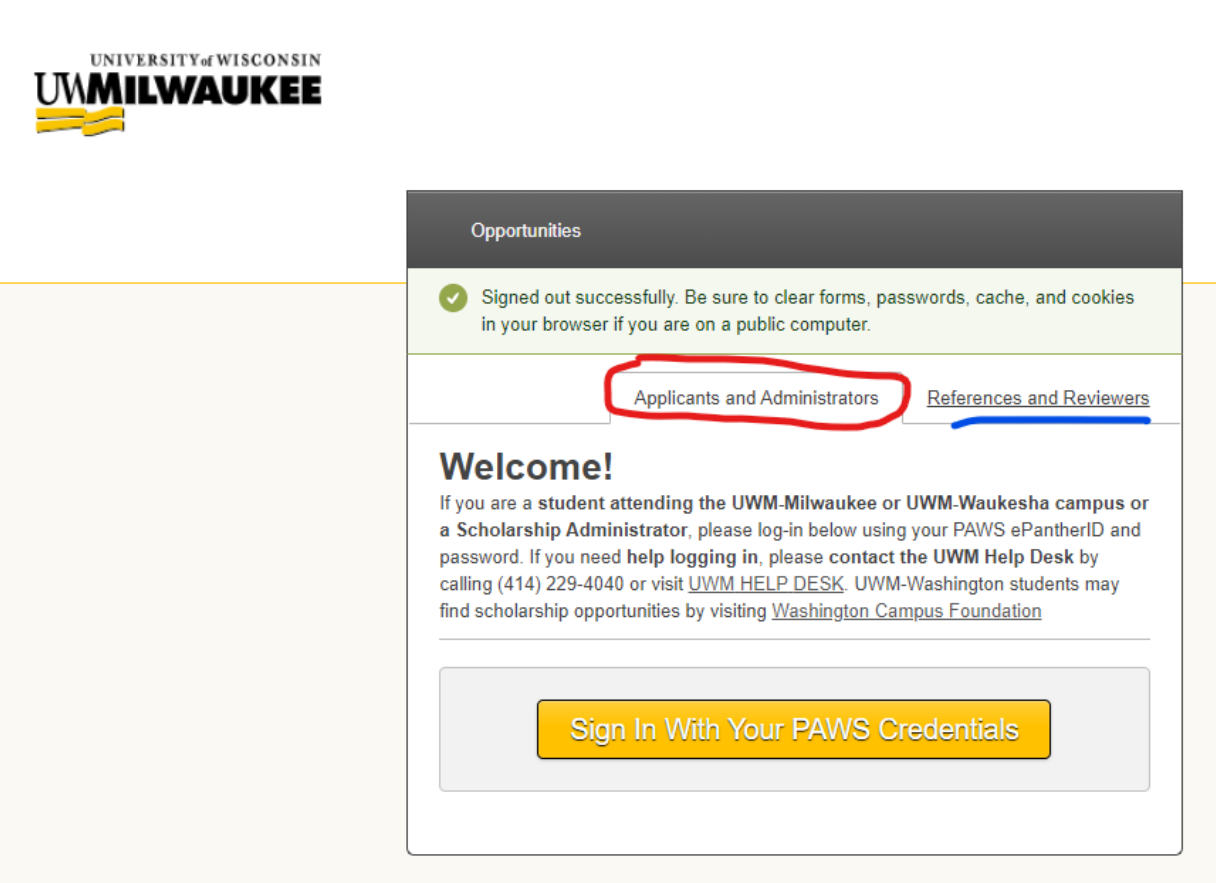
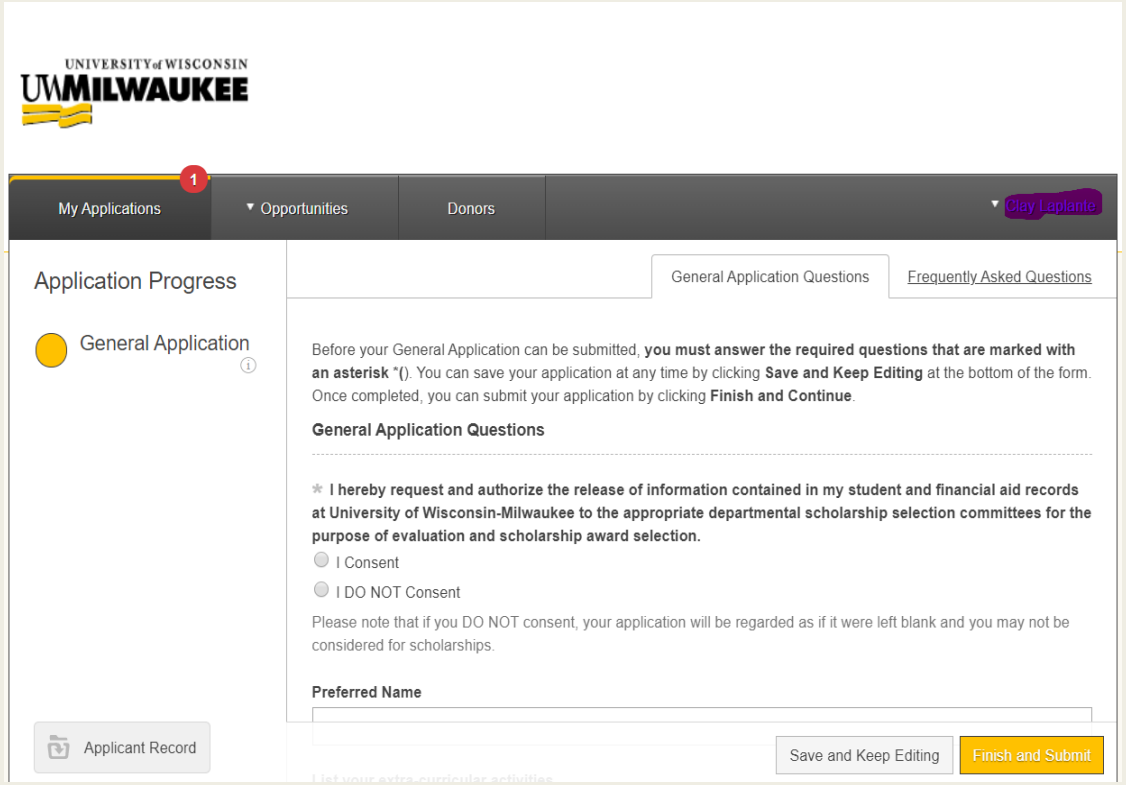
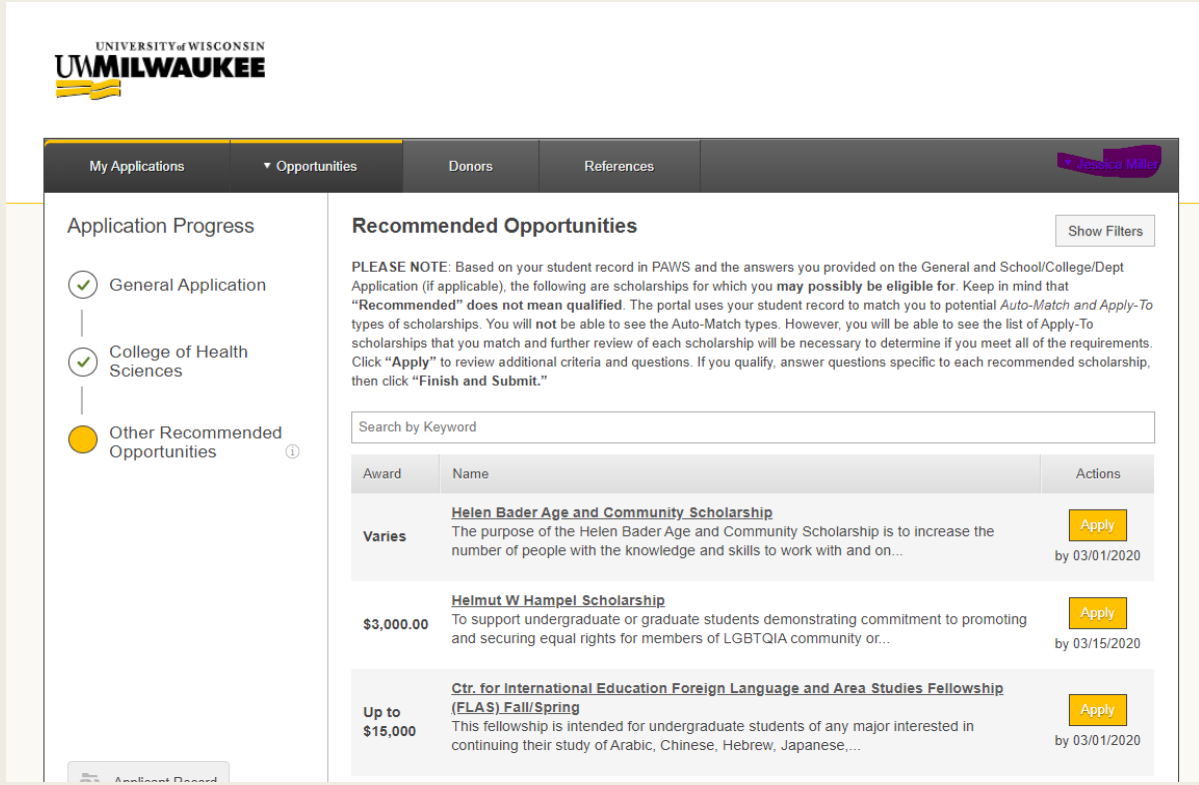
Sign In Page



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

Landing page





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

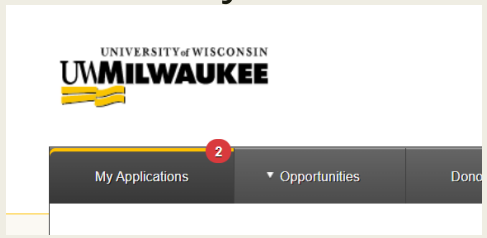
Letters of Recommendations- may be requested in two ways: upload file or provide a reference name and email

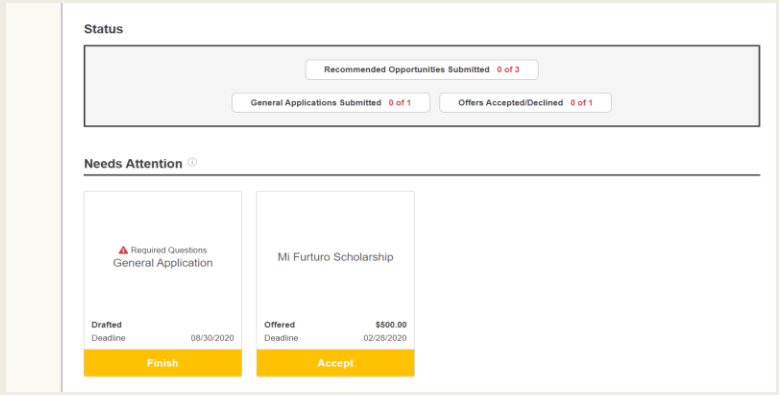
- If you are being asked to upload a letter of recommendation, be sure to follow the file name format in the previous slide.

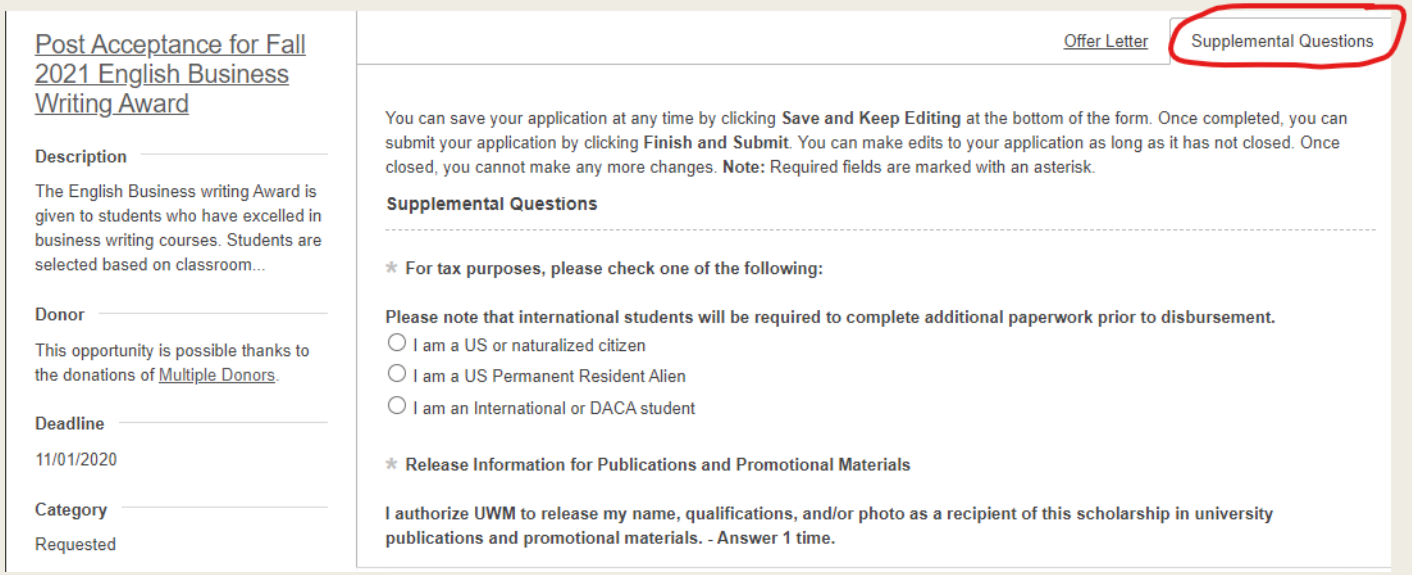
- Providing a name and email of a recommender. The system will send an email requesting the person to set up an account in the portal to be able to submit their recommendation.
- You will not have access to their recommendation but will be able to see if they submitted it or not.
- Please note, you should 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.







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 1st
- 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 it own sets challeng. I was successful at accomplishing my goal by setting smaller goals for myself work towards 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

- Changes to academic or personal information imported in from PAWS:

- https://uwm.edu/registrar/contact-us/