

United Way of Long Island's Scholarship Programs 2022-2023 School Term



Scholarships are an integral part of United Way's focus on what matters most in our community. In order to achieve positive change in the lives of Long Islanders, United Way of Long Island, together with our community partners, advances the common good by investing in and developing programs that address Long Islanders' critical needs in education, income/financial stability and health.

United Way of Long Island's Scholarship Programs provide financial support so culturally diverse **Long Island Youth** from low to moderate-income families so they can pursue their dreams and aspirations through three (3) scholarship opportunities described below.

The DREAMS for Youth Scholarship Program (*Determination, Realization, Education, Academics, Mission, Service*) was developed in 2001 through the generous support of the late Ben Pace, founder of the Dreams R Us Foundation. Since its inception, more than \$1 million in scholarships have been awarded to more than 400 students.

- **DREAMS for Youth Academic Scholarship:**
 - Offers awards from \$1,000 - \$3,000 for the first year of college.
 - Open to graduating seniors attending a 4-year college/university or vocational program.
 - Students must be from low to moderate-income families and demonstrate a financial need.
 - Awards paid over 2 semesters and are based on maintaining a 2.75 GPA.
 - *All payments sent directly to the school.*
- **DREAMS for Youth Enrichment Scholarship:**
 - Offers awards from \$100 - \$2,500.
 - Open to students in 7th – 12th grades attending a program that inspires creativity and advances learning such as an artistic program or specialized summer camp.
 - College credit courses in High School are NOT eligible.
 - Students must be from low to moderate-income families and demonstrate a financial need.
 - *All payments sent directly to the vendors.*

The Camilla G. Belser Memorial Scholarship Fund was developed to honor one of the founding members of the Long Island Insurance Community (LIIC) who served as one of the inspirational leaders of the organization until her untimely passing.

- **The Camilla G. Belser Memorial Scholarship Fund:**
 - Offers awards up to \$5,000.
 - Open to graduating seniors attending a 2-year program at Nassau or Suffolk Community College. *Other accredited two-year colleges will be considered.*
 - Awards paid over 4 semesters and are based on maintaining a 2.75 GPA.
 - *All payments sent directly to the school.*

The following pages contain information on applying for one of the above scholarships, required materials, eligibility details, and an application form.

Deadline for submitting application:
Thursday, March 31, 2022



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Scholarship Criteria

It is the policy of United Way of Long Island and the Scholarship Advisory Board to consider all qualified candidates without regard to race, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation or disability. Each applicant is notified of the Board's determination. Funds are distributed directly to the vendor for the enrichment scholarship and to the selected college/university or vocational school for the academic award.

Applicant and parent/guardian signatures indicate that all information contained in the application is complete, factually correct and honestly presented. If any information is found to be false, this may result in the forfeiture of the scholarship award.

Awards are granted at the discretion of the Board and supervised by the United Way of Long Island. It is the responsibility of the scholarship award recipient to submit reports at the end of the activity for which the scholarship was received.

For academic scholarships, grade reports are required at the end of each semester along with the next semester tuition bill. Students must achieve a GPA of 2.75 or above.. Reasonable explanation and corrective action essays for those not achieving the required GPA will be considered.

United Way of Long Island maintains the anonymity of the applicants and does not share personal information, including names, addresses or social security numbers with any outside parties, including the Scholarship Advisory Board. United Way of Long Island reserves the right to terminate scholarships at any time.

Students competing for the Scholarships must meet the following criteria:

Applicants must reside on Long Island and attend a Middle or High School in Nassau or Suffolk County.

For Academic Scholarships, applicants must be a graduating high school senior.

For Enrichment Scholarships, applicants must be enrolled in 7th to 12th grade.

Applicant must demonstrate financial need for academic and enrichment scholarships.

Academic Scholarships require a copy of the FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR) **AND** a copy of the most recent tax return for parents or guardians.

Enrichment Scholarships require a copy of the most recent tax return for parents or guardians.

These documents must be submitted along with the application.

Applicants will be notified of their status in mid to late June. Payments will be processed upon receipt of the student's official tuition bill from their respective institution that includes the school name and address and the student's name and student ID number.

**Application Deadline:
Thursday, March 31, 2022**

**All materials must be submitted together
Late applications will not be considered**

Application Cover Sheet
2022 -2023 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS



Name: _____

Date: _____

Application Checklist:

Application only considered complete and valid when all items listed are submitted together:

Incomplete applications will not be considered

Have you included?

1. This checklist page **Signed and Dated** _____
2. The Completed Application Page _____
3. Copy of FAFSA Student Aid report (SAR) *(for Academic Scholarships only)* _____ (Black out all SS #'s)
4. Copy of parent/guardian's most recent 1040 _____ (Black out all SS #'s)
 - a. Household Gross Annual Income: \$ _____
5. **For Enrichment Scholarships Only** – program brochure/flyer & pricing information _____
6. **For Academic Scholarships Only** Copy of SAT and/or ACT Scores - _____
 - a. Total SAT Score _____ Total ACT Score _____
7. ***Student's Resume _____ (if multiple pages be sure name is on each page)
8. ***Student's Essay/Personal Statement _____ (if multiple pages be sure name is on each page)
*****see next page for resume and essay specifications*****
9. *Student's School Transcript _____
10. *Two Letters of Recommendation _____

***Note to Guidance Counselors – Please provide transcript & recommendation letters to student to be submitted with all other materials - DO NOT SEND SEPARATELY**

Applicant and Parent/Guardian Disclosure

I, _____ attest that all of the information provided in this application is complete, factually correct and honestly presented. I understand that if any of the information is found to be false, this may result in disqualification or forfeiture of the scholarship award. I understand that it is my responsibility to submit appropriate bills to United Way of Long Island for payment that will be made directly to the appropriate academic institution or vendor.

I understand that my signature below attests to the above, and I agree to adhere to these terms.
If the applicant is under the age of 18 years old, an additional signature of a parent or guardian is required.

Applicant Signature

Parent or Guardian Signature

SEND APPLICATION AND ALL MATERIALS TO:

United Way of Long Island
Attn: Community Impact - Scholarship Committee
819 Grand Boulevard
Deer Park, NY 11729

**APPLICATION AND ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED
NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2022**

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RESUME AND ESSAY SPECIFICATIONS

Resume - must include the following:

- High School Attending
- Graduation date
- GPA
- SAT Score (If applicable)
- ACT Score (if applicable)
- Academic Honors, Awards or Titles
- Leadership roles/responsibilities
- Community Service Activities
- Extracurricular Activities
- Work History (if any)
- Name of College/University you have been accepted to or plan to attend (*for Academic Scholarship applications*)
- List of all colleges/universities applied to (*for Academic Scholarship applications*)
- Anticipated Major (*for Academic Scholarship applications*)
- Name of Enrichment Program you plan to attend (*for Enrichment Scholarship applications only*)

Essay/Personal Statement – must answer the following questions

1. What challenges have you had to overcome to achieve your goals and complete your high school education? How did you overcome those challenges and what did you learn about your own unique leadership capabilities? How will you apply the lessons learned to help you achieve your future goals?
2. Statement of Financial Need: How will this scholarship help you financially achieve your dreams of going to college? Describe why you need financial assistance.
3. How will this scholarship help you achieve your goals?
4. Describe an event, achievement or experience that has had a strong influence on your life using one of the DREAMS acronyms (**D**etermination, **R**ealization, **E**nrichment, **A**cademics, **M**ission or **S**ervice) as a focal point.
5. Be sure to talk about yourself, what makes you stand out.
6. Be sure to have someone proof your essay for spelling and grammar.

The final decisions as to which students are selected will weigh heavily on the answers provided to these questions. Be as introspective as possible.

Letters of Recommendation: Please provide two letters of recommendation:

- One from a teacher or school administrator
- One from a church, community leader or other non-family member who can attest to your involvement with community service activities at school, church or in the Long Island Community.
 - Letters must be included with all other materials.
 - Do not have school mail them separately.

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Scholarship Application: Applicant and Parent Data **(Please print clearly)**

Applicant's Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____
MM / DD / YYYY

Age: _____ Gender: *Male / Female*
Circle one

Mailing Address: _____
Street Address City State Zip Code

Student Home Phone: _____ Student Cell: _____

Student Email Address: _____

Current School: _____ Current Grade: _____

Guidance Counselor Name: _____ Email Address: _____

For Academic Scholarship Applications Only **(Graduating HS Seniors Only)**

College/University Name: _____

Intended Major for Academic Scholarship Applications (graduating HS Seniors only): _____

College Tuition Cost: _____ Room/Board Cost (if applicable): _____

For Enrichment Scholarship Applications Only **(7th – 12 Graders)**

Enrichment Program Name: _____

For Enrichment Programs please include program brochure/flyer and pricing information

Parent(s) or Guardian Information:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Home: _____ Cell: _____ Work: _____ Email: _____

Employer: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Home: _____ Cell: _____ Work: _____ Email: _____

Employer: _____

Does your family own your home: _____ Is there a senior citizen in your home: _____ Is there a veteran in your home: _____

Was your family financially impacted in any way by the COVID 19 pandemic? YES _____ NO _____

- If yes, please explain.