

# Avis' Legacy Scholarship

## Application Information

### Avis Legacy Scholarship: MY GUARDIAN ANGEL

Blessing Our Women, Inc. is honored to offer the Avis Legacy Scholarship, named in memory of Avis Wells. This scholarship is dedicated to empowering survivors of domestic violence through education. Each year, we recognize outstanding individuals who have demonstrated resilience and determination in overcoming the challenges posed by domestic violence.

#### **Award:**

- Scholarship Amount: \$500
- Opens January 6<sup>th</sup> each year
- Number of Scholarships: Determined by March each year
- Honoree Invitation: Each recipient will be honored at our Annual Domestic Violence Awareness Luncheon

#### **Eligibility Requirements:**

- Undergraduate student or prospective student entering college/university by Fall Semester
- Personally affected by domestic violence
- Volunteer experience with domestic violence
- Minimum 2.5 GPA

#### **Application Deadline:**

- Applications must be submitted by midnight on Saturday, April 26, 2025

**Submission Details:** Applicants must submit the required documents via mail to: Blessing Our Women, Inc.

3157 Gentilly Blvd. Suite 2005

New Orleans, LA 70122

Failure to submit all required documents will disqualify you from further consideration.

#### **Notification of Award:**

- Award notifications will be completed between June 22nd and June 28th, 2025
- Proof of enrollment in a college/university must be submitted before the award is made

#### **Required Documents:**

1. **Application Form**
2. **Personal Statement:**
  - Page 1: How domestic violence impacted your education
  - Page 2: How this scholarship will impact your future
3. **Two Professional Letters of Recommendation**
4. **Community Service Verification:**
  - 60 hours at a Domestic Violence Center
5. **Official Transcripts:**
  - High School Seniors: Submit high school transcript
  - College Students: Submit most recent college transcript
  - New Students without a transcript: Submit a short story explaining why you are unable to provide a transcript

### **Application Process Overview:**

1. Review the eligibility requirements.
2. Complete the application form.
3. Write your personal statement and gather your letters of recommendation.
4. Complete your community service hours and obtain verification.
5. Collect your official transcripts.
6. Mail all required documents to the address provided.

### **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):**

- **Who is eligible to apply for the scholarship?** Applicants must be personally affected by domestic violence, have volunteer experience with domestic violence, and hold a minimum 2.5 GPA.
- **Can I apply if I am a high school senior?** Yes, high school seniors who will be entering college/university by the Fall Semester are eligible.
- **What should be included in my personal statement?** Your personal statement should address how domestic violence impacted your education and how this scholarship will impact your future.

**Contact Information:** For any questions or assistance with your application, please contact us at [info@blessingourwomeninc.org](mailto:info@blessingourwomeninc.org).

**About Blessing Our Women, Inc. (B.O.W. Inc.):** Blessing Our Women, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that recognizes and honors the angels who have lost their lives to domestic violence. Our hearts go out to every family devastated by this tragedy. As part of our mission, we remember our angels through our memorial scholarship fund. Each of our scholarships is uniquely named after one of our angels. Since 2015, we have been dedicated to:

- Conducting educational annual luncheons about domestic violence awareness
- Encouraging others to speak out
- Sharing our stories
- Ensuring every survivor that “They are not alone”

**About Avis Wells:** This scholarship is named in honor of Avis Wells, my beloved aunt who tragically lost her life to domestic violence when she was shot by her children's father. Avis left behind six children—one girl and five boys. This situation is deeply personal to me, not only because Avis was my aunt, but also because I recently faced my own battle with domestic violence. In January of 2023, I was shot in the face by my boyfriend. This incident has made the scholarship even more important to me, highlighting the urgent need to support those affected by domestic violence.

**B. O. W. for a new beginning!**

# Application Form

Full Name:

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Date of Birth:

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Mailing Address:

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| City | State | Zip Code |
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Phone Number

Email Address

Current School/College

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Intended College/University (if applicable)

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Major/Field of Study

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GPA

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**Personal Statement:** Attach a 2-page typewritten personal statement:

- Page 1: How domestic violence impacted your education
- Page 2: How this scholarship will impact your future

**Letters of Recommendation:** Attach two professional letters of recommendation.

**Community Service Verification:** Attach verification of 60 hours of community service at a Domestic Violence Center.

**Official Transcripts:** Attach official transcripts:

- High School Seniors: Submit high school transcript
- College Students: Submit most recent college transcript
- New Students without a transcript: Submit a short story explaining why you are unable to provide a transcript

**Signature:**

**Applicant Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your interest in the Avis Legacy Scholarship. Your support helps us honor Avis Wells and other victims of domestic violence while empowering survivors to pursue their educational goals. Together, we can make a difference.

## ***Scholarship Application Checklist:***

- \_\_\_\_\_ Completed Application
- \_\_\_\_\_ Personal Statement
- \_\_\_\_\_ Official School Transcript (applied for if in college)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2 Recommendation Letters
- \_\_\_\_\_ Community Service Verification (at a Domestic Violence Center)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Photo

