

THE BILL ABOM LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP

1. The Bill Abom Legacy Scholarship has no deadline for application submissions. All submissions accepted will be considered.
2. Refer to the criteria below for eligibility requirements.
3. Refer to the application process below for a list of the supporting documents needed (i.e., reference forms, evidence of GPA, etc.) Incomplete applications will not be considered.
4. If any question does not apply to you in this application, please put N/A in the space.
5. Type or print legibly. Illegible applications will not be considered.
6. You will be notified by email or phone call regarding the status of your application.
7. If you have any questions about the application, please email Christine Wilson Wilsoneduandwellness@gmail.com

NOTE: The Wilson Education and Mental Wellness Foundation will handle all deposits of funds to the accredited college for the selected program(s).

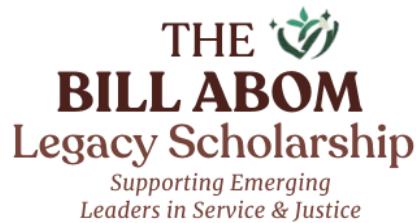
Purpose: The Bill Abom Legacy Scholarship was created to honor and carry forward the life's work of Bill Abom by investing in individuals who share his passion for advocacy, service, and collective action. The scholarship provides financial support to students pursuing education or careers that advance worker rights, immigrant support, public service, mental health, and community leadership—ensuring that Bill's values continue to create meaningful impact for future generations.

For the purposes of the Bill Abom Legacy Scholarship, an applicant is considered economically disadvantaged if they face financial barriers that limit their ability to access, continue, or complete educational or career-advancement opportunities. This may include, but is not limited to:

- **Household income that meets or falls below federal or state low-income guidelines**
- **Reliance on public assistance programs (e.g., SNAP, SSI, TANF, housing assistance)**
- **Being a first-generation college student from a low-income household**
- **Experiencing financial hardship due to immigration status, displacement, or limited access to employment opportunities**
- **Supporting family members financially or contributing significantly to household income**
- **Facing unexpected financial hardship (job loss, medical expenses, caregiving responsibilities, or housing insecurity)**
- **Limited access to financial resources, savings, or generational wealth**

Economic disadvantage is evaluated holistically and may include personal, family, or community-based circumstances that create financial strain or limit access to opportunity.

Award Components: A scholarship may be awarded depending on the funds generated for distribution each year up to \$1,000.



Scholarship Criteria:

1. Applicants must have a high school diploma or GED.
2. Applicants must be between over the age of 18.
3. Applicants must meet the economically disadvantaged criteria listed above.
4. Applicants must have a valid driver's license.
5. Applicants must not have a criminal record with a felony conviction.
6. Applicants must submit current transcripts if applying for reconciliation of past tuition balance.

Applicants must submit the following:

1. **Completed application form.** If handwritten, please ensure all information is printed clearly and legibly.
2. **Two letters of recommendation** from individuals such as high school teachers, mentors, administrators, counselors, employers, or others who can speak to your character, achievements, and community involvement.
3. **Proof of high school completion**, such as a high school diploma or GED certificate.
4. **Copy of your current college transcript** (if applicable).
5. **Personal Essay.** Emailed as attached to the application submitted
6. **Oral Interview.** Qualified applicants will participate in an interview as part of the selection process.

Please email the application to: Wilsoneduandwellness@gmail.com

Please type or print your answers below. If the application is illegible, it will be returned to you.

1. Last Name: First Name:
2. Date of Birth:
3. Mailing Address:
4. Phone Number:
5. High School Attended: Year Graduated:

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6. Current College: Graduation Date:

7. College(s) Attended:

8. Year Graduated

9. List other financial assistance you will receive per semester or quarter (i.e. personal, other scholarships, grants, student loans, and other financial resources). Include amounts of all items listed.

10. What are your educational objectives?

11. List your academic honors, awards and membership activities while in high school or college:

12. List your community service activities, hobbies, outside interests, and extracurricular activities

Personal Essay: Please write or type your essay as a separate document, include your name, and mailing address at the top of the page, print or save and attach it to this application.

Your essay must be limited to 300 words, neat and legible, to be accepted with this application.

Essay Topic (1): Many individuals face economic, social, or systemic barriers in pursuing education or meaningful work.

Describe the challenges you have faced and how they have influenced your educational or career goals. How will receiving the Bill Abom Legacy Scholarship help you continue serving or uplifting underserved or marginalized communities?

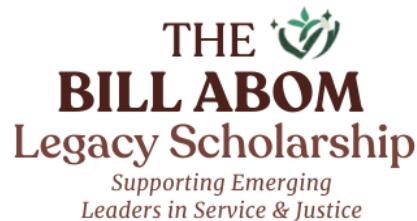
Essay Topic (2): Describe a time when you advocated for, supported, or served others in your community. What motivated you, what challenges did you face, and how did this experience shape your commitment to justice, dignity, or service?



Which of the following apply to you? (Check all that apply):

- First-generation college student
- Household income limits ability to pay for education
- Supporting family members financially
- Experiencing housing or food insecurity
- Medical, mental health, or unexpected financial hardship
- Working while attending school
- Receiving limited or no financial aid
- Other (please explain)

Please briefly explain how these circumstances impact your ability to afford school:



As part of the Bill Abom Legacy Scholarship, recipients are encouraged—once financially able—to give back in the spirit of service and solidarity that defined Bill Abom's life. Scholarship recipients who go on to employment in service-oriented or advocacy-focused fields may choose to make a good-faith contribution to the Wilson Education and Mental Wellness Foundation Inc. to help support future scholarship recipients.

Applicant Signature:

Date:

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY I hereby affirm that all the above-stated information I provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any necessary purpose to promote the Wilson Education and Mental Wellness Foundation Inc. I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at the post-secondary institution of my choice before scholarship funds can be awarded.

Applicant Signature:

Date:

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