**BELMONT CLUB OF WOMEN**

**SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PROGRAM**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Belmont Club of Women was formed in 1928 with purpose to promote the welfare of rural women in our communities. While the “rural” nature of the area is no longer as prevalent as in 1928, the Club has continued to reach out in service to both men and women in the communities of Louisa, Orange, and Spotsylvania counties. As part of this service mission, each year, the Club awards scholarships to graduating seniors from Louisa and Orange County High Schools, and to a graduating senior from Spotsylvania High School.

**THE AWARD**

The scholarships, one to each school, are presented to students who have demonstrated a heart for service to their communities while maintaining superior academic achievement.

Individuals selected will receive a monetary award in the amount of $2,000.00 (***amount subject to funding***), which must be used exclusively for post-secondary education at an approved college, technical institution, or trade school. The money awarded will be sent directly to the higher education institution of the recipient’s choice and may be used to cover or apply to tuition, room and board, and/or books and supplies.

**ELIGIBILITY**

Awards will be made based on the following evaluation:

* Level of service to the applicant’s community
* Academic achievement
* Content of an essay reflecting on the importance of community service and its impact on the applicant’s life
* Letters of recommendation from a teacher and an adult familiar with the applicant’s community service

**APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURE**

A completed application with all accompanying material (essay, school transcript, and two letters

of recommendation) must be provided to the Belmont Club of Women via email or **postmarked no later than** **April 10, 2021.** The application may also be submitted to the student’s guidance office as well. The selection committee, which is comprised of three representatives from the Club, will notify selected recipients as well as all other applicants, and the guidance departments at the high schools, by **May 15, 2021**. The Belmont Club of Women is hopeful that a member of the Scholarship Committee will be invited to participate in the school’s end-of-year award ceremony, to recognize the recipient of the scholarship.

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**The Belmont Club of Women
Scholarship Application**

1. **PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. **ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

High School \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of institution you plan to attend \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Honors/awards you have received and dates *(if necessary, add additional pages for response)*:

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1. **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT** *(if necessary, add additional pages for response)*

List and description of community volunteer positions held, dates, and estimated hours:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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List jobs you have held, dates/duties: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. **SPECIAL INTERESTS** *(if necessary, add additional pages for response)*

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1. **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

Along with your completed application, provide the following:

* A typed essay, not to exceed 500 words, reflecting on the importance of your community service and its impact on your life;
* Your most recent school transcript;
* Two letters of recommendation from 1) a teacher or counselor who is familiar with your academic record and 2) another adult familiar with your community service.
* (optional – 150 word maximum to be provided below) Briefly describe any special circumstances that should be taken into consideration by the Scholarship Committee.

**PLEASE READ AND SIGN THE STATEMENT BELOW.** Note that if you are selected to receive a Belmont Club of Women scholarship you will be required to provide us with your (college) student ID number, to submit with our check to the college of your choice. This will help the finance office staff identify the student and purpose for which the check is intended.

*I certify that, to the best of my knowledge the information contained in this document is correct and complete. I give permission to the Belmont Club of Women to verify this information. I agree to release my transcript, financial aid records, and any other pertinent school or work records deemed necessary to the Belmont Club of Women or its representative for evaluation of my eligibility for a scholarship. I understand that the money I’m being awarded is only for application to my tuition, room and board, and books and supplies.*

SIGNATURE\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Submit your completed application and supplemental materials no later than **April 10, 2021** to your school’s guidance office, or submit directly to belmontclubofwomenscholarships@gmail.com. Mailed applications must be postmarked by the deadline and may be sent to:

 BCOW Scholarship Committee

 c/o Nancy Biscoe, Chairperson

 8220 Belmont Road

 Spotsylvania, VA 22551

For further information call Nancy Biscoe (540-308-5186) or Sandra Childs (540-834-6267).

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