**BELMONT CLUB OF WOMEN**

**SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PROGRAM**

**Jenifer Shoemaker Memorial Scholarship**

**INTRODUCTION**

The Belmont Club of Women was formed in 1928 and provides service to both men and women in the communities of Louisa, Orange, and Spotsylvania counties. As part of this service mission, the Club has created an annual scholarship for currently enrolled college students to help with tuition in the second, third or fourth years.

**THE AWARD**

The Jenifer Shoemaker Memorial Scholarship was created in 2024 as part of the Scholarship Awards Program of the Belmont Club of Women. Jenifer was a much-loved younger sister of one of the Belmont Club members. The scholarship is designed to honor Jenifer and to help serve the local community.

The individual selected will be a current student at a higher education school, residing in either Orange, Louisa or Spotsylvania counties and will receive a monetary award in the amount of $2,000.00 (***amount subject to funding***). The award must be used exclusively for post-secondary education at an approved college, technical institution or community college. The money awarded will be sent directly to the higher education institution the individual is attending and may be used to apply to tuition, room and board, and/or books and supplies.

**EVALUATION CRITERIA**

Awards will be made based on the following:

* Academic achievement
* Content of an essay
* Financial need
* Letter of recommendation
* Level of community and or school involvement
* Work experience

**DUE DATE**

A complete application with all accompanying material must be provided to the Belmont Club of Women via email or mail **no later than** **March 27, 2026.** The selection committee, will notify selected recipients as well as all other applicants by April 24, 2026. These funds are applicable to the academic year 2026-2027.

**The Belmont Club of Women
Jenifer Shoemaker Scholarship Application**

1. **PERSONAL INFORMATION**

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

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1. **ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

Name of institution attending in 2025-2026 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of institution you plan to attend in 2026-2027 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Location (city and state) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Your area of academic concentration\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. **SCHOOL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT -** List and describe all current school and community involvement:

**IV. WORK EXPERIENCE** *-*List jobs you have held, dates/duties:

1. **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**
	1. Estimate your financial needs for the upcoming year
		1. Tuition $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
		2. Room & Board $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
		3. Books & Fees $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	2. Are any of the following financial resources available for your college education?
		1. Parents and other relatives \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_\_ no
		2. Your own assets \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_\_ no
		3. EFC on your FAFSA \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* **ESSAY - not to exceed 1,000 words**, detailing the applicant’s first year of higher education, any difficulties encountered, financial need and any additional information that would be helpful to consider. Please insert the essay below:
1. **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS -** Along with your completed application, provide the following:
* **Your most recent school transcript**
* **One letter of recommendation** from a professor who is familiar with your academic experience or another non-familial adult familiar with your work/community/school activities

**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 student ID number, to submit with our check to the school 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 full, completed application and required items no later than **March 27, 2026** to junebud07@gmail.com .

If mailed, applications must be postmarked by the deadline date and sent to:

 BCOW Scholarship Committee

 c/o Ann Mahoney, Chairperson

 14720 Comfort Lane

 Mineral, VA 23117

For further information call Ann Mahoney (703) 597-9168 or email: junebud07@gmail.com

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