2020-21 BC Foundation Scholarship Application

All BC Foundation scholarships are to be used at Bellevue College only and can be applied to tuition, fees and, in some cases, books. Scholarships provide funding for the upcoming academic year – Fall, Winter and Spring quarters. Summer awarding is not available.

Instructions

To move through the application:

- Click the link for each page at the top of this application (i.e. General Information, Military Service, etc.) or click "Next" at the bottom of the each page.
- Use the "Save" button at the bottom of each page - be sure to save often! You can click "Save" and then click on another section at the top of the application. This will allow you to work on sections without completing the previous ones.
- Save your work before leaving your application and you can return and resume at any time using either the link provided in the pop up box or have it emailed to you. You do not have to complete the application in one sitting. Please be sure to save the link where you can find it if you need to return to your application.

This application has the following components and must be submitted by the application deadline in order for to be considered complete:

Student Application -

This online form to be completed by you, the applicant no later than the application deadline, **Monday, March 9, 2020 by 11:59 PM**.

Recommendation -

For the personal recommendation, you should choose an adult who has insight into your personal character as well as your family history. A good option may be a counselor, coach, pastor, employer or teacher who knows you particularly well. A family member, relative, or significant other may not serve as your personal recommender.

Transcript -

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college credits, you must submit a current UNOFFICIAL high school transcript, showing all of your classes through fall quarter/semester 2019.

If you are a Running Start student, check with your high school to ensure that your Running Start credits for fall quarter are included. You may need to request an official transcript from your high school a couple of weeks in advance, so be sure to plan ahead.

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**High School Graduate, Not Currently Enrolled in College:** If you graduated from high school and attended college, but are not enrolled fall quarter/semester 2019, you must submit your most recent UNOFFICIAL college transcript that includes your cumulative GPA.

**CURRENT BC STUDENTS:** click here to access your current Bellevue College unofficial transcript. You will need your BC Student ID and Student PIN to access your transcript.

The deadline for this application, completed Recommender Form & Letter, and Unofficial Transcript is Monday, March 9, 2020 by 11:59 P.M. Please do not wait until the last minute to complete your application - deadline extensions will not be granted.

☐ I Understand the Instructions

**General Information**

**Name**

First

Middle

Last

**Preferred Name**

*If you have a nickname or other name you go by that your recommender is likely to use in their recommendation forms, please include that here.*

**What is your gender identity?**

**What is your sexual orientation?**

**Date of Birth**

**Contact Information**

**Address**

Address Line 1
Address Line 2

City

State / Province / Region

Postal / Zip Code

Country

Phone Number

Alternate Phone Number

Email

Alternate Email

This should be an email address you check frequently.

Citizenship Status

Are you a WA State Resident as classified by the WA State Legislature?

For an international student to be considered a state resident they must have a status that permits them to remain indefinitely in the United States. Students with nonimmigrant visa, such as a B, F, J or M status visa, will generally not be considered eligible for state residency status.

How many years have you been a WA State resident?

Are you attending BC as an International Student?

○ Yes  ○ No

If eligible to apply, I will file or have filed a 2020-21 FAFSA or WASFA.

○ Yes  ○ No

Please choose the application you will or have filed for 2020-21.

○ FAFSA  ○ WASFA

Additional Information

Bellevue College administers many scholarships designed to offer aid to students that represent unique characteristics. Please select any and all of the qualifiers below that apply to you. This information may increase your likelihood of qualifying for selected scholarships.

Please note: If you are awarded a scholarship based on any of these qualifiers, you will be asked to produce documentation verifying your eligibility.

Personal Experiences & Challenges
☐ First in family to attend college (this includes parents and grandparents)
☐ Adult returning to college after hiatus in academic career
☐ Displaced homemaker
☐ Single parent with child(ren) under 18
☐ Person with a disability either visible or invisible
☐ Identify as a person with Autism Spectrum Conditions, including High Functioning Autism, Asperger’s Syndrome, Non-Verbal Learning Disability, and PDD-NOS.
☐ Currently participate or will participate in the BC Autisim Spectrum Navigator’s program
☐ Plan to practice Nursing in WA State
☐ Pursuing a career in Alcohol & Drug Counseling
☐ Pursuing a career in Social Work & Welfare individual or group counseling
☐ Currently in or plan to enter into insurance industry
☐ Spouse, domestic partner, or child of a uniformed service member of U.S. or WA State (service can be past or present)
☐ Group Health employee, dependent of Group Health employee, or member of Group Health
☐ Currently hold or have held a leadership position either with a BC student organization or community organization
☐ Currently registered or will register in Adult Basic Education ESL (English as a Second Language) classes at BC
☐ A first or second generation immigrant to the U.S.
☐ NONE of these apply

Ethnicity

The Foundation collects this information in an effort to ensure that our applicant pool is equitably representative of the diverse ethnic and cultural populations of our service area. Selection to the Foundation Scholarship program is not contingent on belonging or not belonging to any ethnic or cultural group.

We ask that you select the option that most closely apply to your Race/Ethnicity. You may choose more than one.

NOTE: The following questions adhere to the U.S. Department of Education standards for gathering information about a student’s race and ethnicity and use the following guidelines:

- American Indian or Alaska Native (a person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment).
- Asian (a person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam). --
- Black or African American (a person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa). --
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (a person having origins in any of the original peoples of
Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands).

- White (a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa).

**What race(s) do you consider yourself?**

- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Hispanic or Latino
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- White
- Other

**American Indian &/or Alaskan Native Supplemental Questions**

In the Ethnicity section above, you indicated your ethnicity/race was in part or fully American Indian or Alaska Native.

Bellevue College has collaborated with the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe to provide scholarships to individuals who are registered as an enrolled member of a federal or state recognized tribe, or are a descendant of at least one grandparent or parent who is an enrolled tribal member.

If you choose to complete this section, you will be asked to provide verification of your eligibility as an affiliated tribal member. For students who are not enrolled tribal members themselves, but are able to prove that their parents or grandparents have tribal enrollment, you will be asked to submit documentation showing proof of your ancestry.

**Do you wish to provide additional information regarding your American Indian or Alaska Native ethnicity/race?**

[Blank]

**Current Tribal Enrollment Status:**

[Blank]  **Tribal Affiliation:**

[Blank]

**Military Service**

You are an active duty member of the United States Armed Forces if you:

- currently serve in the U.S. Armed Forces, or
- are a National Guard or Reserves enlistee who is on active duty for other than state or training purposes.

You are a veteran if you:

- Have engaged in active duty (including basic training) in the U.S. Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, or Coast Guard), or are a National Guard or Reserve enlistee who was called to active duty for other than state or training purposes, or were a cadet or midshipman at one of the service academies, and
Were released under a condition other than dishonorable.

**Have you or are you serving in the U.S. Armed Forces?**
- Yes □
- No □

**Are you currently or were you ever a US Marine or Navy Corps Member?**
- Yes □
- No □

In the previous question, you indicated that currently serve or have served as a US Marine or Navy Corps Member. Each year, the BC Foundation offers ONE scholarship to an applicant that has indicated they have served as either a Marine or Navy Corpsman. In order to be considered for this scholarship, the applicant must do the following:

- Complete your 2020-21 BC Foundation Scholarship Application, **AND**
- Upload a copy of your DD214 showing your status as an eligible recipient of the scholarship.

If you do not currently have a copy or need to request a new one, you can request one from the [U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs](https://www.va.gov). If you have already submitted a copy to the BC Veterans Services Office for the purposes of receiving your benefits and applying for financial aid, you can also contact their office for a copy of your DD214.

**Upload your DD214 here:**

**Living Situation**

*Please let us know what your current living situation is.*

**Please check any and all that may apply to your current living situation:**
- □ I am 24 years of age or older
- □ As of today, I am married
- □ I am currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training
- □ I am a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces
- □ I have or will have children who will receive more than half their support from me
- □ I have dependents (other than my children or spouse) who live with me and who receive more than half of their support from me
- □ At any time since you turned age 13, both your parents are deceased, you were or are in foster care, OR were or are a dependent or ward of the court
- □ As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, you are or were an emancipated minor
- □ Someone other than your parent or stepparent has legal guardianship of you, as determined by a court in your state of legal residence
- □ You were or have currently been determined that you are/were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless
- □ NONE of these apply
Household Size

How many people are in your household?

This number should include you, parents/guardians, spouses, siblings and other relatives. Please do not include roommates or significant others.

Number of people in household who will attend college in 2020-21:

Annual household income

30,000

Please use your best guess for this field. Annual household income can include you, parents, spouses, other family members residing in your home. Please do not include roommates or significant others.

Academic Information

Type of high school attended:

Name of high school or institution attended:

Country the High School/Institution is located in:

State High School/Institution is located in:

I am currently a:

High school expected graduation date:

Did you or are you participating in a Running Start, AP/IB, or college credit in the high school program?

- Yes
- No

How many college credits have you earned though a Running Start, AP/IB, or college credit in the high school program as of the end of fall term 2018?

Are you a current Bellevue College student?

- Yes
- No

Enter your BC Student ID#:

What college/university are you currently attending?

Total number of credits you earned as of the end of fall 2019:

Grade Point Average

Please use the categories below to identify how you will report your GPA.
- **Enrolled in high school** - If you have not yet graduated from high school, enter your high school cumulative GPA through fall quarter/semester 2019. If you are a Running Start student check with your high school to ensure that your Running Start credits for fall quarter are included.

- **Enrolled in college** -- If you are currently enrolled in college report your college cumulative GPA through fall quarter/semester 2019. If you attended more than one college, enter the GPA from the college where you earned the most credit.

- **Graduate from high school** -- If you have graduated from high school, but have not yet enrolled in college, enter your high school cumulative GPA.

- **Attended college, but not enrolled** -- If you graduated from high school and attended college, but are not enrolled fall quarter/semester 2019, enter your most recent college cumulative GPA from the college from which you earned the most credit.

- **Received your GED** -- Enter your GED score.

**My GPA is from:**

**My GPA is:**

For example: 2.75. If this is your first term at Bellevue College and you do not have a GPA from another school, please enter a 2.00 GPA to continue. The Foundation will verify your GPA with the records office at a later date.

**My GED score is:**

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**Academic Plans**

**Choose your program(s) of study that you will be pursuing at Bellevue College:**

Please choose the program or degree program that you intend to pursue at Bellevue College. If you are unsure of what program, choose "Undecided". If you do not see your program listed, choose "Other". You will be prompted to list your program when selecting the "Other" Option.

In the previous question, you listed "Othe" as your BC degree or program of choice. Please tell us what program you are planning to study at BC.

**Expected date of completion at Bellevue College:**

This should be the date you expect to complete your degree or program at BC. If you plan to complete one program and begin another program at BC, please use the date you last expect to attend BC.

**Do you plan to transfer to another university/college after completing your program at BC?**

Ο Yes Ο No
What university/college do you plan to transfer to?

What degree/program do you plan to pursue after transferring?

Activities & Involvement
Please list up to three activities in which you spend or have spent a significant amount of time outside of class. These can be any kind of pursuit, including:

- clubs, extracurricular activities (such as art or sports),
- religious,
- community/volunteer,
- family activities, and
- hobbies.

Include specific events and/or major accomplishments such as musical instruments played, varsity letters earned, etc. You may include activities completed during the summer. Please spell out any acronyms.

List your activities in their order of importance to you, from most important to least important.

Do you have any activities you wish to list?

☐ Yes  ☐ No

Activity 1
Activity Name:

Briefly describe your activity. Include approximate hours per week and total weeks (or months or years) you spent on the activity.

Which of the following best characterizes this activity?

Research (e.g. lab work)
Honors & Awards
Briefly describe any academic distinctions or other awards you have received during high school or college over the last three years.

Do you have any honors/awards you wish to list?
○ Yes  ○ No

Honor/Award 1

Paid Work Experience
List the top two jobs (including summer employment) you have held during the past three years.

Do you have any paid work experience you wish to list?
○ Yes  ○ No

Employment/Job 1
Specific job and nature of work: [ ]
Employer [ ]
Date of employment from: [ ]
Date of employment to: [ ]

If currently employed in this position, please put today’s date.
Approximate hours spent per week: [ ]

Short Answers
Minimum of 1000 characters and a maximum of 4000 characters (200 to 800 words) are required for each short answer question before the application can be submitted. We strongly recommend that you do the following:

- Read all the questions first.
- Outline your response to each question before you begin writing, making sure to address all parts of the question fully and completely. --
- Use different examples in different responses to build the most complete picture of yourself as a unique student applicant. The more details you include, the stronger your answers will be. --
1. Why is going to college important to you? How would receiving this scholarship help you achieve your goals?

2. Describe your academic and professional goals and your plans for achieving them. If you haven’t yet decided, you may write about the possibilities that currently appeal to you. How and why did you choose these goals? How do you know they suit you, and why do you think you’ll be successful in completing them?

3. How have your life experiences influenced why you want to go to college and/or what you want to study? Describe a time you worked hard towards a goal and what you learned from that experience. How did you grow? How will this help you in the future?

4. Describe your strengths and weaknesses. What personal characteristics, attitudes, traits, and habits will help you be successful at college and why? What characteristics, attitudes, traits, and habits might get in the way of your success, and what is your plan for managing them?
5. Do you have a mentor or role model you can turn to for support while you are in college? Tell us about him or her. How has this person helped you in the past, and how will they continue to help you? If possible, please write about a non-family member.

Please note: total characters includes spaces between words and punctuation.

6. What has your community given you, and how do you give back? Your community can include your family, school, neighborhood, church, service organizations, clubs, businesses, government organizations, or any other sector of the region where you live.

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7. Tell us about a topic or subject you like to learn about outside of the classroom. What sparked your interest in the subject? What have you learned and how have you learned it?

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Required Forms - Recommendation & Transcript
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PLEASE NOTE: Some scholarships may require an additional recommendation. If selected for the scholarship, the applicant will be notified to provide this information.

Step One: Enter the name and email address of the recommender.

Name
First
Last
Email

Step Two: Download the Recommender Form by clicking the link below.

Recommender Form (download)

You may either print the form, fill out your name and city, and deliver it to your recommender to complete, OR you can save the PDF and email it as an attachment to your recommender.

Your recommender must complete BOTH the Recommender Form and their Letter of Recommendation.

The form and letter must be received by the Foundation in order for your application to be considered complete. You must submit your items by completing and uploading them to this application.

NOTE: If you require other accommodations to submit your required documents, please contact the Foundation at scholarships@bellevuecollege.edu.

Please let your recommender know that recommendations must be completed on or before Monday, March 9, 2020 for your application to be considered complete. You may want to check in with your recommender again before March 9 to make sure they will be able to submit it in time.

Do not wait until the last minute to ask your recommender to complete the form and letter for your
application. Please be sure to give your recommender **at least two weeks before the due date to complete your request.**

Upload completed Recommender Form

Upload completed Recommender Letter

Transcript

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**If this is your first term at Bellevue College and you do not have a current GPA or transcript from another school, please submit a current copy of your transcript from BC showing your registered classes without the GPA.**

**High School Graduate, Not Currently Enrolled in College:**
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Upload your UNOFFICIAL transcript according to the instructions above:

Agreement & Consent

**Pledge of Authenticity, Agreement, and Consent**

If you are under the age of 18 at the time of this application, you must have a parent/guardian sign below.
By my/our signature on this form I/we pledge that:

- The statements made and circumstances represented throughout the applicant’s entire application are truthful to the best of my/our knowledge.
- The essays accompanying this form are substantively the applicant’s own work, although they may have been reviewed by parents, teachers or other advocates.
- All of the financial information I/we have provided is complete and accurate.

By my/our signature on this form I/we understand and agree that:

- The information submitted in this application will be reviewed by the Bellevue College Foundation (BCF) staff and outside consultants for the purposes of selection.
- Prior to candidate selection, BCF staff may be in contact with school officials to confirm that the applicant’s school attendance and conduct have been at the high level expected by the program. This information may be taken into consideration in the selection process.
- One of the outcomes of the scholarship program is to increase knowledge regarding higher education opportunity through research, and the applicant may be contacted by outside consultants in the future and asked to participate in research surveys whether or not they are selected for the Scholarship.
- All income and asset figures are subject to verification by the BCF staff. If requested, your family may need to provide official copies of federal income tax returns and other documents to BCF.
- The Foundation also reserves the right to not make a monetary scholarship award if the applicant is ultimately ineligible for need-based financial aid.
- If at any time information provided in this application is found to be false or inaccurate, it is sufficient cause for rejection or dismissal from the scholarship program.

By my/our signature on this form I/we consent to:

- The use of any and all information from this application in connection with BCF research activities. The applicant’s individual transcript and financial information will not be made available to the public through BCF research activities in a form that would allow the applicant to be identified, although research results may be made available to the public in an aggregated form, such as an average or a total for a group of students.
- I, the undersigned student, irrevocably give BCF the right to (1) share information about me (including my name, my college admission or enrollment status, my financial aid status, my academic progress including my cumulative grade point average, my academic major and areas of interest, and other personal and family background information I provide to BCF or any educational institution I currently attend) and (2) use my name, picture, or likeness (the “Likeness Materials”) for any program or BCF purpose.
- Further, I authorize my educational institution, which includes the various campus departments, to release my academic, financial aid, and any other pertinent educational information to BCF for the purpose of reviewing my application and the scholarship selection process.
• I waive (1) any rights I may have in connection with use of my information or the Likeness Materials, including any right to own, inspect or approve the form, media or manner of use and (2) any liability resulting from the use of my information or the Likeness Materials. If I am selected as program participant, I will, upon BCF’s request, sign additional releases in form and substance acceptable to BCF.

☐ Applicant Agrees

Signature

Date

I am under 18 years of age:
☐ Yes  ☐ No

Parent Name:

Signature

Date

First

Last

☐ Parent Agrees

Date