



BWLC Foundation

Helping make "Dreams Come True" one student at a time!

BWLC Foundation is now accepting 2026 Applications through **June, 16 2026**



BWLC membership has its benefits! Paid members can nominate a high school senior or college undergraduate for this opportunity. Not a member yet? Join today and get involved. <https://form.jotform.com/41043837448861>

BWLC Foundation Annual Scholarship (One-Time Award)

Awarded to applicants 23 years old or younger with a minimum 3.0 GPA.

Sylvia Chambers Scholarship (Renewable – Up to 4 Years)

Awarded to undergraduate students with a minimum 3.85 GPA.

Application Requirements:

Please submit the following materials along with your application:

- Official high school or college transcript
- Headshot photo (for inclusion on the BWLC Foundation website if selected)
- Personal typed essay based on the suggested topic (maximum 500 words)

Application Timeline:

- **5.1.2026** Application cycle begins
- **6.16.2026** Application deadline (All materials must be submitted, including essay, official transcript, and headshot)
- **7.31.2026** BWLC Foundation Scholars selected
- **8.15.2026** Scholars announced on the BWLC Foundation website and at the 2025 BWLC Summit

All inquires regarding the 2026 scholarship application should be sent to: bwlcfoundation@gmail.com

By accepting the scholarship, recipients grant the Black Women's Leadership Council ("BWLC") and the BWLC Foundation the unrestricted right to use the recipient's name, voice, likeness, school name, and any statements made by the recipient. This material may be used, with or without additional content, for advertising, promotional, and other lawful promotional purposes worldwide.

Scholarship Application

Full Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

High School/College: _____

Year in School (Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior):

Date of Birth: _____

Please list the colleges you have applied to, are considering, or are currently attending:

Please provide the name of the BWLC member who nominated you (one student per active/paid member):

Field of Study / Intended Major:

I certify that all information provided in this application, along with any supporting documents, is accurate and complete. I understand that any false or misleading information may result in the disqualification of my application. If selected as a scholarship recipient, I grant permission for my name and photograph to be used for promotional and publicity purposes by the BWLC Foundation.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Submission of this application does not guarantee selection for a scholarship award.

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Please attach the following documents:

1. Submit either your **official** high school transcript (including your cumulative GPA for three years) or your **official** college transcript for the current academic year (including your cumulative GPA).
2. All first-time applicants must submit **two essays**, each including your name and not exceeding 500 words.

Essay Topics:

Question 1 (Required):

- How do you reflect the core values of the BWLC Foundation: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion?

Question 2 (Choose One):

(Returning applicants are only required to complete one essay from the topics below.)

- How has a particular personal experience influenced your desire to attend college?
 - How do you intend to make a difference in your community?
 - Describe the state of our democracy. What do you believe you can do to impact it?
3. Include a headshot photo, which will be used in the winner's announcement if selected.

Submission Deadline

All applications must be postmarked or emailed by **June 16, 2025**.

Applications will **ONLY** be accepted at the following:

By Mail:

BWLC Foundation
c/o BWLC Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 20195
Rochester, NY 14602

OR By Email (for submissions and questions):
bwlcfoundation@gmail.com

