

## **BCC Foundation Scholarships**

More than 160 scholarships valued at \$300,000 are available for BCC students. We have scholarships for students entering the college, returning for another semester or graduating and transferring from BCC. Awards range from \$250 to full tuition and fees and are based on academic merit and financial need. Many scholarships place importance on community service, specific career goals, and individual characteristics. Students currently enrolled at BCC must have a minimum 2.75 GPA and be enrolled in a degree or certificate program.

## **Scholarship Application Process**

Applying for BCC Foundation scholarships is a simple, online process. You complete one general application and the system automatically recommends scholarships based on answers entered into an application form.

Below are steps to help guide you through the scholarship application process:

### **Two-Step Scholarship Application**

The scholarship application has a General Application section and an Opportunities section.

**STEP ONE:** complete and submit your general application. The program automatically matches you to scholarships based on answers entered on the application and/or academic information uploaded from our campus records database.

**STEP TWO:** After you have submitted your general application, look under the Opportunities: Recommended tab at the top of the screen to see if you qualify for additional scholarships. If so, you can apply to them by answering some additional short essay questions. **DO NOT** wait until the last minute to submit your general application because you will might not have time to complete the short essays.

### **Password Protection**

Scholarship applicants must use the MyBCC login (example: s0099999) and password to log-in to the scholarship application. If you are a newly admitted student, please make sure you have received a MyBCC student ID number and have activated your MyBCC account with a valid email address before you attempt to apply for scholarships.

You will use your BCC login credentials as you log in and out to complete and update your application and accept scholarship awards without having to create and remember a different password.

If you are entering BCC in the fall and do not yet have a MyBCC ID or password, contact the admissions office at 413-236-1630. Current BCC students who need help with your MyBCC ID or password, please call the IT Help Desk at 236-3004.

## Security

BCC is committed to providing the latest security and data encryption services for your protection. We do not collect personal information on our website to sell, rent, share, or otherwise disclose to outside organizations.

## Essay

As part of the General Application, you will need to write an essay addressing the following: ***What life experiences have shaped who you are today? How are you motivated by these experiences? Why do you believe that your accomplishments make you a good candidate for a scholarship?***

Please submit a well-written essay of 300-500 words. Pay special attention to spelling, grammar, and content as your application will be carefully reviewed by the Scholarship Committee. Your essay is a very important component of your application.

Check [www.berkshirecc.edu/scholarships](http://www.berkshirecc.edu/scholarships) for dates and times of essay-writing workshops and drop-in help.

## Reference

In the body of the application, you will be asked to enter the name and email address of a faculty member, employer, volunteer supervisor, or someone who knows you well professionally and can attest to the quality of your work. You should ask permission and notify this person in advance. References will receive an email with a link to the scholarship system. They will be directed to a short online questionnaire.

When selecting someone to serve as your reference, please be sure the reference can speak to your academic or professional work, and that this person will be able to complete the reference by the application deadline.

## Scholarship Directory

You can review the opportunities page for a comprehensive list of scholarships when you log in to the scholarship application portal. By completing one general application, you will be matched to specific opportunities. You do not need to apply for each scholarship. After you submit your general application, look for Recommended Opportunities to see if you qualify for additional scholarships requiring additional answers.