



The 2026 Breast Cancer Awareness, Inc. Scholarship Fund Application

Overview

The Breast Cancer Awareness, Inc. Scholarship Fund is a regional fund established by Breast Cancer Awareness, Inc. (BCA) to aid individuals living in Western Maryland, the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia and Franklin and Fulton Counties of Pennsylvania whose lives have been impacted by breast cancer through having yourself, a parent, relative or friend diagnosed with breast cancer or who have lost a parent, relative or friend to breast cancer.

Applications must be emailed or post marked on or before March 20, 2026.
Any application received after this date will not be considered.

Criteria:

1. Students must have been impacted by breast cancer.
2. A student must be a graduating high school junior or senior or accepted as a full-time or part-time student at an accredited two- or four-year college or university or a returning undergraduate student.
3. A minimum GPA of 3.0 is required.

Breast Cancer Awareness, Inc. shows no bias toward applicants of any particular race, religion or gender - none of which will be considered in choosing scholarship recipients. Evidence of financial need for college expenses is strongly recommended.

Scholarships will be awarded by Breast Cancer Awareness, Inc. **Students must accept or reject their scholarship by returning the acceptance letter by April 13, 2026. The awards presentation will be held at the BCA office on April 20, 2026.**

Scholarship awards will range in amounts from \$500.00 to \$2,000.00. The Scholarship Committee reserves the right to designate award amounts. Scholarships will be paid directly to the university or college in which the student is enrolled.

The spouse, parents, grandparents, children, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, mothers-in-law and fathers-in-law, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, daughters in-law, sons-in-law, adopted, half, and step members of BCA Board of Directors, BCA staff and Scholarship Committee Members are ineligible.

How to Apply

All previous BCA Scholarship winners may reapply using the same requirements below.

It is suggested that the application be reviewed by a parent or guidance counselor to determine all required information is being provided prior to submittal.

All Applicants must submit the following:

I. Scholarship Application

II. Academic Performance

Have your school send **one (1) official copy** of your current transcript showing your overall grade point average based on the 4.0 GPA scale. Transcripts can be sent in the mail (address below) or via email to: **Admin@bcainc.org**

III. Information Packages

A. Student Essay

This scholarship provides an excellent opportunity for college-bound students to consider the impact that breast cancer has had on their life and the lives of their family members and friends. Essays shall be double-spaced using Times New Roman 12-point font size.

Students are required to submit separately a **250-word bio** and write a **1,500 to 2,000-word essay** that answers the following questions:

1. *How has breast cancer changed or impacted your life?*
2. *What have you learned about yourself, your family and /or your community in the face of coping with breast cancer?*
3. *What are your educational and career goals?*

B. Letter of Recommendation

One letter of recommendation from a teacher, employer, counselor or principal who knows you well.

C. Income Information

Most recent copy of student federal income tax form and the parent's federal income tax forms if applicant is listed as a dependent.

For more information, contact the Breast Cancer Awareness, Inc. office at 301-791-5843.

Please email your completed application, Academic Performance and Information Package no later than April 1, 2026 with *BCA Scholarship Application* in the subject line to: Admin@bcainc.org

The applicant may choose to mail the completed application and attachments to the address below.

All mailed items must be postmarked by **March 20, 2026**.

**Breast Cancer Awareness, Inc.
Attn: Stacy Horst
12916 Conamar Drive, Suite 201
Hagerstown, MD 21742**

BCA Scholarship Fund Application Form

Student Information

Student Full Name _____

Street Address _____

City – State – Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Date of Birth _____

Gender Male/Female _____

U.S. Citizen _____

Parent or Guardian Information

Parent or Guardian Name _____

Street Address _____

City – State – Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____

Where did you receive the application?

Student Education Information

High School or College Currently Attending _____

Street Address _____

City – State – Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____

Graduation Date _____

Honors _____

Extracurricular Activities _____

Offices Held _____

College or University you plan to attend _____

Major _____

Signature Page

By applying for this scholarship students agree to give the Breast Cancer Awareness, Inc. Scholarship Fund permission to use student's name, pictures of themselves and family members and essay information on the official website at: www.bcainc.org and in promotional materials.

Student and Parent Affirmation

Both student and a parent or guardian must read the following statement and sign as indicated.

We affirm that the information provided on this application is accurate to the best of our knowledge. We understand misrepresentations may constitute fraud which may result in the loss of eligibility of this scholarship or have other legal consequences. We give permission for the Selection Committee of the Breast Cancer Awareness, Inc. Scholarship Fund to review student transcripts and other personal information.

Applicant Signature

Print Name

Date

Parent or Guardian Signature

Print Name

Date