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BELFOREST WATER SYSTEM SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Deadline: Friday, February 12, 2027 at 4:00 pm
Applications must be in office by this deadline.

Belforest Water System is offering five (5) $1,000 scholarships for 2027 graduates in our service area. **To be eligible for a BWS scholarship, the student must reside full time in the Belforest Water System coverage area in a home that is provided water from BWS.** One scholarship is reserved for a student who is seeking training/education in a career/technical field. Home address verification will be required.

These scholarships are granted only to high school seniors. The student may attend a four-year college/university, a community college, and/or a technical/vocational/trade school. Funds will be transmitted to the school of choice for the student's use following enrollment verification.

To apply for this scholarship, please download a scholarship application packet from www.belforestwater.com and submit to the main office at 9080 County Road 64, Daphne, AL. Scholarship information will also be provided to local high school counselors. Only fully completed scholarship packets will be accepted – a checklist is included.

Essays will be double blind scored by a two-person jury. Names will be withheld from the essay scoring panel. Essay scores along with other criteria will be tallied, and the top five scorers will be awarded a scholarship.

For more information, please contact Bethany Gounares at bethany@belforestwater.com or 251-626-5554.

Please submit the following with your application:

1. Unofficial high school transcript
2. Counselor Verification Form
3. Resume of all school, extracurricular, church, community service, work experience, and/or volunteer activities
4. Two (2) sealed letters of recommendation (Please have person making recommendation sign the envelope seal.)
5. Essay
6. Completed Application Form

Please send all completed application forms to:
Belforest Water System 9080 County Road 64, Daphne, AL 36526
or deliver in person by February 12, 2027 at 4 pm

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APPLICATION FOR BWS SCHOLARSHIP (PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)

1. Name of Applicant: _____

2. Address: _____

_____

3. BWS Customer Number: _____

4. Account Holder's Name: _____

5. Relationship to Account Holder: _____

6. Applicant Home Phone: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____

7. Guardian Home Phone: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____

8. Applicant Email: _____

Guardian Email: _____

9. Date of High School Graduation: _____ 10. Current GPA: _____

11. Counselor's Name: _____ Phone: _____

12. Counselor's Email: _____

13. Please check the appropriate box:

□ I have taken the ACT. Score: _____ □ I have not taken the ACT.

□ I have taken the SAT. Score: _____ □ I have not taken the SAT.

14. School/Vocational School you plan to attend: _____

15. Anticipated Course of Study (major): _____

By signing below, we acknowledge that we have read the entire application package and do hereby certify that we understand the contents of the application package. Also, by signing below, we certify that the information provided in the application and each of the attachments submitted with application are true and correct.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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COUNSELOR VERIFICATION FORM

Name of Applicant: _____

We, the undersigned individuals, the applicant and a parent/legal guardian of the applicant, by signing below, authorize the release of any and all academic information. We do hereby authorize the guidance counselor and principal to discuss such information with BWS.

Applicant Signature: _____

Guardian Signature: _____

Counselors: Please complete this form for the scholarship consideration of the student listed above.

Student Name: _____

Address on File with School for Address Verification:

_____

_____

Current GPA: _____ Current ACT/SAT Score on File: _____

Advanced Placement Courses: YES NO

Free/Reduced Lunch: YES NO

Student Involvement: _____

_____

Counselor Name: _____

Signature: _____**Date:** _____

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ESSAY REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES

Each applicant must submit an essay of approximately 500 words (one page single spaced or two pages double spaced) answering the question below. Essays will be graded in a double-blind format, so the essay should not include your name or other identifiers (listing family members' names, etc.).

Essay Topic: Discuss a favorite memory or accomplishment during the time you've lived in the Belforest area. How has being a part of this community affected who you are today and how you will contribute to society in the future?

Grading Rubric:

Purpose	Meets requirements of essay contest; focuses on topic and gives concrete examples	15 points
Idea	Overall quality of topic discussion; quality of content provided	50 points
Organization	Essay is easy to read, well organized and flows through topic requirement	25 points
Grammar	Follows grammar rules, spelling, and basic English rules	10 points
Total Points Awarded		100 points

Please submit three copies of your essay with your scholarship packet. Please do not include your name on these copies.

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Award Grading Matrix

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Requirement	Points Available	Points Awarded
Completed Application	**22 Points**	
Essay Points*	**Up to 200 Points**	
Advanced Placement	**50 Points**	
Free/Reduced Lunch	**120 Points**	
GPA x 25	**Up to 100 Points**	
ACT Score x 3 or SAT Score ÷ 14.8	**Up to 108 Points**	
Total Score	**Possible: 600 Points**	

*Awarded by double blind essay jury members