



## BEWSF Application

**BEWSF Mission:** *Encourage high school students to serve as leaders in their community by exercising sound judgment and committing themselves to volunteer programs that make a positive impact in their lives and the lives of others.*

In order to apply for the BEW Scholarship, please review the qualifying criteria before you proceed. If you do not fulfill all the underlined points your application will not be considered further.

### Qualifying Criteria

- Must have graduated 8th grade from a school in Elmhurst, IL. or be currently enrolled at a high school in Elmhurst, IL.
- Participated in a minimum of 3 extracurricular activities throughout time spent in high school
- Submit a copy of your official high school transcript
- Submit 2 letters of recommendation from a: teacher, coach, boss, community leader, etc. that you have interacted with in the last five years
- During years at high school, fulfilled 25 hours of volunteer outreach service toward a cause you are committed to
- There is no minimum GPA requirement for this scholarship, therefore, all students are welcome to apply
- If selected as a finalist, submit proof of acceptance to a college, trade school or institution of higher learning and enrollment for the fall semester.

*The BEWSF and members of the selection committee reserve the right to request a phone and or in person interview for the final candidates in the selection process in order to determine who is most deserving of the award.*

*The BEWSF will award a one time scholarship to one high school senior to support the costs of tuition in his/her first semester during the Fall of 2024. Scholarship money will be paid directly to the educational institution the recipient will be attending. The award is non-refundable and cannot be exchanged for cash value under any circumstances to the recipient. If the full amount is not completely used during the first semester the remaining balance will be used to support tuition costs for the Winter and Spring semesters of 2024. If the selected recipient does not enroll for classes during Fall 2024, the award will be granted to a back up recipient who will attend classes during Fall 2024.*

*It is the sole discretion of the BEWSF to change the qualifying criteria on an annual basis. The scholarship award amount may also vary from year to year depending on several factors, including but not limited to operational costs and the amount of donation money raised.*



### Application Instructions

Now that you've identified yourself as an individual who qualifies for the scholarship, please take the time to read through the application thoroughly and answer each question reflectively. We look forward to reviewing your responses in consideration of the scholarship award. We are honored you have chosen to become part of the tradition of remembering Brian E. Wagner. Throughout Brian's life he loved to compete and constantly strived to be the best. He always supported the efforts of his peers and together they shared in the joy of seeing each other succeed. In the spirit of selecting a recipient we commend you for taking the initiative to be recognized. Although we can only award one scholarship we want to acknowledge all of you for emerging as young leaders. We wish you all the best in your college and professional careers and believe you all can make a difference by continuing to serve as a positive example among others.

In order for your submission to be considered eligible, the requested documents must be submitted to the BEWSF Selection Committee from the BEWSF website between December 31st and February 28. Click on "Scholarship" and follow the prompts.

All scanned attachments must be in PDF Format. (Tiffs, Jpegs and other variations will not be accepted.)

Please label the subject heading of your e-mail message with your First name, Last name: Message #1. If for any reason you must submit any follow up messages, use the same subject heading followed by Message #2, #3, etc.

### Submission Checklist

- ☐ Completed BEWSF Application with electronic or manual signature
- ☐ Official high school transcript inclusive of first semester of senior year (Academic year **2023-2024**)
- ☐ 2 Letters of Recommendation

### Dates To Remember

Final submission deadline- February 28

Interviews with finalists- April 1-24

Scholarship recipient will be announced on or before May 15



### Signature Authentication Document

By signing this document I certify that all the answers and information disclosed in this application are my own, correct and true. If the BEWSF selection committee discovers that any of the information stated within this application are falsified or not my own I acknowledge the BEWSF has the right to disqualify my application at any time during the selection process. Furthermore, if the BEWSF selection committee determines I was given an unfair advantage over other candidates, I may also be removed from the selection process and no longer considered as a recipient for the award.

I also acknowledge the BEWSF and any members of the selection committee have the right to request a phone and/ or in person interview if I am selected as one of the finalists for the scholarship. Declining an interview may result in disqualification and prevent me from being chosen as the scholarship recipient.

I understand by submitting this application I am not guaranteed to receive college funding but rather I am being considered for a scholarship award among other applicants. If selected for the award, I agree to submit proof of my acceptance and enrollment to the educational institution I plan to attend in the Fall semester of 2024. Failing to provide this documentation when requested by the BEWSF selection committee may result in a forfeiture of the award.

If selected as the scholarship recipient, I agree to use the award money toward tuition costs only. I will allow the BEWSF to pay tuition costs on my behalf during the Fall semester of 2024. If there is a remaining balance after the Fall semester of 2024 I will permit the BEWSF to use the remaining funds for tuition costs during the Winter and/or Spring semesters of 2025. Not accepting these terms may prevent me from using the scholarship funding towards my educational tuition. I comply with the all the terms and conditions stated in this application and with prospective terms and conditions that may be disclosed by the BEWSF in the future.

If I do not sign this form electronically, then I agree to print and complete the information below in blue or black ink. The completed copy will be scanned in PDF format and submitted as one of the attachments in my scholarship submission email.

Applicant Signature:

Date Signed:



**BRIAN E. WAGNER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Last Name:  First Name:  Middle Initial:

Home Address:

Home Number:

Alt. Phone Number:

E-Mail Address:

Alt E Mail Address:

1. Where did you graduate eighth grade?

2. Mailing address of grade school you graduated from

3. Current High School

4. Mailing address of high school you are currently attending

5. What are your favorite subjects in school?



6. List all the extracurricular activities you participated in high school and the corresponding years. If applicable include titles held: (i.e. Captain, Lead, Director, etc.)

7. Was there any reason you had to withdraw from any of these extracurricular activities during the years you participated? Y/N ☐

If yes, explain why.

8. Have you already applied to college: Y/N ☐

9. Do you plan on attending college or an educational institution immediately after graduating high school or receiving your GED? Y/N ☐

10. Please list the schools you have applied to. Indicate which ones have already accepted you



11. What major do you intend to declare?

12. What profession do you ultimately want to pursue?

13. Have you completed 25 hours of volunteer service? Y/N ☐

14. Where did you volunteer?

15. What were the start and end date of your volunteer service?

16. Address where you did your volunteer work

17. Phone # of where you did your volunteer work

18. Supervisor's Name

19. Supervisor's Contact #

20. Supervisor's E-Mail



21. Describe how receiving our scholarship award will assist you and your family's finances

Since we will not be able to interview all applicants personally we have composed a series of questions to help us get more familiar with you. Please answer honestly as we hope to learn more about your personality and perspective. In order for your submission to be considered eligible, all fields must be completed in the default font of the electronic form. Do not attempt to alter the font type or size. No hand written answers will be accepted.

1. What recreational activities are you interested and involved in? What drives you to participate in these activities?



2. Give an example of how you prepared and stayed focused when trying to accomplish a challenging task. Were you successful in achieving your goal?



3. Provide an example of when you encountered peer pressure and chose to make the right decision. Or describe a time when you fell victim to peer pressure and how you learned from the experience.

4. What is the most memorable time you've had with your peers and friends in high school?  
What made that time special?



5. Describe how you've served as a leader among your peers. Why do you believe your plans after high school will impact your life and the lives of others in a positive way?