

# Belong! Scholarship Fund 2023 Second-Year Applicant

**Due Date: April 15, 2023**  
**Due to: Belong!**

[scholarships@belongvienna.org](mailto:scholarships@belongvienna.org)

**Award Amount:**  
Up to \$2,500 per  
semester (up to \$5,000  
per school year)



**About this Scholarship:** The Belong! Scholarship Fund has been established to help students with financial need imagine a future that includes further education after high school.

## Student Eligibility Criteria:

- Former James Madison, George Marshall, or Oakton High School Student and first-year recipient of the Belong! Scholarship Fund, currently enrolled part-time or full-time at Northern Virginia Community College or a Certificate Program as part of a trade or technical school (including Adult and Community Education Certificates Programs)

## ☒ **Application Requirements for Second-Year Applicants:**

- Completed [Google Form](#).
- One letter of recommendation from a professor or advisor. Letter should be sent directly to [scholarships@belongvienna.org](mailto:scholarships@belongvienna.org).
- Copy of college or certificate transcript (Must maintain a 3.0 GPA per semester)
- Updated Resume: Extracurricular activities such as jobs, community involvement, sports, and any (including personal) experience, skills, hobbies, or accomplishments in leadership roles.
- Essay: Be sure to write about ALL items below, not to exceed 750 words (double spaced):
  1. What have you learned in the last year that will help you achieve your academic and career goals?
  2. Now that you have completed your first year of attendance at NOVA or trade school, where do you envision yourself after you finish school and receive your associate's degree or trade certification? Have your career goals changed?
  3. Can you tell us about an impacting/meaningful experience or class you've taken in the last year that has helped you grow or influenced your career goals/future plans? How has your experience been?
  4. Include a brief description of your financial need.

## **Additional Information:**

- Student must agree to continue to meet with a Belong! Scholarship advisor at least twice a semester and attend tutoring sessions if struggling.
- Applications and all supporting documents should be submitted to Belong! at [scholarships@belongvienna.org](mailto:scholarships@belongvienna.org) or mail to 133 Park Street, NE, Vienna, VA 22180 **NO LATER THAN APRIL 15, 2023**. Please make sure to include first and last name on **all pages** submitted.
- If the cost of a certificate program is less than \$5,000 per year, a portion of the scholarship can be used to pay other expenses and transportation as needed.
- The scholarships will be awarded each year. Successful completion of the awarded scholarship year will allow students to apply for a second-year scholarship the following academic year. Please note, a previous award does not automatically guarantee a second-year award.
- Register for courses that satisfy the degree or program completion course requirements
- For questions, contact Belong at [scholarships@belongvienna.org](mailto:scholarships@belongvienna.org)