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**Josephine Marley Beckwith Future Leader Scholarship
2023-2024 Renewal Application**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ - _____

Telephone: (____) ____ - _____ Email: _____

Academic Institution Attending: _____

What will be your classification for the 2023 – 2024 academic year? _____

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

What is your major course of study? _____

Current career goals? _____

How did you use your scholarship? _____

Community Service or Volunteer Activities: *Please share your volunteer experience during 2022- 2023. Attach Community Service Tracking Sheet*

Renewal Criteria

As a recipient of the Josephine Marley Beckwith Future Leader Scholar Award, you are eligible for a renewal for your sophomore, junior and senior years of study.

The required criteria for renewing your \$1,000 Scholarship are list below:

1. Complete **Renewal application**.
2. **Reflection Statement**. Please reflect on how you continued to promote the YWCA mission this current school year by selecting one or more components of the mission and tell the story of how you fulfilled them. Promoting the mission of the YWCA is as much internal as external. Feel free to comment on your personal transformations that *eliminate racism, empower women or promote peace, justice, freedom, or dignity for all*.

The Reflection Statement with a minimum of **250-500 words, typed, and double spaced**.
3. You must maintain a **2.5 GPA** and complete required volunteer hours.
4. An **Official Transcript**. An OFFICIAL (paper) transcript is printed on special, watermarked paper from the school/college/university. Official paper transcripts are sent in a sealed, signature-stamped envelope. An electronic transcript is considered OFFICIAL if the intended party is the direct mail recipient. If mailed to the requestor, then forwarded, it is then considered UNOFFICIAL. An electronic transcript which is printed then rescanned in an email is considered UNOFFICIAL.
5. Minimal **community service** hours each year of **volunteerism** or **leadership** as stated below.
 - College Freshman Year - 15 hours of unspecified service
 - College Sophomore Year - 30 hours (10 hours must be leadership/mentoring service)
 - College Junior Year - 30 hours (20 hours must be leadership/mentoring service)
 - College Senior Year - 30 hours of leadership/mentoring serviceExamples of leadership/mentoring service might be joining a group and serving as an officer, helping a nonprofit in the community achieve its mission through simple tasks, tutoring a fellow student, peacefully intervening in a social justice issue on campus or in the community, avoiding endangerment of yourself or others through effective communication with campus or community leaders or authorities.
6. **Two letters of recommendation** each discussing significant volunteerism, community service, and leadership skills and involvement. (One letter must come from a student advisor/guidance counselor).

*****Mail completed Renewal Application, Reflection Statement, Official Transcript, Proof of Community Service, and Letters of Recommendation in one envelope postmarked by the specified deadline of March 24, 2023 or hand deliver to the YWCA by March 24, 2023 by 5 pm. Applications received or postmarked after the deadline **will not be considered**.***

Mail to: YWCA Southwestern Illinois
Attention: JMBFL Selection Committee - Renewal
304 E. Third Street
Alton, IL 62002-2406

Please keep us informed regarding your contact information, if communication or updates are needed. In addition, please provide an updated head shot with your scholarship submission.

*Questions: Call Erica Bratton at 618-719-9135 | email: msbratton02@gmail.com

