

BHS BELLA SCHOLARS QUICK FACTS

- ❖ The Bella Charitable Foundation provides “earned” academic scholarships for students who want to attend either a 4-year university, college, or vocational school. Eligible students include: students whose family has an annual income less than \$125,000; first generation college bound students with financial need; DREAMERS; and/or underrepresented students.
- ❖ We are seeking students who, despite the socio-economic hardships they or their family experience, are willing to be a part of a cohort, or group (Bella Scholars) that will support each other in achieving personal growth, a sense of wellness, purpose and belonging, while pursuing educational goals.
- ❖ Once accepted as a Bella Scholar, students will “earn” scholarship money by attending Bella Scholars Workshops/Meetings that will be offered approximately 6-8 times throughout the year, beginning in the summer following 9th grade. This will be an after-school program.
- ❖ Students must complete the FAFSA or Dream Application in 12th grade.
- ❖ Students must maintain a minimum High School GPA of 2.5 or above.
- ❖ A Letter of Recommendation is required from a teacher, administrator, mentor, or counselor.
 - The letter should be emailed to: apply@bellacf.org
 - (Please write, “Attention Ms. Galeana” in the subject line.)
- ❖ For Questions about the Bella Scholar Program or to request an application, email: apply@bellacf.org
- ❖ Students must apply no later than the end of their freshman year.
- ❖ Application Deadline On or Before June 1, 2019 for current freshmen.

What Can I Expect as a Bella Scholar?

Bella Scholars can expect both group support (Bella Scholar cohort) and one-on-one counseling and/or curriculum support when needed or requested. Our workshops will focus on a variety of relevant topics for students that will include subjects like: conflict resolution and communication, career planning, goal setting, maintaining healthy relationships, dealing with stress, character building, creating self-confidence and leadership skills, to name a few.

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We will have one mandatory workshop and luncheon in early August, before the start of your sophomore year. We will review the Bella Scholar Program at Burlingame High School, and chart out individual goals. You will meet current Bella Scholars who are in college or about to head off to college.

Students are also expected to attend all workshops unless ill or because of unavoidable extenuating circumstances.

We will aid students in scheduling visits to college campuses, help with finding job shadow opportunities and/or internships, assist with filling out the FAFSA and writing college essays.

Both students and parents will be expected to sign a contract between all parties, the Bella Charitable Foundation, the Bella Scholar and the parent.

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APPLICATION & STUDENT INFORMATION FORM

First Name Last Name

Date of Birth: mm/dd/yyyy // Gender: M F

High School Attending: BURLINGAME HIGH SCHOOL

Estimated Year of HS Graduation: Month Year

Home Address:
 Apt.#

City State Zip Code

Home phone: area code + number - -

Cell phone: area code + number - -

School Email Address:

Alternate Email Address:

Parents or Guardians Name

(Relationship) Phone: - -

Parents or Guardians Name

(Relationship) Phone: - -

High School Counselor: GPA
(unweighted):

**Scholarship Application for
Burlingame High School Scholars**



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To help us understand you and your family's financial need for college tuition assistance, please answer the following questions: Note: This information is strictly confidential and will only be used for the purpose of assessing a student's need for financial aid.

How many people live in your household full time?

How many children (< 18 years of age)?

Please list family members (For example; I live with my mother, father, stepdad, grandmother, sister, brother, cousin,)

What is the highest level of your parents/legal guardian's education?	Mother	Father
Middle School		
High School		
Some College		
College		
Graduate School		

Do you have a part-time job after school?

Yes No

Do you have a part-time job in the summer?

Yes No

Household Income – Combined (Based on 2016 Taxes)

<\$40K	\$40,001-60K	\$60,001-75K	\$75,001-100K	\$100,001-12K	>\$125,000

The above information (contained on pages 1-2 of this application) is truthful and accurate to the best of my ability and I have read and understood the Bella Scholars Eligibility and Program Overview.

STUDENT SIGNATURE	Printed Name	DATE

PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE	Printed Name	DATE

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CHECK-LIST

Mark YES or NO

The following documents are required to apply:	YES	NO
Student Information		
Essays		
Letter of Recommendation		
Freshman First Semester GPA		

ESSAY QUESTION #1

Applicant's Name:

1. What do you consider to be the single most important problem facing high school students today in your community AND what action/s would you suggest might be taken to address this issue? Explain in two paragraphs.

ESSAY QUESTION #2

Applicant's Name:

2. In one paragraph, tell us who in your life has been your biggest influence or the most inspiring, and why?

ESSAY QUESTION #3

Applicant's Name:

3. Which of the following do you feel is the single most important character strength or virtue for a person to possess? Include some examples of those strengths and explain why you think they are important. WISDOM, COURAGE, HUMANITY, JUSTICE, TEMPERANCE, & TRANSCENDENCE (For instance, if you choose "Justice" you might write about why a sense of fairness and leadership work together for the greater good of social justice.)

ESSAY QUESTIONS #4

Applicant's Name:

4. What has been your greatest adversity in life and how did you deal with it or overcome it?

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS & DEADLINES

- ❖ The Application Includes 3 Parts:
 - 1. Student Information Form
 - 2. Essays
 - 3. Recommendation Letter
- ❖ Supporting Documents required at time of Application:
 - The most recent school transcript must be provided
- ❖ Completed application with supporting documents should be emailed to: apply@bellacf.org Please send the application and supporting documents as attachments.
 - Or snail mail to Anita Galeana
Bella Charitable Foundation
PO 616, Burlingame, CA-94011-0616
 - DO NOT SEND documents or application via GOOGLE DOCS, or as JPEG Images.

Instructions to fill in the Application

- ❖ **If you are on a Mac**, pdf will by default open with Preview (unless you have a Reader app -see below)
- ❖ **If you are on a PC**, pdf will open by default with Adobe/Acrobat Reader. Click on “Fill & Sign” on the top right side of the screen to add content
 - Save the pdf to your desktop
 - Once you open the pdf with Preview or Reader click on the boxes and write there
 - As you add content, make sure to **SAVE often, in order not to lose changes**
- ❖ Make sure you check grammar and spelling. Applications that contain multiple grammatical errors or misspellings will not be considered, period!
- ❖ Email completed forms to Anita Galeana: apply@bellacf.org

Deadlines

- ❖ **Final application deadline is June 1, 2019.**