

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.
- ❖ Maintain a minimum High School GPA of 2.5 or above.
- ❖ Complete the following process:
 - Application online
 - 4 short Essays
- ❖ Get a Letter of Recommendation from a teacher, administrator, mentor, or counselor.
 - The letter must be emailed to: anita@bellacf.org
 - Please write: Recommendation for BHS 22 - “your name” in the subject line.
- ❖ Provide the most recent school transcript.
- ❖ Commit to attend the Bella Scholar Award Luncheon and Workshop, tentatively scheduled for August 3, 2019. The workshop and luncheon is free of charge to Bella Scholars.
- ❖ Commit to attend all monthly workshops unless ill or because of unavoidable extenuating circumstances.
- ❖ Students must apply no later than the end of their freshman year.
- ❖ Application Deadline is On or Before June 1, 2019 for current freshmen.

For Questions about the Bella Scholarship Program, please email: director@bellacf.org or call/text Elena Castanon on (415) 362 0440

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.

Once accepted as a Bella Scholar, students will “earn” scholarship money by attending Bella Scholar Workshops/Meetings that will be offered approximately 4-6 times throughout the year, beginning in the summer following 9th grade.

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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Bella Scholarship 2019/20 - Impact Academy - APPLICATION - PART ONE

Please fill in this application and press "SUBMIT" once you are done. The system will automatically send it to us when you submit so you don't need to email it to us.

You will get a message saying it was sent and a link to edit the application. You will also receive an email with a copy of your survey and a link to go back to it and edit later on but remember no changes will be accepted after the deadline of June 10th.

Also remember your application is not finished with just this form: you need to send the essays and the supporting documents, as well as the recommendation letter from a teacher. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

If you have any problem with the form feel free to email Elena Castanon - director@bellacf.org or text/call (415) 362 0440

* Required

1. **Email address ***

Personal Information

2. **First Name of the Student ***

3. **Last Name of the Student ***

4. **Date of Birth ***

Example: December 15, 2012

5. **Gender ***

Mark only one oval.

Female

Male

Other: _____

6. **Address - Street ***

7. **Address - City ***

8. **State ***

9. **ZIP code ***

10. **Mobile phone ***

11. **Home phone**

12. **School email address**

13. **Parent/Tutor 1 Name and relationship to you ***

14. **Phone of Parent/Tutor 1 ***

15. **Parent/Tutor 2 Name and relationship to you ***

16. **Phone of Parent/Tutor 2 ***

17. **How many people live in your household full time? ***

18. **How many are children (< 18 years of age)? ***

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

20. Do you have a part-time job after school? **Mark only one oval.* Yes No**21. Do you have a part-time job in the summer? ****Mark only one oval.* Yes No**22. Household Income – Combined (Based on 2017 Taxes) ****Mark only one oval.* <\$40K \$40,001-60K \$60,001-75K \$75,001-100K \$100,001-12K >\$125,000

Academic Information

23. Estimated year of High School Graduation *

24. Current GPA: *

25. Name of your High School Counselor *

26. Are you first in your family to attend college? (Meaning neither parent attended college) **Mark only one oval.* Yes No

27. What is the highest level of your parents/legal guardian’s education? *

Mark only one oval per row.

	Father/Tutor 1	Mother/Tutor 2
Middle School	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
High School	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Some College	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
College	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Graduate School	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

28. Other Requirements *

Mark only one oval per row.

	Yes	No
Did you complete the FAFSA or Dream Application in 12th grade	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Did you get a Letter of Recommendation from a teacher, administrator, mentor, or counselor.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Did you get the most recent school transcript	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Do you commit to attend the summer workshop in Hayward early August (probably Aug 3rd - date to be confirmed)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Do you commit to attend all monthly workshops unless ill or because of unavoidable extenuating circumstances.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

29. 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. *

Mark only one oval.

Yes
 No

Reminder: After you submit this application proceed to Part 2: Essays

APPLICATION (PARTS 1) ESSAYS (PARTS 2) AND ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS ARE DUE JUNE 10th. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

A copy of your responses will be emailed to the address you provided

***Welcome to ESSAYS - Part 2 of your Application to Bella Scholarship for
Burlingame High School '22***

This is a Google Doc. You need to make a copy of it (or download to your computer) to write the essays online.

- Go to the **File** tab on the Drive menu
- Click on **Make a copy** and change the name of the file to **LastName, FirstName - Essays** (example: Castanon, Elena -Essays)
- Once you're done writing your essays click on **Share** (blue button on the right) and share with:
anita@bellacf.org

Alternatively, you can also download the form as a word doc if you prefer and email it to anita@bellacf.org

- Remember you also need to send the other supporting documents (FAFSA and School transcript and the teacher's letter of recommendation)

If you have any questions or issues with the application feel free to email us at director@bellacf.org or call/text Elena Castanon at (415) 362 0440.

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 trait or virtue for a person to possess in life? Explain why in one or two paragraphs. ie: COURAGE, HONESTY, INTELLIGENCE, LOYALTY, AMBITION, KINDNESS, INTEGRITY or COMPASSION. Or you can choose any other of your preference. (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?
