James A. Woods, S.J, Scholarship Application Criteria

Minimum Criteria

You must be working on your Bachelor’s or Master’s degree in the WCAS, either full-time or part-time.

Additional Criteria after you have applied which will be used to determine awards and award amounts:

1) Demonstrated Financial Need documented by a copy of your most recent federal tax return form or if you have completed a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), please attach a copy (if you have special circumstances these should be mentioned in a separate letter).

2) Academic Performance of at least a GPA of 2.5 or better for current students. New students to the Woods College will also be considered but this will depend on demonstrated past academic performance in high school, trade school or other college. For both new and continuing students, if you have unusual circumstances why your GPA has fallen below the 2.5 average please submit additional documentation with your application. A case by case review will establish whether or not you qualify for an award and the requirements to maintain for the award.

3) Demonstrated persistence in reaching your educational goals

4) Which Scholarship you are applying for and why?

5) Any additional special circumstances that would help us in determining the level of award.

All completed applications that meet the minimum requirement will be reviewed and decisions made.

If you have additional questions please contact Assistant Dean, Fr. Joseph Jiang via email or phone (617-552-1727)
The Woods College of Advancing Studies is pleased to distribute its scholarship aid application. Its family of scholarships offers financial assistance to admitted students. Only completed forms will be considered. Notification of the 2013-2014 awards will be made in late August.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

Especially for freshmen: The Dean Michael J. Harding, S.J., Scholarship  
The President William J. McGarry, S.J., Scholarship

Especially for women: The Elizabeth O. Walker Trust Fund

Especially for students with alternative learning strategies and schedules:

  - The Mary Delaney Hennessey Scholarship
  - The Morrison-Uchenick Family Scholarship
  - The James A. Woods, S.J., Scholarship

Especially for local students with myriad outside responsibilities:

  - The Doris and Francis Ahearn Scholarship
  - The Robert D. Farrell, S.J., Scholarship
  - The Professor Joseph Figurito Scholarship
  - The Mary Hogan and James Murphy Scholarship
  - The Walter J. Martin, S.J., Scholarship
  - The Professor John J. McAleer Scholarship
  - The Joseph W. McCarthy Scholarship
  - The Mark “Duke” Saccardo ’96 Scholarship
  - The Elizabeth A. Strain Scholarship
  - The Cheryl A. Wright Scholarship

**VENTURE PHILANTHROPY: INVESTING IN YOU**

Venture philanthropy brings a new intensity and energy to providing scholarships for independent learners like you, who combine studies with competing responsibilities.

Venture philanthropy's novel need-based design maximizes resources. It invests in the future of students who have demonstrated the ability to balance work and competing demands with college studies. Providing genuine financial assistance brings students' goals and dreams within reach.

With the Woods College of Advancing Studies investing in you and your working to realize your dreams, a newly mobilized and invigorated partnership emerges with one goal: enhancing your life.

Fulfilling the promise of venture philanthropy demands sophisticated collaboration between sponsors and recipients, in this case, between the Woods College of Advancing Studies and you. Like all successful ventures, integrity and clear communication define this partnership. Your academic performance and persistence are integral components for continued collaboration.

Venture philanthropy invests in you. Your attention to this goal in truthfully completing this application provides the basis for mutual respect and trust.

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I have reflected on the above statements. I wish to be considered for an investment and I certify that the information I provide is true and complete.

__________________ _____________________________________
(Date)                                                                                                (Signature)
PLEASE INDICATE IN DOLLAR AMOUNTS HOW YOU PLAN TO PAY YOUR TUITION WITHOUT THIS SCHOLARSHIP AID ASSISTANCE.

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HAVE YOU COMPLETED FAFSA? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please complete the following financial information, so an investment in you can be considered. All figures should be reported as monthly expenses. Expenses should be reported for the entire household, not just the student applicant.

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PLEASE APPROXIMATE YOUR NUMBER OF COURSES FOR NEXT Fall Spring Summer

Awards are adjusted to reflect actual number of registrations.

BRIEFLY DESCRIBE COMMUTE TO BOSTON COLLEGE.

BRIEFLY DESCRIBE CHILD CARE IF REQUIRED.

IF YOUR EMPLOYER OFFERS TUITION REIMBURSEMENT, PLEASE STATE THE EXPLICIT POLICY

PLEASE ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET WHICH BRIEFLY ANSWERS THE FOLLOWING:

1. Explain any special circumstances that would be helpful in assessing your needs in combining studies with your competing responsibilities.

2. If an investment is made, what change in your life this year will this make possible?

HAVE YOU ANSWERED EACH QUESTION? ONLY COMPLETED APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED.
Scholarship Awards

Reverend James A. Woods, S.J. A Jesuit priest, former dean and advisor, available always to everyone, to make the future happen. Father Woods undertook doctoral studies part-time to better respond to a calling that consumed over three decades of his life. An innovative, visionary leader; a priest forever in service to others.

- Francis and Doris Ahearn embraced the psalm: “Walking in integrity and trusting the Lord.” Married for over sixty-five years, they together dedicated their lives to public service as president of the Boston City Council, Acting Secretary of State of Massachusetts and docent of the Arnold Arboretum. Truly Francis and Doris live as a couple for others.

- Robert D. Farrell, S.J. A master mentor, Father Farrell brings students, colleagues, and friends close; he breathes always the kindness and compassion of an authentic teacher and friend. A call heard and answered, Father Farrell lives his vocation experiencing God’s continuing grace. In sharing the place where truth can be met, this teacher shows where he stands. The teacher is the real maker of history.

- Professor Joseph Figurito Walking in the footsteps of Christ the teacher, this quintessential educator committed himself to opening new worlds to the sons and daughters of immigrants and the children of the poor. He applied his wealth of leadership garnered from serving in the American Intelligence Corps and mastering linguistic scholarship to teaching languages and transforming Boston College students for over five decades.

- Reverend Michael J. Harding, S. J. As Dean, Father Harding consolidated the Boston College Extension School and Junior College into The Boston College Intown in 1938. This enriched solidarity formed a vital link in offering degree options to the part-time student.

- Dr. Mary D. Hennessey A Counselor and Student Service administrator, committed to assisting students develop a “profile for success:” a belief in oneself, the utilization of varied learning formats, a deep appreciation for family, and a willingness to serve others in the Jesuit tradition.

- Mary Hogan and James Murphy. Inspirational teachers, true mentors, driven by a great passion to make a difference, and a vision that each individual can initiate and implement change. Mary and Jim embrace the Christian tradition of personal transformation and focus on opening new opportunities previously unavailable.

- Walter J. Martin, S.J. An inspiring teacher at Cranwell School, Director of the Delayed Vocation School, Beloved Executive Vice Principal of Boston College High, Chaplain of the Port of Boston and Our Lady of Good Voyage Chapel. Father Martin opened new possibilities for others to discover their talents and to learn how to think in new ways. He knew the worth of individuals. He called them each by name.

- Professor John J. McAleer A Golden Eagle, radiated the splendor of the parable of the Good Samaritan and the Sermon on the Mount in his commitment to service and his search for God in all things. Sleuths and sensibility shaped his rich scholarship, creating benchmarks for faculty; his openness to intellectual inquiry challenged students; his fidelity to the Catholic tradition reflected his Jesuit and family heritage.
• **Joseph W. McCarthy** A forward thinking professional in the hospitality field, Joseph McCarthy was a determined learner who pursued humanities to inform his insights, and to reaffirm traditional ideals and strengths. His success supports those who reach beyond life's boundaries.

• **Reverend William J. McGarry, S.J.** As President of Boston College from 1937 to 1939, he was the first to invite prominent community executives to provide direction to the educational services of Boston College which would enrich the neighboring community. Father McGarry advocated the high school record as a better norm for college entrance than the isolated college board exam.

• **Bernard and Barbro Osher.** The Osher Foundation Reentry scholarship targets students who did not have the opportunity, usually because of financial need, to complete their higher education at an earlier stage in their lives and now bring a strong sense of commitment to their studies. Maine native Bernard Osher is a successful businessman and community leader. His wife, the Honorable Barbro Osher, is the Consul General of Sweden in San Francisco.

• **Mark “Duke” Saccardo ’96** Duke embraced the words of the prophet Isaiah as his life’s aspiration: “You shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to dwell in.” At a young age, Duke embraced a faith that fostered a culture of community trust in criminal and social justice. A youth forever in service to others.

• **Elizabeth A. Strain** As Co-developer of the Lynch School of Education, Service Coordinator for the University Registrar, and Director of Boston College Summer term, Betty’s unmatched stewardship has inspired and propelled others to build a foundation from within, to give richness and depth to their lives through academic achievement, service and a deep commitment to Jesuit spirituality.

• **Morrison-Uchenick Family.** The Uchenick Family opens new possibilities for others to discover their talents and to learn how to think in new ways. Opening doors and helping students walk through transforms obstacles into challenges.

• **Elizabeth O. Walker** As a 1966 Social Science major focused on elementary school teaching, Ms. Walker found a challenging reward in bringing learning to youngsters. Rolling pennies to pay tuition motivated her desire to help others realize the happiness she experienced in successfully serving young students.

• **Cheryl A. Wright.** Reflects the selfless labors and quiet loyalty of so many professionals and staff at Boston College who give generously of themselves, so others may realize their dreams. Cheryl’s unique three decades of service reveals a life dedicated to the joy of opening new possibilities for others.