



## VILLA MARIA COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS INSTITUTIONAL AID PROGRAM:

### *Blessed Mary Angela Mission & Service Scholarship/Campus Ministry Internship*

#### **Mission Statement:**

The mission of the Blessed Mary Angela Mission & Service Scholarships is to provide unique, rigorous, and rewarding educational experiences for students with financial need based on FAFSA and a demonstrated commitment to community service and spiritual development through both curricular and co-curricular offerings, and to enhance the mission and core values of the College.

#### **Scholarships Awarded:**

Up to seven annual one-time scholarships will be awarded to new and returning students, each worth \$3,000. Recipients can reapply for up to four years. After four years, eligibility will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

#### **Acceptance Criteria:**

Full time students in one of the college's associate or baccalaureate degree programs with need determined by FAFSA are eligible to apply. Villa Maria College uses the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to determine financial need. All students applying for this scholarship must file this form. First-time Freshmen students who apply to Villa Maria College and have a cumulative 80% or above academic average in high school are eligible to apply for this scholarship. Current and transfer students are required to have a 2.50 college GPA or above to apply. For initial admission into this program, students must complete an application and write an essay detailing their commitment to community service and to their openness to expanding their spiritual development. The applicants will then be interviewed by someone from the Campus Ministry or Mission Office. The decision on who will receive these scholarships will be made by personnel from these offices in consultation with staff from admissions and financial aid.

The mission of Villa Maria College is based on its Catholic Franciscan heritage. Programming from the Campus Ministry office honors that heritage in addition to other spiritual traditions. With this in mind, the college seeks to recruit a diverse pool of applicants from any Christian or Non-Christian religious body or applicants open to learning more about the Catholic Franciscan mission of the college and their own spiritual development. All students, who meet the above criteria, are welcome to apply for this scholarship.

#### **Deadline to Apply: June 1, 2025**

#### **Blessed Mary Angela Mission & Service Program Policies/Requirements:**

1. To participate in this program, all eligible students must sign a contract of commitment.
2. Students must maintain a 2.5 grade point average to reapply for this scholarship.
3. Participate in monthly Campus Ministry planning meetings.
4. Participate in at least three Campus Ministry-sponsored events each month of the semester.
5. Scholarship recipients will be required to participate in community service projects each academic year and/or make special periodic presentations on related spiritual topics.
6. Staff the Campus Ministry Office for at least two hours a week each semester.
7. Formally request in writing if reapplying for scholarship.



## Office of FINANCIAL AID

### 2025-2026 APPLICATION FOR VILLA MARIA COLLEGE BLESSED MARY ANGELA MISSION & SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

*Street*

*City*

*State*

*Zip Code*

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ PROGRAM OF STUDY: \_\_\_\_\_

- 1** This scholarship is open to all qualified, full-time students at Villa Maria College from all religions and faith traditions who are open to developing their personal spirituality and learning more about the Catholic Franciscan mission of the college. You will be assisting with the planning and participating in Campus Ministry programming and activities. What types of programming would you like to be involved with? Also, please list what religion you belong to and where you practice your faith:

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- 2** This scholarship will also require recipients to participate in community service projects each academic year. Where might you suggest community service projects take place? Please list all school and community activities you have been involved with in the last two years:

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**The deadline to apply for this scholarship is June 1, 2025.** Please submit a 200-250-word essay describing why you are interested in this scholarship and how you feel you will be able to contribute to supporting and promoting the college mission statement, core values and Catholic and Franciscan traditions. The college mission statement and core values can be found here:

<https://www.villa.edu/about-us/mission/>

Attach your essay to this application and return to [monnind@villa.edu](mailto:monnind@villa.edu):

Villa Maria College  
240 Pine Ridge Road  
Buffalo, NY

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*Applicant Signature*

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*Date*