

Ursuline Sisters Scholars

Ursuline Sisters Scholars is a Beatitude House program sponsored by the Ursuline Sisters of Youngstown. The goal of the program is to break the cycle of poverty through post-secondary education. The program partners with local two- and four-year colleges as well as technical schools to identify eligible students for the program and their most significant needs.

Challenges Students Face

Students taking part in the Ursuline Sisters Scholars Program come from low-income families and are in many cases a first-generation college student. The program prioritizes single parents due to their drop-out rate of up to 70%. Balancing school, family and work responsibilities are challenging for most students, let alone those with additional financial, childcare and/or time pressures. The program alleviates some of these burdens to increase the likelihood the student will graduate.

The Ursuline Sisters Scholars Program provides resources that address the individual obstacles faced by each student. We offer individual mentorship opportunities, financial assistance for school-related and living expenses, workshops to promote personal and academic growth, and links to community resources. Mentors meet monthly with their students, serving as a support system and providing guidance through the hectic and emotional trials of college.

Program Eligibility

- Income below 200% of the poverty level
- Student academic program must be Pell Grant eligible
- Education:
 - Cumulative GPA of 2.0 if currently enrolled in a post-secondary program
 - Cumulative High School GPA of 2.5 if graduated in the last two years
- Enrolled in an approved program of study if attending a technical school

Program Benefits

- Tailored mentoring
- Workshops on topics such as financial credit management, time management, academic study skills, and stress management
- Scholarships and grants for academic-related needs, as well as financial assistance for an emergency on a per case basis
- Assistance with food and transportation while in school
- Access to financial aid and scholarship information
- Referrals to community services such as HEAP, childcare resources, housing, and transportation
- Access to a licensed social worker and peer support

What is Required of Students

To receive the benefits of the scholars program, students commit to:

- Maintain regular contact with their mentor, if applicable
- Maintain a GPA of at least 2.0
- Monitor their personal and educational finances
- Attend annual meetings and trainings/workshops offered by the program
- Send thank-you notes for all gift cards and/or financial assistance received
- Meet with and provide current transcripts, financial aid and loan information, and class schedules to program leadership at the close of each semester

What is Required of Mentors

- Maintain regular contact with their scholar, if applicable
- Provide updates/progress notes to Director as needed following each contact with the scholar
- Attend initial orientation and annual mentor training with other mentors and program leadership





Beatitude House, sponsored by the Ursuline Sisters of Youngstown, is committed to all disadvantaged women and children. By creating homes, providing educational opportunities and fostering healthy families, we provide them with the opportunity to transform their lives.

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The Ursuline Sisters of Youngstown serve the physical, educational and spiritual needs of children, youth and adults through a wide variety of ministries, missions, programs, lectures, workshops, retreats and special events.

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Helping students break the cycle of generational poverty through post-secondary education.

How to Apply

If you would like to apply to the Ursuline Sisters Scholars Program or would be interested in learning more about becoming a mentor for one of our students, please contact the Program Director at 330.746.6622, or email info@beatitudehouse.com.

You may also visit our website at www.beatitudehouse.com to apply or donate to the program. Individual donations and grants from charitable foundations offset program costs.

Remember Us Last

When you are preparing your will or estate plan, remember those closest to you ... spouse, family members, and loved ones. Then remember Beatitude House with a residual gift that defines your legacy of support for disadvantaged women and children. Our legal name is Beatitude House.



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Beatitude House, 287 Lora Ave., Youngstown, OH, 330-746-6622

URSULINE SISTERS' SCHOLARS PROGRAM APPLICATION

Name: _____ Date: _____

Home Address: _____ City: _____ State: ___ ZIP: _____

HS/College Name/Location: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Current Age: _____

Minor Children's Names and Birthdates: _____

Have you ever participated in any Beatitude House programs? Y / N If so, which one(s) and what year(s)?

Were you referred to the program by one of our partner organizations (e.g. Inspiring Minds, MVCAP, other Ursuline Ministries programs)? Y / N If so, which one and who provided the referral? _____

Other ways to reach you:

Phone # _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State ___ ZIP _____

With whom do you live? _____

Education:

High School: _____ Currently enrolled? Y / N

Did you graduate? Y / N Date and Year: _____ GED completed: Y / N Year: _____

Colleges/Technical Schools Attended: _____ Year: _____ Currently enrolled? Y / N

City: _____ Program/Major: _____ No. of Credits: _____ Current GPA: _____

Current Employment:

Employer: _____ Number of Hours/Week _____ Start Date: _____

Household Monthly Income (earned and unearned): _____

Individual Monthly Income Contribution: _____

List any forms of governmental cash or non-cash assistance* you receive (e.g. subsidized childcare, Medicaid, WIC, SNAP/TANF, etc.): _____

*Please bring copies of cards/documentation for the above programs

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Please briefly answer the following questions:

1. Briefly describe yourself—your personality, your upbringing, your family, etc.
2. What motivates you?
3. What are your career goals? How will your current school program help you to achieve these goals?
4. What are the current needs you must meet or obstacles/challenges you must overcome in order to complete your education?
5. When do you expect to graduate?
6. What do you most hope to gain if accepted into the program?

Notes: Mail Application to Beatitude House, 287 Lora Ave., Youngstown, OH 44504 or email to gfreeze@beatitudehouse.com. For questions call Grace Freeze at 330-746-6622. When the application is received, you will be called for an interview. Please be prepared to bring High School/college transcripts, a copy of your FAFSA, and proof of income to the meeting.