

Admissions Office

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James Baldwin Scholarship Program

Baldwin Scholarships are awarded to Hampshire College applicants who show academic promise, exhibit strong leadership within their communities, and display a commitment to social justice and equity. The program seeks students from communities historically underrepresented in higher education and who are typically first-generation college students. Six students are awarded Baldwin scholarships annually. Most students will graduate in four years, but the scholarship will cover up to six years.

Students must be United States citizens or permanent residents. Financial aid is awarded based on need and meets 100% of full-demonstrated need for tuition, room, board (meals), and books. The financial aid offer provided to Baldwin Scholars is a combination of federal, state, and institutional grants and work study. Grant aid will be offered in place of federal loans in the initial financial aid offering. However, students may still use federal student loans if they have a need for additional financial assistance.

For consideration, students must:

- 1) Schedule and complete an Office of Admissions interview either in person, online, or by phone.
- 2) Answer the three short questions below. Responses should be emailed to **application@hampshire.edu**. Please include your name and date of birth along with the subject line “James Baldwin Scholarship Program”.

SHORT QUESTIONS:

At Hampshire College, we don't have majors or departments. Students receive written evaluations instead of grades, and self-design their academic experience. This student-specific, self-designed approach to learning is unique to Hampshire. What appeals to you about Hampshire's approach to learning?

What is something that you recently accomplished or overcame that you are extremely proud to talk about?

Is there a specific teacher/person who motivated you to do well in school? How did (or do) they help you stay focused?