

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:

Please tell us about your interest in the James Baldwin Scholars Program, how you discovered the program, and what you hope to get from the program.

How does being a James Baldwin Scholar intersect with your beliefs and values around community?

Describe, using an example, how you have overcome obstacles and challenges. The example is meant to be open-ended but could be from within your community, at school, or a work experience.