The James Baldwin Scholars Program at Hampshire College provides a scholarship to driven, talented students from underserved communities who do not qualify for regular admission to Hampshire College, but would benefit from a transitional year before college in which to improve general academic skills and prepare for the rigor of college studies.

Baldwin Scholars receive a scholarship that fully meets the cost of attendance, including tuition, fees, books supplies, housing, and meals during your transitional year. Applicants to the program complete the same application for first year students through the common app.

Your application for the Baldwin Scholars will only be considered complete upon submission and completion of the following two items, no later than FEBRUARY 1:

- An admissions interview is REQUIRED, if you have not already interviewed with an admissions counselor. You can request a skype/phone interview by registering online through the following link: https://explore.hampshire.edu/portal/jbinterview. If you plan on visiting campus, you can also register for an on-campus interview time through the following link: https://explore.hampshire.edu/portal/campusvisit

- A 300-500 word personal statement, expressing your interest in the James Baldwin Scholars Program, how you discovered the program, and what you hope to get from the program. Makes you title your personal statement as The James Baldwin Scholars Personal Statement, along with your full name. You can submit your statement through the following:
  - Online: Upload the document to your account on the Hub.
  - Email: Email your personal statement to application@hampshire.edu.
  - Mail: Hampshire Admissions Office-893 West Street, Amherst, MA 01002

Admission to Hampshire College at the conclusion of the transitional year is contingent on successful completion of the Baldwin Program. Successful completion of the program is determined by the following criteria:

- Successful completion of all Baldwin course requirements
- Hampshire Faculty and staff evaluations
- Review of a portfolio of your academic work

If you have any questions about the James Baldwin Scholars Program or have questions about setting up an interview, please contact the admissions office at 413-559-5471. Make sure to ask for the counselor responsible for working with James Baldwin Scholars Candidates.