

Hampshire College

JAMES BALDWIN SCHOLARS PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT INFORMATION

The James Baldwin Scholars Program is named after one of the most prominent and influential figures of the 20th century—an American activist, essayist, playwright, and novelist who taught at Hampshire and whose works examined race, sexuality, and class. The foundation of the program is in its transitional first year, The Baldwin Year, when students will have access to: program specific academic counseling, personal mentoring, and community support; a guaranteed place in two writing courses (one each semester); and skills support from Writing Program faculty for their efforts in all courses. After the first-year students will continue to receive academic counseling and mentoring. The scholarships will meet students full demonstrated need for up to six years at Hampshire College.

Baldwin scholarships will be 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. Baldwin students demonstrate talent and ability but may not have had access to the financial and academic resources to succeed in a rigorous, private college curriculum.

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

- Applying for admission to Hampshire College via the [Common Application](#).
- Completing an admissions interview. If you have not already interviewed with an admissions counselor, you can request a video/phone interview by contacting application@hampshire.edu.
- Providing 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. Make sure 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 [Admissions Portal](#) using the login and password provided when you submitted your application to Hampshire.
 - **Email:** Email your personal statement to application@hampshire.edu.

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.