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### PROGRAM INFORMATION

#### 1. What is The Marianna Brady, PhD. Scholarship Program?

The Marianna Brady, PhD. Scholarship Program was created in recognition of Associa founder John Carona's mentor and friend, Dr. Marianna Brady.

The Marianna Brady, PhD. Scholarship Program will celebrate Dr. Brady's impact on John Carona and Associa's commitment to continued education by offering scholarships to children and grandchildren of Associa employees, who will be enrolled to pursue a post-secondary education at an accredited four-year university, community college, or trade school.

#### 2. How many scholarships will be awarded?

Up to ten students will be selected to win a \$2,500 Marianna Brady, PhD. Scholarship award.

#### 3. Is The Marianna Brady, PhD. Scholarship renewable?

No. The Marianna Brady, PhD. Scholarship is a one-time, non-renewable award.

#### 4. Where can I access the application?

Please visit <https://www.associaonline.com/about/career/marianna-brady-scholarship-program> to access the scholarship application and learn more about The Marianna Brady, PhD. Scholarship Program.

### PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

#### 1. Who may apply for The Marianna Brady, PhD. Scholarship?

The scholarship is open to children and grandchildren of Associa employees, who will be enrolled to pursue a post-secondary education at an accredited four-year university, community college, or trade school within the next year.

This includes graduating seniors in high school or students already enrolled in a post-secondary institution and will be during the 2021 fall semester.

Persons with developmental disabilities are also encouraged to apply. The goal of the scholarship is to promote continuing education that leads to a fuller, more autonomous life. Programs that promote self-care and greater autonomy for such individuals, would be considered.

#### 2. Are scholarships awarded only to students who will be enrolled in a four-year program?

No. Applicants may be enrolled in an undergraduate program of any length at an accredited four-year university, community college, or trade school. Post graduate programs will also be considered.

#### 3. Can current college seniors apply?

Current college seniors may only apply if they will be enrolled at a post-secondary institution in the fall of 2021.

The Marianna Brady, PhD. Scholarship will be awarded in May of 2021, to be used the following fall semester.

## PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY CONTINUED

**4. I am not a current high school senior or currently enrolled in a post-secondary institution. I am a non-traditional student or I took a gap year. Am I eligible to apply?**

Yes, the program is open to any dependent child or grandchild of an Associa employee. Returning students who took time off are eligible and encouraged to share their experiences of how they spent their time outside the education system.

**5. Is there a minimum GPA or ACT/SAT score required to apply?**

No. There is no minimum GPA or ACT/SAT score required to apply. Academic performance will be judged in addition to many other factors, including extracurricular involvement, leadership experience, community service, academic and professional goals, and a letter of recommendation.

## APPLICATION SUBMISSION PROCESS

**1. When is the deadline to submit an application?**

Please submit the scholarship application and required documents to [scholarship@associaonline.com](mailto:scholarship@associaonline.com) by April 20, 2021 at 11:59 p.m.

**2. What documents are needed to accompany my application?**

In addition to completing the scholarship application, applicants must submit a transcript from the institution they are currently enrolled in (a high school transcript for graduating seniors and a transcript from their post-secondary institution if they are already enrolled) and one statement/letter of recommendation.

Both additional documents are to be sent as attachments to your application, when submitted to [scholarship@associaonline.com](mailto:scholarship@associaonline.com).

**3. What should be included in the required goal statement?**

At minimum, the required goals statement portion of the scholarship application should clearly address the applicants future educational and career goals and objectives, in a manner that demonstrates their ambition and passions.

Applicants should clarify how their post-secondary program supports their goals and identify the impact of the scholarship in helping them achieve those goals.

**4. Which post-secondary institution should I list on my application if I have not made a final decision?**

You should list your first-choice school on the application. If you are selected as a scholarship recipient, you will be asked to confirm your final school choice.

**5. Who should write my letter of recommendation?**

Your letter of recommendation must be written by an adult not related to you, who is familiar with your academic achievements, involvement in extracurriculars, leadership experience, and commitment to community service.

**6. Can I mail in a paper application?**

No. All applications and required documents must be submitted via email to [scholarship@associaonline.com](mailto:scholarship@associaonline.com).

**7. Will I receive a confirmation email when I submit an application?**

Yes. All applicants who correctly submit their applications and required documents to [scholarship@associaonline.com](mailto:scholarship@associaonline.com) will receive confirmation that their application was received.

**8. When will winners be selected?**

Scholarship winners will be notified by May 31, 2021.

## APPLICATION SUBMISSION PROCESS CONTINUED

### 9. Will every applicant be notified?

Yes. Every scholarship applicant will be notified by May 31, 2021, regarding whether they were a selected scholarship recipient or not.

### 10. When will scholarship winners receive their awards?

Scholarship winners will be notified of their selection by May 31, 2021. Additional information about the awards process will be provided at that time.

## APPLICATION JUDGING CRITERIA

### 1. What does The Marianna Brady, PhD. Scholarship Program review committee look for when selecting recipients?

The Marianna Brady, PhD. Scholarship Program review committee looks for well-rounded students who excel not only academically but are actively involved in their schools and their communities. These student leaders are driven, ambitious, and service-oriented.

### 2. Does The Marianna Brady, PhD. Scholarship Program consider financial need?

Applications for The Marianna Brady, PhD. Scholarship program will be judged on their academic performance, community service, and demonstration of leadership through school based extracurricular activities, part-time employment, or internships. Financial need will not be considered.

### Additional questions not answered here?

Please contact [scholarship@associaonline.com](mailto:scholarship@associaonline.com).