Jane Bradley Pettit Foundation Life Impact Program

Serving UWM Students with Children through Scholarship and Support Services

The Life Impact Program is made possible by a generous grant from the Jane Bradley Pettit Foundation. The Life Impact Program provides all participants with a $5,000 renewable scholarship as well as extensive support services specifically designed to meet the unique needs of UWM students with children. All participants are expected to maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA and fulfill various other program requirements meant to assist students with identifying and meeting academic, personal and professional goals. Additional program information is available on-line at www.lifeimpact.uwm.edu.

Several UWM students will be selected to join the Life Impact Program for the 2015-2016 academic year. Only complete application packets will be reviewed by the selection committee. Please read the application instructions carefully and utilize the application checklist to ensure you have a complete application packet.

**Amount of Award**: $5,000 when enrolled full-time ($2,500 per semester)

**To be considered for and accepted to the Life Impact Program, you must meet the following eligibility requirements:**

1. Parent with a dependent child or children.
2. Accepted for admission as a first time freshman or new undergraduate transfer student for the 2015-2016 academic year or a continuing UWM undergraduate student eligible to register for the Fall 2015 term. *
3. Demonstrated financial need. Filing of 2015-2016 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is required if not already completed. Students eligible for the Federal Pell grant will be given priority consideration. The FAFSA application is available on-line at www.fafsa.ed.gov. *

**Program preferences include:**

1. Preference for single parents.
2. Preference to applicants with a current undergraduate GPA or high school GPA of 2.50 or better.
3. Preference to students pursuing a first Bachelor’s degree.
4. Preference to full-time students.
5. Preference for students who have at least two semesters remaining at UWM before completing their undergraduate degree.

*You may simultaneously apply to the Life Impact Program while you are applying for admission to UWM and filing your FAFSA. Your application to Life Impact may not be considered if you fail to complete either processes in a timely fashion.

**Application Deadline:**

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- **We accept applications year-round**, Candidates are strongly encouraged to apply early due to the selectivity of the Life Impact Program and limited number of available awards.
- Finalists may be invited to a personal interview.
- All applicants will be notified of their status by mail.
- Applications can be submitted via mail, fax, email, or in person. Please refer to page 4 of application for details.
Jane Bradley Pettit Foundation Life Impact Program
2015-2016 Application Form

I. BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Name:_________________________________________ Date of Birth: ____________

Address: __________________________________________________________________________

City, State, Zip: _________________________________________________________________

Telephone: (____)__________  Email Address: __________________________Student ID _______

Wisconsin Resident?  Yes/No__________ Primary County of Residence: ________________________

II. HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

Please list information for all people living in your household.

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III. EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

Name of High School _________________________ GPA ____________ Date of Graduation __________

College/University ___________________________________________ Cum. GPA ______ Dates of Attendance ___________ Degree Received (if any) ___________

________________________________________________________________________

If currently enrolled in college or a university, how many credits will you have completed by the end of spring 2014? ___________ Expected College/University Degree Completion Date ___________

Major(s) / Career(s) you are considering ________________________________

How many credits do you intend to take in Fall 2015? ____________

How many hours per week do you plan to work on average during the 2015-16 academic year? ____________

Did your mother attend college? NO YES UNSURE

Did your father attend college? NO YES UNSURE
IV. OTHER

1. Completing the 2015-16 FAFSA is required in order to be considered for the Life Impact Program. When did/will you complete the 2015-16 FAFSA? __________

Note: By completing the FAFSA you will also be considered for various other types of financial assistance. By applying early you will ensure consideration for the maximum amount of financial aid that you may be eligible for.

2. Are you receiving any other type of financial support that you did not have to include on the FAFSA (ie. Gifts of support from parents, significant others, etc.)? If so, please list.

3. Acceptance into UWM is required for the Life Impact Program. If you are an incoming or transfer student, when did/will you apply to UWM? (Continuing students need not respond) __________

4. Have you applied to the Life Impact Program before? If yes, when? __________

5. How did you hear about the Life Impact Program? Circle all that apply.

   Friend/Family   University Department   University Staff / Instructor
   Community Based Organization   W2 Agency   GED Program   Community Leader
   Past/Current Life Impact Participant   Other: ____________________________

V. REFERENCE

Please list one reference and include his or her letter of recommendation with your application. Your reference may be a high school teacher or guidance counselor, faculty member, academic advisor, employer, community leader or business professional who can verify your academic achievements, personal or career goals, activities, interests, etc. Your reference letter may not be from a friend or relative. For further information about selecting a person to write your letter of recommendation, please see the Commonly Asked Questions form.

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VI. PERSONAL STATEMENT

In order to better understand who you are as a candidate for the Life Impact Program, please provide a personal statement. Please use separate sheets of paper and limit your statement to four pages, double spaced. Within the content of your statement, you must provide a response to each of the following six questions. Reviewing the Commonly Asked Questions form may help you in answering some of these questions.

1. One of the goals of the Life Impact Program is to help break the cycle of poverty. What does this personally mean to you? What impact has poverty had on your family?
2. Tell us about your family and your relationship with your children. How is your family unit impacted by your choice to go to college? In what ways does your entire household work together to make your college experience happen?
3. The Life Impact Program provides a support team to help participants with any barriers they are facing. What barriers do you face and how would you envision utilizing this team?
4. What do you think it means to do well academically and do you feel you are meeting those standards? If so, how have you been able to be successful? If not, how do you plan to improve your academic performance?
5. How do you plan to balance work, school and a family during the 15-16 academic year?
6. What are your academic and career goals and how will you use your education and career to benefit the Milwaukee community? If applicable, please describe how your involvement in any community, extracurricular, work or volunteer activities have already benefitted the local Community.

Although not required, you may also wish to address one or more of the following items in your statement.

- Discuss any aspect of your background, education, cultural heritage, or life experience which might help you contribute to a stimulating learning environment at UWM.
- Describe a significant personal accomplishment in your life and explain why it is of importance to you.
- Describe how your unique experience as a parent could contribute to your ability to achieve your goals.
- Describe your financial need and the way in which this scholarship would help you complete your education.

IV. CERTIFICATION

I certify to the best of my knowledge the information in my application and personal statement is accurate. I also understand that this application, my application for admission, transcripts, and/or other credentials will be reviewed by individuals at UWM or others participating in the scholarship selection process, and I give permission to release this information for this purpose. Furthermore, I understand that if selected as a recipient, information regarding my academic progress may be shared with appropriate individuals at UWM and otherwise.

Signature __________________________ Date: __________________________

Submit Completed Application to:

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<td>Natalie Reinbold, Life Coach/Program Manager</td>
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<td>Life Impact Program</td>
<td>Life Impact Office</td>
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<td>Department of Financial Aid</td>
<td>2442 E. Kenwood Blvd.</td>
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<td>UW-Milwaukee</td>
<td>Mellencamp Hall, Room 104</td>
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<td><a href="mailto:mycoach@uwm.edu">mycoach@uwm.edu</a></td>
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<td>Fax number: 414-229-5699</td>
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