

**Laramie Woman's Club
Mary Godat Bellamy Scholarship
2024 – 2025**

The Mary Godat Bellamy Scholarship will benefit a **non-traditional** Albany County, Wyoming, resident age 18 or older that is currently attending or will be attending a Wyoming university, college, or licensed and accredited technical, vocational, or trade school during the 2024-2025 academic year.

A non-traditional applicant must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Did not attend an institution of higher learning immediately upon completion of high school, but may currently be enrolled, **OR**
- Did not attend an institution of higher learning immediately after obtaining a GED, but may currently be enrolled, **OR**
- Withdrew from an institution of higher learning before receiving a diploma or certification from the institution for any reason.

Laramie Woman's Club (LWC) will determine the amount of the Mary Godat Bellamy Scholarship each year, and it will be awarded based on scholastic ability, financial need, and leadership qualities. For the 2024-2025 academic year, the total amount of this scholarship will be \$1,000.

When you have completed and collected all required application documents (no photographs), please scan the documents into one file; include your last name and the scholarship name (Bellamy) in the file name. If you need assistance scanning your documents into a single file, you can use the copier/scanner at Albany County Public Library (310 S. 8th Street, Laramie) for a minimal fee; staff members will be glad to assist you. You will need to bring your own thumb drive to the library, or you can email the scanned file to your personal email address using the library's equipment.

Your application file must be emailed to MaryGodatBellamy@gmail.com no later than midnight, Saturday, April 13, 2024. The successful applicant will be notified of selection on or before Friday, May 31, 2024. If selected, you will be required to email LWC with the mailing address of your chosen school's financial office and your student number in early August 2024 and early January 2025. LWC will mail scholarship funds directly to your school's financial office in two equal payments at the beginning of each semester or program. Any funds not used by the student prior to graduation will be forfeited and returned to LWC by the institution.

A copy of this application file can be found at www.gfwcwyoming.org/scholarships.html. You will need to scroll down the webpage to find the Mary Godat Bellamy Scholarship information. If you have any questions, please email Janice Pelton, LWC Education Committee, at MaryGodatBellamy@gmail.com.

All submitted information is confidential with access given only to members of the LWC Scholarship Committee. Once the successful applicant has been notified, all personal information for all applicants will be destroyed.

Application for Mary Godat Bellamy Scholarship

Please print your responses to Items 1 through 7.

1. Full Name: _____

2. Date of Birth: _____

3. Albany County, Wyoming, Address: _____

4. Length of Time at Above Address: _____

5. Email Address: _____

6. Phone Number(s): _____

7. Most recent academic Grade Point Average (GPA): _____

8. You must submit a personal essay that includes the following information. Your essay cannot exceed 400 words; the word count for your essay must be provided.

- Why are you applying for this scholarship, and why should you be considered a non-traditional applicant?
- What are your current financial circumstances and your current life situation? Please include information as appropriate about your dependents, spouse, other family members, and employment.
- If you are comfortable sharing, please let us know about any challenging circumstances you may be facing.
- Please tell us about your school and/or community activities, any organizations to which you belong, leadership positions you have held, and any volunteer work you have performed or are currently performing.
- Please include the name of the school you hope to attend during the 2024-2025 academic year.
- Please specify the degree or certification(s) you are pursuing.
- Include information about any educational financial aid you are currently receiving.

9. You must submit a copy of your most recent course and grade transcript from a high school or institution of higher learning.

10. **THREE** letters of recommendation are required. **Please be sure that each letter of recommendation is signed by the individual that wrote it, and the individual's relationship to you is provided.**

The above TEN items are required in order for Laramie Woman's Club (LWC) to consider your application. **Your complete application file must be emailed to MaryGodatBellamy@gmail.com no later than midnight, Saturday, April 13, 2024.**