

Dr. Bill Marion, Jr., First-Generation Scholarship Application Checklist

Eligibility/Requirements

- Full-time undergraduate student at Valparaiso University
- First-generation college student (Neither parents have a college degree)
- Possess a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 when applying
- Exhibit leadership qualities and community/service involvement
- If awarded, individual must participate in OMP events

Required Submission Items

You will need the following 3 items submitted to have your application considered:

- 1) A completed application form (including essay and resume).
- 2) Two references; one must be completed by a Valparaiso University faculty member.
- 3) Resume sent to omp@valpo.edu with subject line: "Resume: Bill Marion Application"

Application

Be prepared to complete the entire application once you begin. The application will not allow you to save and return at a later time. As a result, it is suggested that applicants copy the questions and save them in a word doc. Once you have completed your essay questions, copy and paste them into the Google doc application. Below are the essay questions.

Essay

Answer the following questions in 250-400 words.

- What are your short- and long-term academic and career goals?
- How will the Dr. Bill Marion, Jr., First-Generation Scholarship benefit your academic experience while at VU?
- How has being a First-Generation student impacted your experience at VU?

Reference Information

List the names of two individuals who will be submitting recommendations on your behalf. At least one of your references must be a VU faculty member. You are responsible for ensuring that your reference submits your letter of reference by 5p on **January 26, 2024**:

Resume

Your resume should demonstrate your involvement on campus and in the community. Include: employment, membership in VU and OMP student organizations/clubs, executive board positions held, volunteer experience, philanthropic endeavors, fraternity, sorority, church activities, athletics, etc. If you need assistance with your resume, please visit the Career Center or use this resource:

<https://www.valpo.edu/vucan/files/2023/03/RESUME-GUIDE-2022-23.pdf>.

Deadline Information

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COMPLETED applications must be turned in via Google Form by: 5pm, **January 26, 2024**. Applications will be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee and recipients will be notified of the committee's decision on or by **February 16, 2024**.

Finished

Thank you for taking time to complete the application for the Dr. Bill Marion, Jr., First-Generation Scholarship Fund. We look forward to reviewing your application. Please note that your application is not considered complete until we receive both reference forms and your resume by **January 26, 2024** at 5pm. Please contact the Office of Multicultural Programs with any questions that you may have, omp@valpo.edu or 219-464-5306.