



## BetterLife f/k/a WFLA WI & Upper MI Scholarship

*BetterLife's Mission is to help our members protect their families' financial futures, build better lives, and better their communities*

### Background:

BetterLife is a member-owned life insurance company that offers reliable protection, friendly service, and knowledgeable guidance, all with you and your loved ones in mind. In 1897, members created a new society known as, "Zapadni Ceska Bratrska Jednota" or Western Bohemian Fraternal Association. The society would uphold the values they held dear; Truth, Love, and Loyalty. Those three words became the motto of the organization. The members believed that the lives of both men and women were valuable to households and became one of the first fraternal organizations to insure women in 1899. In 1919, members also voted to insure juveniles. As years passed and Western Fraternal Life grew, membership was opened to all in 1947. Later, it became apparent to the Association that Western needed to change its name to reflect its inclusive membership. At the 1971 National Convention, members voted to change the name to Western Fraternal Life Association.

In January 2021, Western Fraternal Life Insurance and National Mutual Benefit, two member-owned fraternal benefit societies with similar histories came together to form BetterLife, a different kind of life insurance company. Both companies were founded over 115 years ago by average, hardworking Americans with the goal of providing affordable protection to families in their communities. Members of both societies came together to socialize, have fun, and help others. BetterLife honors our rich, combined history by continuing to focus on what's best for our members while also finding new ways to serve the community.

### Eligibility: (taken into consideration to determine recipients)

- Graduating high school seniors planning to attend a post high school educational institution as a full-time student (minimum 12 credits)
- BetterLife f/k/a Western Fraternal Life member in good standing that became a member of WFLA WI/Upper MI lodge up to 12/31/2020 or became a member of BetterLife member group in WI/Upper MI after 1/1/2021
- Academic achievement
- Participation in extracurricular and community activities
- Preference will be given to those that have participated in BetterLife/WFLA activities
- Financial need will be considered

### Award Amount:

Award amount and number of awards will vary, payable after successful completion of first semester of post-secondary schooling.

### Selection:

Recipients are recommended prior to high school graduation by the Community Foundation Scholarship Selection Committee.

### Collecting the Award & Payment Procedure:

Recipients must fill out and submit Scholarship Acceptance Form and Scholarship Verification Form through the [Scholarship Portal](https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=cffvrscholar) (<https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=cffvrscholar>). Recipients are required to provide supporting documents *as instructed* in the Scholarship Verification Form, such as class registration/list **with** credits listed, proof of major, grade transcript, etc.

After approval of online Scholarship Verification Form, the scholarship check will be paid directly to the school the recipient will be attending. The **Community Foundation communicates with students via email**; it is the student's responsibility to keep their Scholarship Portal account updated with their current email address.

### Loss of Eligibility:

Failure to register as a full-time student for both the first and second semesters of the freshman year of college or technical school.

### Further Information:

- Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region
  - Website [www.cffoxvalley.org/scholarships/](http://www.cffoxvalley.org/scholarships/)
  - Email [scholarships@cffoxvalley.org](mailto:scholarships@cffoxvalley.org)
  - Phone 920.702.7629