



## **Marion "Bette" Alfiero Education Scholarship Application**

The UCP of Eastern Connecticut, Marion "Bette" Alfiero Scholarship, was established to support individuals residing in Eastern Connecticut who are pursuing education or training to assist children or adults with disabilities. By furthering their education, scholarship recipients will make meaningful contributions to the disability community by applying their education and training to address barriers to inclusion, promote accessibility, and improve quality of life for individuals with disabilities.

### **Eligibility and Process:**

1. Applicants must live or work in Eastern Connecticut.
2. Applicants must be pursuing education or training to support children or adults with disabilities.
3. Applicants must meet all other eligibility requirements outlined in the scholarship application.
4. Applicants must submit a completed application form along with required supporting documents by the specified deadline.
5. The Scholarship Committee will review all eligible applications based on the following widely recognized evaluation and selection criteria:
  1. Academic achievement and/or work experience and potential.
  2. Demonstrated commitment to supporting individuals with disabilities.
  3. Clarity and coherence of responses to essay questions.
  4. The committee may consider other factors, including but not limited to financial need.
6. The Scholarship Committee will convene to evaluate and score each application based on the established criteria.
7. The Scholarship Committee may request additional information or conduct interviews with shortlisted candidates if necessary.
8. A selection matrix will be utilized to objectively evaluate and compare applicants' qualifications and suitability for the scholarship award.
9. The Scholarship Committee will make final decisions regarding scholarship recipients based on merit and available funds.
10. Scholarship recipients will be notified of their selection, and arrangements will be made to disburse the scholarship funds directly to their educational institution. Alternatively,

successful applicants may be provided direct payment for educational expenses, as deemed appropriate by the Scholarship Committee. In such cases, scholarship recipients need to provide proof of expenditures to the UCP Eastern CT Selection Committee.

11. Unused scholarship funds shall be returned to UCP of Eastern CT.

**Submission Instructions:**

- Please submit your completed application along with your essay responses to [info@ucpect.org](mailto:info@ucpect.org) by May 23, 2025 no later than 3pm.
- Ensure all sections of the application are filled out accurately and completely.
- By submitting this application, you acknowledge that all information provided is true and accurate to the best of your knowledge.
- Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Disclaimer: The selection process for the Marion "Bette" Alfiero Education Scholarship is based solely on merit and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, or any other characteristic protected by law.
- The Marion "Bette" Alfiero Education Scholarship Committee reserves the right to verify any information provided in the application.
- Late or incomplete applications will not be considered for the scholarship.

Thank you for your interest in the Marion "Bette" Alfiero Education Scholarship. We look forward to reviewing your application and wish you the best of luck in your educational and vocational pursuits.



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**Personal Information:**

- Full Name:
- Address:
- Phone Number:
- Email Address:

**Education:**

- Current Educational Institution (if applicable):
- Major/Field of Study (if applicable):
- Expected Graduation Date (if applicable):
- Highest Level of Education Completed:

**Employment Information (if not a full-time student):**

- Current Occupation:
- Employer Name:
- Job Responsibilities:

**Please list relevant academic, volunteer or employment honors or achievements**

**References:**

1. Please provide two letters of reference, from a teacher, mentor, leader, or employer. Please submit the letters along with the completed application.

**Please answer the following questions.**

1. **Why do you want to apply for the Marion "Bette" Alfiero Education Scholarship?**

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2. **What experience do you have working with individuals with disabilities? (250 words maximum)**

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3. **Why do you want to work with people with disabilities, and how do you believe you can help them overcome barriers to inclusion? (250 words maximum)**

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4. **How do you plan to use the \$2,000 scholarship if awarded? (100 words maximum)**

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5. **What are your employment goals, and how will your further education or training support these goals? (250 words maximum)**

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6. **Are there any other factors that the scholarship committee should consider?**

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By signing below, I affirm that all information provided in this scholarship application is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any misrepresentation may result in disqualification from consideration for the scholarship.