



# I Am B.E.A.U.T.I.F.U.L., Inc.

## *Grace Woodruff Memorial Scholarship Fund*

### *Guidelines*

I Am B.E.A.U.T.I.F.U.L.™ (IAB) is an award-winning educational enrichment nonprofit organization dedicated to building self-esteem and leadership capability in girls and women of all ages and stages.

The **Mission** of I Am B.E.A.U.T.I.F.U.L.™ (Brave, Energetic, Assertive, Unique, Tenacious, Important, Fabulous, Unequaled, Loved) is to foster self-esteem and develop the leadership capability of girls and women.

The **Vision** of I Am B.E.A.U.T.I.F.U.L. is Empowered Girls and Women Living B.E.A.U.T.I.F.U.L. Lives Inside and Out.

The **Purpose** of the **Grace Woodruff Scholarship Fund** is to provide scholarships to deserving high school graduating seniors intending to pursue a course of study at either a two-year or four-year educational institution.

The **Grace Woodruff Scholarship Fund** will award \$1,000 to three girls in each state: South Carolina, North Carolina, and Georgia. **NOTE: Scholarship funds will be awarded to the student upon evidence of registration in an accredited higher educational institution.**

#### ***Criteria and eligibility***

1. Applicant must be a senior high school girl in South Carolina, North Carolina, or Georgia who agrees to complete the IAB HOPE Mentoring Workshop and participate in IAB virtual events during the 2022-2023 school year.
2. Applicant must have at least a **2.5-grade point average** (or a “C” average).
3. Applicant must demonstrate community involvement, dedication to academic achievement, and commitment to attend college.
4. All applicants must have or commit to earning 10 hours of community service.
5. Applicant will receive extra points on the scholarship application for having an intended college major in Education.
6. Applicants must be willing to attend the scholarship recognition ceremony virtually hosted by IAB.

#### ***Criteria and eligibility Grace Woodruff Memorial Scholarship Fund (returning recipients)***

1. Applicant must be a recipient of the GWM Scholarship Fund Program.
2. Applicant must be currently enrolled in a four-year educational institution preferably majoring in Education.
3. Applicant must have at least a 3.0-grade point average (or a “C” average).
4. Applicant must complete at least 20 hours of community service. Community service hours must be documented in the form of a letter. The applicant may complete community service hours by volunteering through the IAB as a mentor/volunteer or any other service organization.

#### ***General Instructions***

1. **Deadline** for the scholarship application is **May 1, 2022, at 11:59 p.m. EST (No exceptions)**.
2. Refer to the application process below for a list of the supporting documents needed (i.e., reference forms, evidence of GPA, etc.) Incomplete applications will not be considered.

3. If any question does not apply to you in this application, please put N/A in the space.
4. Type and print legibly. Illegible applications will not be considered. You may also download a copy of the application online at [www.iambeautiful.org](http://www.iambeautiful.org)
5. You will be notified by email in June regarding the status of your application.
6. If you have any questions about the application once you have attended the mandatory workshop, please call the Executive Director, Jennifer Hammond at (470) 721-7890.

### ***Application Process:***

Applicant must submit the following items:

1. Completed application form (if handwritten, please print legibly)
2. Letter of application addressed to the Scholarship Committee. The letter should contain a brief explanation about yourself and your college plans (college/university, intended major, and anticipated start date). The letter should not exceed one (1) page.
3. Two (2) letters of recommendation from a choice of high school teachers, administrators, counselors, employers, or individuals with significant knowledge of the applicant's experience and involvement.
4. An official and recent high school transcript with cumulative grade point average and a class standing/rank.
5. Personal Essay. The essay must be at least 1-2 typed pages, double-spaced, 12 pt. / Time New Roman font. The essay shall contain no grammatical errors. The personal essay should focus on your career and personal goals and how the nine BEAUTIFUL words are related to your goals and who you aspire to be.
6. In addition to the above items, the applicant must also complete at least 10 hours of community service. Community service hours must be documented in the form of a letter. The applicant may complete community service hours by volunteering through IAB or participating with a credible community service organization or school-related service activity. Hours accumulated before the scholarship application period from January to February 2022 will be accepted with the proper documentation.

### ***Application Renewal Process: (DOES NOT APPLY IN 2022)***

Applicant must submit the following items:

1. Completed application form (if handwritten, please print legibly)
2. Letter of application addressed to the Scholarship Committee. The letter should contain a brief explanation about yourself and your college plans (college/university, intended major, and anticipated start date). The letter should not exceed one (1) page.
3. Two (2) letters of recommendation from a choice of college instructors, advisors, counselors, employers, or individuals with significant knowledge of the applicant's experience and involvement.
4. An official and recent college transcript with a cumulative grade point average.
5. Personal Essay. The essay must be at least 1-3 typed pages, double-spaced, 12 pt. / Time New Roman font. The essay shall contain no grammatical errors.

**How has attending college impacted your life?**

*The deadline* for the application is **April 2, 2023, 5:00 p.m. EST**  
Applications postmarked after this date will not be considered.

Please mail the complete application packet to:  
**I Am B.E.A.U.T.I.F.U.L. Inc.**  
**Grace Woodruff Scholarship Fund Program**  
ATTN: Scholarship Committee  
4850 Golden Parkway, B230  
Buford, Georgia 30518

## **HOPE – Helping Others Pursue Excellence**

HOPE is a 12-week program that prepares girls in grades 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> to meet the challenges of adolescence and young adulthood through a coordinated, progressive series of high-quality activities and learning experiences that help them to achieve social, emotional, spiritual, and physical well-being. Girls participate in 1:1 mentoring as well as other activities that may include community service, virtual chat sessions, and enrichment activities as they gain the ability to lead themselves and others on a course of action. They also gain the ability to analyze their own strengths and weaknesses, set personal and vocational goals, and have the self-confidence and self-esteem to pursue and achieve their goals.

**For more information, please visit the I Am BEAUTIFUL, Inc Website:**

[www.iambeautiful.org](http://www.iambeautiful.org)

The HOPE Mentoring Workshop will be presented on two Saturdays during the scholarship process. You must attend one entire session in order to be eligible for this scholarship. You will receive points for attending one workshop. This workshop is designed to educate applicants on how to “pursue excellence” as they begin their journey into higher education. There will also be a Q&A about the scholarship application process.

First Workshop: Saturday, March 19, 2022

OR

Second Workshop: Saturday, April 2, 2022



**I Am B.E.A.U.T.I.F.U.L., Inc.**

**Presents**

**The Grace Woodruff Memorial Scholarship**



**Mrs. Woodruff** was born in Spartanburg County on Thursday, June 20, 1940.

She matriculated through Spartanburg County Schools and graduated Valedictorian of the Florence Chapel High School class of 1958 in Wellford, SC. She was one of four who received the Prestigious Spartanburg County Scholarship that year. She furthered her education at South Carolina State College, Orangeburg, SC where she received a B.S. degree in Elementary Education in May of 1962.

Her teaching career began at Cumming Street School as a third-grade teacher. She taught there until it closed in 1971 due to integration. She transferred to Chapman Elementary as a fourth-grade teacher and retired after 30 years in May of 1992. She loved teaching and continued as a substitute teacher for several years. She once wrote, "There are 3 things to remember when teaching: 1.) Know Your Stuff; 2.) Know whom you are stuffing 3.) then Stuff them eloquently. She encouraged all of her students to do their best and to never give up. Her favorite saying to them was, "It's as easy as falling off a greasy log." Her gifts of wisdom, patience, ability to encourage others, and love for children made her an excellent teacher.

As her name "Grace" implies, she was a generous and kind lady with a "heart of gold" who always tried to live by God's Word. No matter what life placed in her path, she continued to have a smile, never complaining, but always counting her blessings and praising her Lord and Savior.

She was a devoted daughter, a loving wife, and mother, a dedicated sister, a caring aunt, the best "GG", the greatest mother-in-law, and a dependable friend. Her legacy will live on in the hearts of her family and friends and everyone whom she touched.



14.	What specialty/major do you plan to major in as you continue your education?		
15.	List expenses you expect to incur per semester or quarter: (Approximate figures acceptable)		
	A.	Tuition: Amount: \$	
	B.	Books: Amount: \$	
	C.	Room & Board: Amount: \$	
	D.	Other expenses: Amount: \$	Describe below under comments
Comments:			
16.	List other financial assistance you will receive per semester or quarter: (Other financial assistance will not affect your scholarship eligibility.)		
	A.	Personal: Amount: \$	
	B.	Other Scholarship(s): Amount: \$	List below under comments
	C.	Grants: Amount: \$	List below under comments
	C.	Student Loan(s): Amount: \$	List below under comments
	D.	Other Financial Resources: Amount: \$	List below under comments
Comments:			

**Use an additional sheet if you need more room to list financial information requested in items 14 & 15.**

17.	List your academic honors, awards, and membership activities while in high school:
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18.	List your community service activities, hobbies, outside interests, and extracurricular activities: If you are a member of IAB please list when you joined along with activities you have participated in.
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19.	<p><b>Personal Essay</b> Please answer the following question(s): <b>What are your educational and professional goals and objectives?</b> (<i>Spring 2022 Applicants Only</i>) <b>How has attending college &amp; participating in HOPE Mentoring impacted your life?</b> (<i>Spring 2023 returning applicants only</i>) This question must be at least 1-3 pages, typed, double-spaced, and 12 pt. / Time New Roman font. Please ensure your essay contains no grammatical errors.</p>
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20.	<p>A. The following items must be attached to this application in order for the application to qualify to be reviewed by the scholarship committee. B. Your application will not be considered if these items are not attached to this application. (No exceptions.) C. Circle "YES" or "NO" to be sure you have attached each item as required.</p>		
	YES	NO	<b>Completed application.</b> All questions are answered completely.
	YES	NO	<b>Letter to Scholarship Committee.</b> Not exceeding one (1) page. Must be typed.
	YES	NO	<b>Two (2) Letters of Recommendation.</b>
	YES	NO	<b>Proof of college acceptance or current student enrollment.</b> A <u>copy</u> of your college acceptance letter is required for receipt of funds.
	YES	NO	<b>Most recent <u>official</u> high school transcripts.</b> Photocopies of your transcript are <u>acceptable if the</u> Transcript is signed by a guidance counselor or principal.
	YES	NO	<b>Personal Essay.</b> Must be at least 1-3 pages, typed, double-spaced, and 12 pt. / Time New Roman font. Please ensure your essay contains no grammatical errors.
	YES	NO	<b>Community service hours.</b> Must be documented in the form of a letter on official letterhead from the agency the applicant completed their community service hours.

**STATEMENT OF ACCURACY**

I hereby affirm that all the above-stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the Foundation's scholarship program.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship recipient, according to Grace Woodruff Memorial Scholarship policy, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at the post-secondary institution of my choice before scholarship funds can be awarded.

Signature of scholarship applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of applicant's guardian/ parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



*“Empowering girls & women to Live B.E.A.U.T.I.F.U.L. Lives...Inside & Out!”*