

# Harlan and Joan Behrens Scholarship Application Form

## 2024-25 Academic Year

### **Overview**

The Joan M. Behrens Scholarship was created by Harlan Behrens, AU '51, in memory of his wife, Joan Marie Behrens, nee Haines, AU '52. Their shared goal: helping students succeed, fulfill their potential and have a positive impact on the world. Joan inspired many with her unquenchable appetite for knowledge, her creativity, wit, compassion and tenacity. A voracious reader and literacy advocate, she championed lifelong learning. Joan also believed strongly in the power of the arts to engage, enrich and enlighten.

This scholarship benefits students majoring in Communication, Education, English, History or Theatre who have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher; and reside (hometown) in the Fox Valley region or in Knox County, Illinois.

### **Part I Applicant Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Current Class Year \_\_\_\_\_ Major \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone \_\_\_\_\_

AU Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### **Part 2 Essay**

In 1,000 words or less, please describe a challenging situation or event in your life; what you've learned in overcoming or working to overcome it; and your resulting perspective on personal growth and perseverance. Please also express your aspirations for your future.

### **Part 3 Recommendation**

A letter of recommendation from a faculty member or university staff member is required. The recommender should address his/her sense of your academic, personal, professional potential, and how he/she has seen you overcome adversity, demonstrate tenacity, strive for continued growth.

### **Part 4 Submission Due Date MARCH 15, 2024**

The completed application, essay and letter of recommendation are due to the Office of Financial Aid no later than March 15, 2024. All application materials can be submitted online at [aurora.edu/submitfinaidforms](http://aurora.edu/submitfinaidforms). The 2024-2025 recipient of the Joan M. Behrens Scholarship will be announced on April 15, 2024.

Questions regarding application for this scholarship should be directed to the Office of Financial Aid [finaid@aurora.edu](mailto:finaid@aurora.edu) 630-844-6190