There are two types of Franciscan scholarships:

**FRANCISCAN HERITAGE SCHOLARSHIPS** are funded by an endowment started in 1982 by alumni/ae and friends of the college who make a contribution in the name of a Sister of St. Francis who has ministered in the past or is currently ministering at Briar Cliff University.

**SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS SCHOLARSHIPS** were established by the Sisters of St. Francis of Dubuque, Iowa, the founders and sponsors of Briar Cliff. These scholarships give priority to helping first generation college students, minority and international students, and/or women experiencing social disadvantage.

Criteria for both scholarships include:
- Full-time student for 2015-2016 academic year
- Attending primarily day
- Financial need
- Involvement in activities on or off campus that carry on the Franciscan tradition of service, helping to make a difference in others’ lives.

Criteria for Sisters of St. Francis Scholarships also includes being a first generation college student, a minority or international student, and/or a woman experiencing social disadvantage.

Awards:
- Scholarships of approximately $1000 or more will be awarded and are renewable if recipients re-apply and are selected.

Application Process:
- Complete the short data sheet which is attached.
- A 300-325 word essay describing your current involvement on campus and your five-year goals, as well as your plan to become familiar with one or more of the Franciscan values of Caring Community, Peacemaking, Reverencing Creation, and Connecting in Joyful Service. Some ideas to include in your essay might be your plan to:
  ✓ meet regularly with your mentor to learn more about Franciscan values
  ✓ participate in the celebration of the feast of St. Francis in the fall;
  ✓ attend the events planned by the Sisters in the fall and spring semesters;
  ✓ read a life of St. Francis or view a video (the BC library has several of each), and write a short reflection paper about it or discuss it with your mentor.
- One letter of recommendation from a BCU employee familiar with your academic work or your work outside of class. (Form to be used is attached.)
- The application may be completed online and emailed to janet.may@briarcliff.edu or dropped off at the Campus Ministry Office, H 040.

On-Going Responsibility:
- Recipients will be invited to maintain a relationship with a sister or lay person selected by the panel and will be expected to carry out their plan to become familiar with Franciscan values during the period of the scholarship.
- Recipients are expected to be involved in some type of volunteer service, appropriate for the situation.

Deadlines:
- Applications are due by 4:00 pm, March 23, 2015
- Completed applications may be emailed to janet.may@briarcliff.edu or dropped off at the Campus Ministry Office, H 040.
- Selection will be completed by April 8, 2015
Name __________________________________________

Major __________________________________________

Expected date of Graduation _______________________

Is your GPA 2.0 or above? _________________

My recommendation will be from: __________________
   (The recommendation must be from a BCU employee. Give or e-mail the attached form to the individual whose recommendation you are requesting.)

Please check all that apply to you:
   _____ Full time student 2015-2016
   _____ Attend day classes
   _____ Financial need
   _____ Neither of the people who raised me graduated from a four-year institution.
   _____ Minority student
   _____ International student
   _____ Woman experiencing social disadvantage

This is an application for
   _____ The Franciscan Heritage Scholarship.
   _____ The Sisters of St. Francis Scholarship.
   _____ I qualify for both the Sisters of St. Francis Scholarship and the Franciscan Heritage Scholarship and would like to be considered as an applicant for each scholarship.

List your service activities of the past year or two:

Attach a 300-325 word essay
Sisters of St. Francis/Franciscan Heritage Scholarship
Briar Cliff University Employee Recommendation Form

Name of BCU Employee _____________________________ Position at BCU ____________________

Name of Applicant ____________________________________________________________________

How long and in what capacity have you known applicant? _________________________________

____________________________________________________________________________________

Please comment on the applicant’s involvement in or commitment to service.

Please comment on your assessment of the applicant’s openness to learning more about Franciscan values and promoting them on the Briar Cliff University campus.

Other comments you wish to share with the Franciscan Scholarship committee regarding the applicant:

_____________________________________________________        ______________________
Signature                                           Date

This form is confidential.

Please return this form via email to janet.may@briarcliff.edu or deliver to Campus Ministry Office, H 040 by 4 pm on March 23, 2015.