

## May 4th Deadline- Time Sensitive!!



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### **Sarah-Ann Shaw and Maria Louise Baldwin Scholarship - 2026**

As part of our ongoing commitment to education, the League of Women for Community Service (LWCS) is awarding the annual Sarah-Ann Shaw/ Maria L. Baldwin Scholarship in 2026.

This year's Shaw-Baldwin Scholarships of \$1,000 will be offered to deserving female high school senior(s) from greater Boston graduating by June 2026. Applicants should be attending a two- or four-year college or trade school in the fall of 2026. A committee of the League will read the essays and determine the scholarship winner.

To apply, students could send their college essays from the common application. Or students may draft a brief 500-word essay on:

1. An impactful community service experience; or 2.  
A woman who was really inspirational.

Be sure to include name, age, address, phone number, high school, and email address. Also please include a copy of a college or trade school acceptance letter, and a letter from a teacher verifying your attendance. We would also like a short statement from a personal reference and their name, email, and phone number.

Your essay should be emailed to the "Shaw-Baldwin Scholarship Committee of LWCS" care of [KlareShaw01@gmail.com](mailto:KlareShaw01@gmail.com).

*Essays, acceptance, and reference letters must be received by 11 pm Monday, May 4, 2026.*

Scholarship recipients will be notified of the outcome by May 9, 2026. The recipients and guest(s)/family member(s) should plan to attend a brief awards ceremony and photo opportunity on Saturday May 30, 2026, Boston location TBD.

Questions? Please call (617) 429-5746 or email [klareshaw01@gmail.com](mailto:klareshaw01@gmail.com).

*Restricted contributions to this scholarship may be made on our website, [www.lwcsboston.org](http://www.lwcsboston.org).*

Ms. Shaw, an African American, was born in Roxbury in 1933, and was a civil rights activist, a journalist (31 years at WBZ-TV) and a dedicated president and member of LWCS. Ms. Baldwin was born in 1856 in Cambridge, and was an educator and activist. A lifelong educator, she was also the first Black woman appointed principal of an integrated public school in the northeast (formerly the Agassiz School, now the Maria L. Baldwin School in Cambridge). She was the first president of the League beginning in 1920.