

Dr. Bill Marion, Jr. Recommendation Letter

The Dr. Bill Marion, Jr., First-Generation Scholarship Fund is named in memory of Dr. Bill Marion, Jr., who served as Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science at Valparaiso University for nearly 32 years. The goal of this scholarship is to promote student success and retention by assisting full-time, undergraduate, first-generation college students, who demonstrate financial need, to achieve their educational dreams. A student is considered “first-generation” if neither of the student’s parents earned a college degree at the baccalaureate level or higher. A student who regularly resided with and received support from only one parent who did not earn a baccalaureate degree would also be eligible.

Recommendation Letter Requirements

You have been selected as a reference for a student at Valparaiso University. This student has applied for the Dr. Bill Marion, Jr. Scholarship. Within your recommendation letter, please include the following information:

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?
 2. Why should the candidate receive the scholarship? Include specific examples of the applicant’s relevant qualities, experiences and skills that would make the student a good candidate for the scholarship.
 3. Additional information you may include:
 - Strengths
 - Potential to succeed
 - Qualifications
1. Be sure to also include your First and Last name, Title, Contact information

Letters should be addressed to:

Bill Marion Scholarship Selection Committee
Multicultural Programs
Loke Hall
1100 Campus Drive S
Valparaiso, IN 46383

Submit the addressed letter to omp@valpo.edu. **Recommendations must be received by the deadline on November 24, 2024 at 11:59pm for students to qualify.** If you have any additional questions, contact the department at Email: omp@valpo.edu, Phone: 219.464.5306.