

BELHAVEN UNIVERSITY

O u r S t a n d a r d i s C h r i s t

MARION DAVIS RIDGWAY and ELISE DAVIS ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

For students in the Natural Sciences: Biology, Chemistry, or Math

Planning to enter pre-health fields of study.

This scholarship was established to honor the memory of Marion Davis Ridgway and Elise Davis. The Scholarship is designed to encourage exceptional students to pursue excellence in their undergraduate studies in science and math in the context of a comprehensive commitment to Biblical Christian faith while preparing to enter a career in the health professions.

Annually, a one \$1,000.00 renewable scholarship is made available each fall to a student who declares a major in Biology, Chemistry, or Math while pursuing a pre-professional program in the health sciences. Applicants should be able to demonstrate outstanding abilities in the natural sciences and must be committed to pursuing a greater understanding of the relationship between the Christian faith and modern science.

Applicants must (1) have a minimum ACT of 29 (SAT 1280); (2) submit a completed application for Belhaven University; (3) be admitted to Belhaven University; (4) submit a completed application for the Ridgway-Davis Scholarship (available online); and (5) interview with one member of the Scholarship committee.

The deadline for application is March 1. For more information about the scholarship or science programs at Belhaven University or to request a scholarship application, please contact:

Belhaven University Admission Department
1500 Peachtree St., Box 153
Jackson, MS 39202
admission@belhaven.edu
800.960.5940

The Marion Davis Ridgway and Elise Davis Endowed Scholarship

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

To be considered you must:

1. Be accepted for admission to Belhaven University.
2. Ensure that we receive your completed Ridgway Davis Scholarship application materials including a completed recommendation form from a high school science/math teacher by March 1st.

A FEW HINTS FOR SUBMITTING A COMPETITIVE APPLICATION:

The official description of the Ridgway Davis Scholarship: “This scholarship was established to honor the memory of Marion Davis Ridgway and Elise Davis. The Scholarship is designed to encourage exceptional students to pursue excellence in their undergraduate studies in science and math in the context of a comprehensive commitment to Biblical Christian faith while preparing to enter a career in the health professions.”

What the committee is looking for: The committee will examine the submitted materials for concrete evidence of interest in the sciences, ability to understand and use scientific concepts, and a commitment to ongoing exploration of the implications of Christian faith for scientific endeavor.

Complete your application early! We highly recommend that you not wait until the deadline to submit your application materials. Completing your application as early in the fall as possible will allow you to get timely feedback on how competitive your application is and will increase the flexibility for both you and the committee in terms of scheduling your interview should you be chosen as a finalist. Ridgway Davis applications that are completed before the deadline will be evaluated at regular intervals. These initial evaluations will have three possible outcomes: 1) you will be notified that your application does not appear to be competitive; 2) your application will be put on a waiting list until after the March 1st deadline when it will be reconsidered for “finalist” status; or 3) you will be judged to be a finalist and arrangements will be made to conduct a personal interview with you. Scholarship recipients will be chosen from among the finalists and notifications of the award sent by **April 15th**.

The high school teacher recommendation: Ask one of your past or present high school science or math teachers to complete the recommendation form included in these application materials. Pick a teacher who knows you and your interest and abilities in the sciences well. The teacher will send the form directly to the college, so as a courtesy, provide the recommender with a stamped pre-addressed envelope (see the recommendation form for the appropriate address). Let the teacher know your target date for submitting all your application materials. Give the teacher plenty of lead-time. It is entirely appropriate to gently remind the teacher once or twice as the date approaches, keeping in mind that the teacher is doing you a favor.

TWO IMPORTANT FINAL NOTES:

1. Remember that you must be accepted by Belhaven University before your Ridgway Davis Scholarship application can be considered.
2. If you want to be considered for other financial aid, please complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

**THE MARION DAVIS RIDGWAY AND ELISE DAVIS ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION FORM**

I. CONTACT INFORMATION

Mr./Mrs./Miss _____ SSN: _____ - _____ - _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Telephone (_____) _____ - _____ Fax (_____) _____ - _____
E-mail _____

II. SCIENCE-RELATED INTERESTS, ACTIVITIES, and ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- A) Circle the science major(s) you are interested in pursuing at Belhaven University.
Biology Chemistry Mathematics
- B) On a separate sheet, list the three most interesting/enjoyable science and/or math courses you have taken in high school and make a few comments as to why each course is on your "Top 3" list. Also list and briefly describe special interests, activities, and accomplishments that you would like the selection committee to consider.

III. READ AND SIGN THE FOLLOWING:

"I am applying for the Ridgway Davis Science Scholarship at Belhaven University. I understand that the scholarship selection committee may look at and consider any and all materials submitted to Belhaven University in support of my application for this scholarship or for admission to the college."

Signature

Date

Please return this application form with section II and III responses attached to:

Ridgway Davis Scholarship Selection Committee
Admission Office
Belhaven University
1500 Peachtree St., Box 153
Jackson, MS 39202

Deadline: March 1

(On campus—not just postmarked)

Phone: 601.968.5940

Fax: 601.968.8946

SCIENCE/MATH TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM FOR THE MARION DAVIS RIDGWAY AND ELISE DAVIS ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT

Recommendation for _____
Applicant's Full Legal Name

Please fill out the information below concerning **the science/math teacher you are asking to provide the recommendation.**

Teacher's Name _____

School _____

School Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

School Phone Number (_____) _____ - _____

Course(s) Taught _____

"I voluntarily waive my right of access to this recommendation under Public Law 93-380 so that it may be kept confidential." *(If no waiver is signed, Public Law 93-380 permits the student to inspect this recommendation.)*

Applicant's Signature

Date

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE RECOMMENDING TEACHER

Thank you for your help in identifying students who are strong candidates for the Ridgway Davis Scholarship. The scholarship was established to honor the memory of Marion Davis Ridgway and Elise Davis. The scholarship is designed to encourage exceptional students to pursue excellence in their undergraduate studies in science and math in the context of a comprehensive commitment to Biblical Christian faith while preparing to enter a career in the health professions.

On the following page, please provide ratings and comments to give the selection committee insight into the applicant's potential for continued development in the sciences. Please provide any other specific information you wish on the applicant's character and on his or her other academic interest and abilities. Your evaluation will become part of this student's application for the Ridgway Davis Scholarship at Belhaven University.

