



**Bentley
Village
Foundation**
Enriching Lives

Who Are We?
What We Do!



OUR MISSION

The mission of Bentley Village Foundation is to enrich the lives of residents, employees, and others within Collier County and southwest Florida and enhance their cultural, intellectual, emotional, and/or physical well-being through philanthropic programs and educational scholarships.

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BENTLEY WINGS COMPETITIVE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



Investing in Potential. Advancing Opportunity.

The Bentley Wings Competitive Scholarship Program is a strategic initiative of the Bentley Village Foundation, a 501(c)(3) public charity dedicated to advancing educational access for Bentley Village employees and their dependents. Founded in 2016 by resident Diane Halas, the program was created to help staff overcome financial barriers to higher education and career growth.

In partnership with the Collier Community Foundation (CCF), “Bentley Wings” has awarded 101 scholarships through 2025. All scholarships are administered under CCF’s non-profit umbrella, ensuring fiscal accountability and professional oversight.

Program Overview

- Open to all Bentley Village employees and their dependents. Currently, BVF is exploring options to expand award opportunities.
- Funds paid directly to accredited institutions, including vocational and online programs.
- Awards may cover tuition, fees and books.
- No minimum GPA required; selection is based on service, financial need, and commitment.
- College scholarships are initially awarded for four years, with the option of two 2-year extensions. Vocational or Trade School awards may have a different initial period.

“Bentley Wings” scholars are currently pursuing degrees and certifications in high-impact fields such as medicine, psychology, accounting, computer science, biology, and social work.

BENTLEY WINGS COMPETITIVE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (CONT)

Annual Giving Opportunities

Bentley Village Foundation offers several donor engagement opportunities throughout the year:

- **Annual Appeal:** Supports core initiatives with flexible designation options—Programs, Scholarships, or “where needed most.”
- **Year-End Appeal:** A December campaign offering similar giving flexibility to enhance donor year end giving.
- **Dollars for Scholars Golf Tournament:** Held each fall, this signature event exclusively funds scholarships. Donors may contribute by golfing, sponsoring a hole, underwriting the event, funding a named scholarship, or participating in the 50/50 raffle. The tournament consistently raises over \$175,000 annually.
- **Legacy Giving through bequests and estate gifts.**

Why Your Support Matters

“Bentley Wings” is entirely donor-funded. Every contribution supports educational advancement and career mobility for employees and their families who serve the Bentley Village community. Your investment builds futures, strengthens the workforce, and reinforces a culture of excellence.

Together, we are not just awarding scholarships—we are shaping lives.



Michael Beltran

“With this opportunity, I can attend DePaul University, excel academically, and pursue my masters degree to become a successful statistician in business or medicine.”

BENTLEY VILLAGE PROGRAMS



Enriching Lives Through Purposeful Programming

Our mission is simple yet powerful: to enrich lives of residents, employees, and the broader Southwest Florida community through meaningful experiences made possible by donor support.

BVF Programs complement Vi's offerings in wellness, social engagement, and holiday celebrations. They add depth, variety, and inspiration to everyday life.

The Bentley Village Foundation (BVF) enhances the Vi Lifestyles calendar with curated programs that elevate cultural, intellectual, emotional, and physical well-being.

What Your Support Makes Possible

BVF-funded performances bring world-class entertainment to Bentley Village. From the Mardi Gras energy of the Naples Jazzmasters to the Broadway flair of Whitney Grace, these events selected by our volunteer Program Committee **are fully funded by donations.**

Beyond entertainment, BVF fosters active participation. Resident-led music groups, weekly sing-alongs, and our own beloved Belles and Beaus choral ensemble offer opportunities to connect, engage, and celebrate community.

BENTLEY VILLAGE PROGRAMS (CONT)

Music also serves a therapeutic role. BVF sponsors over 240 annual music therapy sessions across Independent Living, Assisted Living, and the Care Center. These sessions quietly support emotional health, memory, and communication—making a lasting impact behind the scenes.

For opera enthusiasts, BVF streams six Metropolitan Opera performances annually in the Bentley Theatre, delivering world-class productions without the need to travel.

Intellectual engagement is another cornerstone. The Foundation's Forum series features expert speakers on topics that matter—from regional growth and environmental stewardship to hospice care and community development. These programs foster dialogue, awareness, and informed living.

The Power of Philanthropy

BVF Programs are more than events; they are catalysts for connection, joy, and enrichment. Every donation helps build a vibrant, engaged community where residents, employees and their dependents thrive.

Your generosity fuels our mission. Together, we are enriching lives—one program at a time.



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Belles & Beaus: A 29-member choral group directed by acclaimed concert musician Jodie DeSalvo, and lifelong musician Sherry Bailey.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



What is Bentley Village Foundation?

Bentley Village Foundation, Inc. (the Foundation) was formed in 2016 as a Florida nonprofit corporation and is approved by the IRS as a Section 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization and classified as a public charity, permitting it to accept tax-deductible contributions to use to further its mission. The Foundation also holds a charitable solicitation license issued by the State of Florida.

Bentley Village Foundation's Mission

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What is the relationship between Vi at Bentley Village and Bentley Village Foundation?

Vi at Bentley Village is a Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC) responsible for the operation of the Bentley Village retirement community.

The Bentley Village Foundation is a nonprofit entity of Bentley Village Residents conducting the Foundation's scholarship and other charitable endeavors. Vi at Bentley Village employees and their dependents are eligible to compete for the Foundation's scholarships, and its residents may participate in its programs. Vi supports the Foundation by allowing it to use Bentley Village facilities and services. **The Foundation operates independently of Vi and exclusively for charitable and educational purposes.**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (CONT)

How is the Foundation funded?

Contributions from Vi at Bentley Village residents, event sponsors, and fundraising activities fund BVF. The annual gross contributions for 2022-2024 averaged \$650,000. The Foundation has invested assets adequately to provide for its existing scholarship obligations and to support its ongoing programs. Financial statements and Annual Reports are available on request.

How does the Foundation spend your donations?

The Foundation strictly follows the IRS's 501(c)(3) guidelines about how its funds can be used. Budgeted expenditures are approved by the Board of Trustees and are reviewed to ensure consistency with the Foundation's mission and in accordance with its Mission Statement and strategic goals.

Priorities include:

- The Foundation's Bentley Wings Competitive Scholarship Program provides annual scholarships for students through graduation or completion of their studies.
- Our Healthy Aging programs promote intellectual and cultural stimulation for all residents at Bentley Village, including the highly successful Music Therapy program in ALR and the Care Center.
- Community Outreach: Through a system of grants and in-kind services, the Foundation collaborates with other respected community organizations to reach seniors and others throughout SWFL.

Bentley Village Foundation is rated Four Star, the highest rating available by Charity Navigator and Candid (formerly GuideStar). These organizations aid millions of donors in their charitable decision-making. These ratings reflect a charity's programs, stability, efficiency, and sustainability.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (CONT)

How can I contribute to the Foundation, and can I designate a specific purpose for my donation such as scholarships?

Online: You can donate money online with a credit card using the Foundation icon on Uniguest or go directly to <https://bentleyvillagefoundation.org/give/>. The website will give you the choice to donate to various appeals throughout the year or for Memorials or Tributes. You will be able to choose how your funds are designated; for the Scholarship Fund, Program Fund, or Where Needed Most. Selecting 'where needed most' relies on the wisdom and experience of the Foundation's Board to apply your donation where it judges the funds will be most effective.

Checks: Make checks payable to Bentley Village Foundation. Mail the check to:
Treasurer, Bentley Village Foundation
701 Retreat Drive, Box 400, Naples, FL 34110.

Other: The Foundation also accepts donations of publicly traded stock, Qualified Charitable Donations (from your IRA) and Donor Advised Funds. Additionally, under the Foundation's 501(c)(3) qualification, it is qualified to receive tax-deductible bequests and estate gifts.

What are some of the metrics of the Foundation's Scholarship Program?

Over 100 scholarships have been awarded since the Foundation was started in 2016. To fully follow the IRS regulations for the "Employer-Related" type of scholarships made available by the Foundation, Collier Community Foundation administers our scholarships, and in 2024 paid \$186,000 on behalf of the Foundation to the educational institutions scholars attend.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (CONT)

If I designate a gift to the Scholarship Fund or Program Fund, can the Foundation use it for some other purpose?

All donations designated for the Scholarship Fund or Program Fund will be used for those purposes and cannot be redirected elsewhere. A small percentage of all contributions are used for operating expenses, such as fees for accounting and administrative tasks. If you have any questions or need further information, please ask any Foundation officer or relevant Committee chair.

Who is eligible for the Foundation's competitive scholarships and how many are awarded annually?

Eligible scholarship applicants must be employees of Vi at Bentley Village, their spouses, or dependents. Under the Foundation's scholarship program since its start, scholars have both the time and flexibility to use the scholarship award while pursuing their designated degree or certificate. The number of scholarships awarded each year varies but has historically been approximately twelve. Beginning with the 2026 scholarship awards, the scholarship award will be \$7000/yr. These awards are subject to change per annual reviews by the Scholarship Committee and Board of Trustees. Funds may be used for tuition, books, and fees. To follow the IRS requirements, the Foundation's designated administrator of its Bentley Wings Scholarships, the Collier Community Foundation, makes its awards directly to institutions the scholars attend.

Who are the Foundation's Members, and how do I become one?

The Foundation thrives because of its two types of dedicated members: Volunteer and Donor Members. All BV residents may become members. The Trustees, committee chairs, committee members, and many others selflessly volunteer their time, allowing the Foundation to channel its financial resources towards its mission.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (CONT)

The commitment of these Volunteer Members is estimated to save the Foundation over \$400,000 annually in costs through their volunteer efforts.

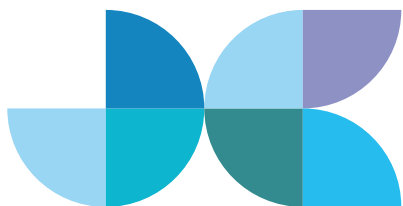
Our Volunteer Members and Donor Members have the complementary and synergistic relationship that has been essential to the Foundation's successes – it is the dedication and generosity from both sets of Members that power the Foundation to function effectively and efficiently and grow year over year. The generosity of time, talent and money fuels a cycle of giving, inspiring future donors and volunteers. By becoming a BVF Volunteer or Donor Member, you are not just supporting a cause, you are shaping a legacy of education, enrichment, and opportunity.

If you're interested in exploring personally rewarding opportunities to get involved, visit www.bentleyvillagefoundation.org and click on the Volunteer button for more information, or call the Foundation at 239.238.4208.

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Bentley Village Foundation Awards The Literacy Council Gulf Coast \$3,000



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