Where your donations go further: **100% of** your donations are awarded in the form of scholarships!

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Please contact St. Louis Park Dollars for Scholars if you are interested in setting up a scholarship or considering estate planning. It is very easy to do and provides amazing benefits for our youth and community.

"Be the change you want to see in the world." Mahatma Gandhi

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Providing Post-Secondary Scholarships for Local Students

St. Louis Park's Class of 2021 awarded 93 scholarships

On May 19, 2021 a special virtual (due to the pandemic) program celebrated graduating seniors and their families. **93 SLP High School students were awarded Dollars for Scholars scholarships totaling \$119,900 to help them pursue their college educations and future dreams.**



Students rake leaves on Halloween 2021 for a scary good cause – the Oriole Scholarship! *To donate you can text Orioles at 44-321*

Student Gratitude

The Board of Dollars for Scholars is privileged to be part of something really special: working with the entire St. Louis Park community to make dreams come true. We would like to share the following student's note of gratitude:

"I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your generous scholarship. Never could I have imagined when I left Ethiopia in 2011, having not attended school for several years, that I would end up achieving my dream of going to college. My family arrived here with limited English ability and one suitcase per person. What a journey it has been and I have made my family very proud. Now you are a part of my continued journey, too!" Helen

Snippets of "thank you" notes written by scholarship recipients to donors

"This means so much to me. I'm sending you many virtual hugs :) Thank you helping me make this dream possible." Helen

"I greatly appreciate the time and thought put into your decision to grant me this scholarship and am **honored that my community is investing in my future**." Flynn

"I promise I will put it to good use and be as successful as I can be in college. Your generosity will not be forgotten!" Ari

"I'm very dedicated to putting your money to great use and getting the best out of the opportunities I've been given with my education. I hope to one day be to provide others with the opportunities you have given me." Isaac

"Thank you so much for **believing in my ability** and your generous scholarship." Elliot

"I am in awe of your generosity, and deeply appreciate all that you do to create opportunities for success for my peers and me." Elizabeth

"College expenses are one of the most important factors that impact my future so it's really incredible that there are people like you helping out." Audrey

"I am so grateful for this opportunity, it's going to help me out a great amount with getting my tuition down so I won't have to take out such a big loan." "**Thank you so much for giving me this scholarship, I will be forever grateful.**" Natasha

"This scholarship will help me make this dream come true." Raven

This "**gives hope that I can continue to pursue something greater**. It's difficult to believe that you would give donations like this to people you don't know, but it's also very admirable and even courageous." John

"With how expensive college is, it means so much to me to be receiving help. It is so awesome that you are giving money to help out college students." Kate

"Once again, thank you from the bottom of my heart." Marcos

Please donate today

Help a SLP graduate achieve his or her college dreams, improve that person's life and the community at large. **Donate at the SLP DFS website** at <u>http://www.stlouispark.dollarsforscholars.org</u> where you can find the latest DFS information at local and national levels. **Wish to give by mail? Please send your check** to **SLP DFS at P.O. Box 16403, St. Louis Park, MN 55416 or text SLP2022 to 44-321**. Questions? Email <u>slp.dollarsforscholars@gmail.com</u> or ask a board member.

Our DFS Board: Barb Nelson, St. Louis Park High School liaison; Dan Feder, Mark Fredrickson, Steve Gednalske, Tammy McCanna, Ellen Staib, Kelsey Vatsaas, and Diane Vig.