



“The Detroit Regional Dollars for Scholars Scholarship” Commonly Asked Questions

To review the entire awards policy, please visit drdfs.org.

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What are the eligibility requirements?

To be eligible, a student must:

- Be in good standing with the Dollars for Scholars academic support program.
- Have earned at minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0.
- Plan to enroll in an accredited post-secondary institution.
- Fully complete all required sections of the scholarship profile.

When is the application due?

Application Opens October 24, 2018

Application Deadline January 31, 2019 at 11:59 PM

What sections need to be complete?

To qualify for the scholarship, a student must create a scholarship profile (drdfs.org) and complete the following:

- Activities and Leadership Contributions
- Work Experience
- Educational and Career Objectives Essay
- Unusual Circumstances Essay
- Applicant Appraisal
- High School GPA
- SAT Score
- FAFSA Expected Family Contribution (will be verified)
- Uploaded copy of FAFSA Student Aid Report

Do I need to attend my high school award night?

Yes, students will be presented with an award certificate during their high school awards night program.

When/how do I get my check?

The award amount is \$2,000, renewable once. To claim their first scholarship check (\$2,000), a student must:

- Log on to their scholarship profile (drdfs.org) and officially accept the scholarship award.
- Upload their post-secondary acceptance letter or class schedule to their scholarship profile.
 - *This document must include the student's full name and the name of the institution.*

The scholarship check, written to both the student and the institution, will be mailed to the student's home. Students must endorse the check and submit it to the office of financial aid at their post-secondary institution.

When/how do I get my renewal?

One year after receiving the initial award, a student is eligible to claim their scholarship renewal (\$2,000). To do so, a student must upload a copy of their class schedule to their scholarship profile. *This document must include the student's full name and the name of the institution.*

What can I use my scholarship for?

Scholarships can only be used for tuition, fees, books, supplies and equipment required for courses of instruction.

Can I defer my scholarship?

If a student is postponing college due to military service or personal circumstances, they have up to 27 months from their high school graduation to use their scholarship. The student must notify Detroit Regional Dollars for Scholars if requesting to defer claiming their scholarship.