



PO Box 396 • Aurora, IN 47001

2024 South Dearborn Middle School
St John's / St. Lawrence
Squire Challenge Scholarship Application

Dear Applicant,

South Dearborn Dollars for Scholars is a non-profit organization providing financial assistance to students seeking two-year and four-year post-secondary educational opportunities. South Dearborn Dollars for Scholars is part of Scholarship America, a national network of community based volunteer directed chapters located throughout the country. Since 1991, our chapter has awarded scholarships totaling almost \$1.2 Million to 1040 South Dearborn students pursuing a post-secondary education.

South Dearborn Dollars for Scholars Squire Challenge Awards Policy

1. Criteria:

- 3.0 cumulative gpa for the 8th grade
- Participation in at least one (1) school activity each semester in both 7th & 8th grade – sports, club, band, choir, play, newspaper, academic team, etc
- Participation in at least one (1) community service activity in both 7th & 8th grade (at least 5 hours per year)
- Application / Recommendation signed by teacher, SDMS/St. John's/St. Lawrence staff member, activity leader, sponsor etc
- For all students – only students that will be attending South Dearborn High School are eligible.

2. The number of SD Squire Challenge Scholarships awarded and the amount of each scholarship certificate will depend on the amount of funds generated during the school year. The Squire Challenge Scholarships are non-competitive – all students who meet the criteria have an equal chance of receiving a scholarship.

3. After completing all the sections to be filled out by you (the student), please give your application to a teacher, SDMS/St. John's/St. Lawrence staff member, activity leader or sponsor. They should complete the Applicant Appraisal section and then they will return your application to the South Dearborn Middle School/St. John's / St. Lawrence Front Office. The guidance office will complete the GPA section.

4. Recipients will receive a Scholarship Certificate at the 8th grade Honors Ceremony. Scholarship checks will be issued upon graduation from South Dearborn High School and payable to the trade or vocational school or college you will be attending if the following criteria are met:

- Graduate from SDHS with at least a 2.5 gpa
- Volunteer at least 10 hours of community service per year, each year of high school
- Continued participation in school activities, community activities (church, 4H, scouts, etc) or after school jobs all 4 years of high school (at least one activity/job per trimester)
- Complete a South Dearborn Dollars for Scholars Online Application
- Be accepted and attend full-time an accredited trade or vocational school or college (2 yr or 4 yr)

APPLICATIONS MUST BE IN SDMS/St. JOHN'S/ST. LAWRENCE FRONT OFFICE NO LATER THAN APRIL 16, 2024.

Sincerely,
South Dearborn Dollars for Scholars

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE
APPLICANT DATA

Mr. _____
Ms. Last Name First Name Middle Initial

Permanent Street Address City State Zip Code

DOB month/date/year Telephone Number e-mail address

Name(s) of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Address (if different than applicant)

Telephone Number(s) e-mail address

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Address (if different than applicant)

Telephone Number(s) e-mail address

IN SUBMITTING THIS APPLICATION, I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE. FALSIFICATION OF INFORMATION MAY RESULT IN TERMINATION OF ANY SCHOLARSHIP GRANTED.

“I agree that if I am offered and accept an award from Scholarship America® or an affiliated program, Scholarship America and its affiliated programs may use my name, my picture, the name of my community, the name and address of my school, the amount of the award, and the name of the postsecondary institution I will attend (my Recipient Information”) in press releases, public announcements, and other fundraising or promotional materials in all media (including the Internet), to advance the non-profit objectives of Scholarship America and its affiliated programs.”

Applicant’s Signature Date

Parent’s Signature Date

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List all **school activities** in which you have participated during 7th & 8th grade. Include all special awards & honors. ie. Student government, class offices, class committees, music, sports, clubs, yearbook, plays, National Honor Society, newspaper, dance committees, trip fundraising, etc. ***There must be at least one activity each semester for both years of middle school – a total of at least 8 activities.***

School Activities	Grade	Semester (1, 2, 3, 4)	Offices Held / Awards / Honors

List all **community activities** in which you have participated WITHOUT PAY during 7th & 8th grade. ie. Church activities, 4H activities, volunteer work, scout activities, nursing home visits, etc.

Do not include court ordered community service, any activity for which you were paid, any unpaid work for a private or family owned business or school activities (such as dances, band fundraising, trip fundraising, etc) or any activities for which you received credits or grades.

There must be at least 5 hours each year & you must describe what you did – for example - picked up trash, sorted clothes, served dinner, worked a booth, etc.

Community Activities <i>(describe what you did & for what organization)</i>	Grade	Hours	Offices Held / Awards / Honors

APPLICANT APPRAISAL (to be completed by a teacher, SDMS/St. John's/St. Lawrence's staff member, activity leader, sponsor, etc who supervised one of the school or community activities listed on the previous page)

You have been asked to supply information in support of this student's scholarship application. Please give immediate and serious attention to the following statements. When complete, please return to SOUTH DEARBORN MIDDLE SCHOOL / St. John's / St. Lawrence's FRONT OFFICE (do NOT return to the student).

1. The applicant's achievements reflect his/her ability:

Extremely well Very well Moderately well Inappropriate

2. The applicant's ability to set realistic and attainable goals is:

Excellent Good Fair Poor

3. The quality of the applicant's commitment to school and community is:

Excellent Good Fair Poor

4. The applicant is able to seek, find and use learning resources:

Extremely well Very well Moderately well Not well

5. The applicant demonstrates curiosity and initiative

Extremely well Very well Moderately well Not well

6. The applicant demonstrates good problem solving skills, follows through and completes tasks

Extremely well Very well Moderately well Not well

7. The applicant's respect for self and others is

Excellent Good Fair Poor

Comments _____

 Appraiser's Signature & Title

 Date / Telephone Number

TRANSCRIPT INFORMATION
(to be completed by the Guidance Office)

 8th Grade Cumulative gpa

 Office Signature / Title

 Date