**Taconic Hills Dollars for Scholars Founders’ Scholarship**

The Founders’ Scholarship is created in grateful recognition of the Community Members who had the foresight and strong commitment to create our organization with the goal to provide Scholarships to Taconic Hills graduating Students to assist them in their pursuit of further education.

Purpose: To provide further support in the pursuit of a degree or certification to a currently enrolled student who will reach Junior Class status or above as of the Fall Session. (Includes Masters and Doctoral Studies or other specialized certifications necessary for the field of study.)

The number of Scholarships and the amounts will be annually determined by the THDFS Board. Currently there will be up to four (4) $1500 dollar scholarships to be given to worthy students as determined by the Founders’ Scholarship Selection Committee. As with all our Scholarships they can only be awarded for tuition, books, necessary educational materials, or repayment of Federal loans and cannot be paid to individuals or families.

**Eligibility**

1. The student is on track to have standing for the upcoming Fall Session as a Junior Class member or above and is a previous THDFS Scholarship recipient. Currently living within the THCSD is not a requirement.
2. Registration in or on track to complete a degree of Bachelor or higher.
3. Past THDFS recipient awards and/or amounts are not a consideration.
4. Applications are due by May 31 and are to be submitted via our email as attached PDF Documents. [taconichillsdfs@outlook.com](mailto:taconichillsdfs@outlook.com) It is strongly preferred that they **not** be submitted via Google Documents due to permission issues that may arise.
5. Applicants are fully responsible for all information to be received by the deadline regardless of the source of the information i.e., School or reference. You will receive an email confirmation that the items have been received.
6. Applications lacking any part of the application requirements by the deadline will not be considered.
7. Student recipients of this award may receive it one time and are not eligible to re-apply to receive a second Founders’ Scholarship. Students not selected in a given year are encouraged to re-apply if still meeting the eligibility criteria.
8. Any questions may be submitted to taconichillsdfs@outlook.com.
9. All decisions made by the Selection Committee and Board approved are final.
10. Applicants will be notified of the results by June 30.

**Application Requirements**

1. Two References related to the student’s chosen field/major. At least one reference as an Academic Reference i.e., Professor. The second reference may be another Academic Reference or from a Supervisor in a job that is directly related to the student’s chosen field. For example: Working as an IT Tech while pursuing an IT degree or working on a dairy farm while pursuing a degree in Agricultural Sciences. A Reference is requested to comment on the student’s academic knowledge related to their field/major, any knowledge of related “outside of the classroom” activities that they can comment on and overall character of the person’s ability to succeed in their chosen field/major. References may not be family members.
2. Note: At the reference writer’s discretion they may email it directly to us at [taconichillsdfs@outlook.com](mailto:taconichillsdfs@outlook.com) or provide it in a sealed envelope which can be mailed to us at Taconic Hills Dollars for Scholars PO Box 1119 Philmont, NY 12565. We must receive it by May 31, and the student is ultimately responsible for it getting to us by the deadline. The student may email us to find out the status of us receiving it.
3. GPA as of the end of the current Academic Year. May be official transcript or copy of unofficial transcript showing cumulative GPA as of the most current semester and status of class standing. (Junior or above)
4. Listing of paid work/or unpaid activities related to applicant’s chosen field of study,

that is not a part of a class curriculum/college expectation. i.e., Student teaching,

course required work such as shadowing would not be acceptable. Related Clubs,

related work, internship: if not required by curriculum are examples of acceptable

activities.

1. Listing of volunteer work/paid work not related to academic field.
2. A statement of 200-300 words indicating the applicant’s current educational program, why it is being pursued, how the Scholarship would benefit them in furthering their education and how it would be utilized.
3. A 150-200 word statement of Unusual Circumstances. Submit only if there has been a serious life experience, which occurred during college, that the applicant has had to overcome to get where they are today. Examples would include: deaths or serious illnesses of close family members, significant illness of self or disability, significant financial hardship of self or family that caused difficulties, need to work full or part time to cover basic college expenses, family care responsibilities that interrupted college education.

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