



**South Dearborn Dollars for Scholars
Continuing Education Scholarships
Guidelines for Eligibility
Nov 1, 2022 – Oct 31, 2023**

South Dearborn Dollars for Scholars is excited to announce the availability of our sixteenth (16) year of South Dearborn Continuing Education Scholarships. These scholarships are available to 2022 & earlier SD graduates who are in at least their 2nd year of college or trade school & enrolled as Full time students.

Preference is given to students who are still pursuing their first college or trade school degree. Students pursuing a professional, masters, 2nd degree or any further education can apply but will only be awarded a scholarship if there are funds still available after all students pursuing a first college or trade school degree receive an award.

The application is an online application – you must complete a student profile on our website – www.southdearborn.dollarsforscholars.org - in order to be eligible for the 2024 SDDFS Continuing Education Scholarships.

All scholarships awarded will be paid directly to the recipient's educational institution that they are attending. **In the event that a student receives other awards, grants, or scholarships that pay the entire tuition & book fees, you may not qualify for this scholarship.**

Eligibility Requirements

Students must have graduated from South Dearborn High School (2022 or earlier) with at least a 2.5 GPA.

Preference will be given to students pursuing their first associates or bachelors' college degree.

Attendance at any accredited 2 or 4-year college or technical institute.

2.5 cumulative GPA (college) minimum.

Enrolled **full time** for the Winter / Spring 2024 semester – at least 12 credit hours. Your schedule must be submitted before check will be issued but it is not necessary to submit it with your initial application if it is not yet available.

At least 10 hours of community service between Nov 1, 2022 and Oct 31, 2023. Preference will be given to students who perform volunteer work in Dearborn County or for a Dearborn County organization.

Documentation

Proof of at least a 2.5 accumulative college GPA & Spring 2024 tuition statement - current transcript must be uploaded to your SDDFS account under documentation.

Organizations should be on the attached list or will have to be **pre-approved** as an eligible charity/organization

All volunteer hours should be listed in detail **with dates** in the activities section of the online application. Please be as detailed as possible, since these community service activities could also allow you to be eligible for other volunteer awards.

Scholarships Available

- 1). At least twenty (20) 2024 SDDFS Challenge Scholarships (\$500) each.
- 2). One Collier Holtegel Memorial Scholarship (\$500). Preference given to an Ivy Tech Lawrenceburg student.
- 3). One SDDFS Initiative Scholarship (\$500). For a student who is volunteering with an organization or has a paying job in a field that relates to their current major / field of study.
- 4). One George "Giggy" Gardner Memorial Scholarship. For a current college or trade school student who was on the South Dearborn High School Wrestling Team at least 2 years including their senior year. Requires an essay.
- 5). Two It Pays to Stay Scholarships (\$2000 each). Applicants must have completed the FAFSA & have an EFC of \$15,000 or less

It is each student’s responsibility to complete the online application and submit the required documentation from the college or institution.

The SDDFS Continuing Education Scholarships require at least 10 hours of community service per year to be eligible for this scholarship. Hours can be accumulated from November 1, 2022 to October 31, 2023 and this documentation must be listed on your online application by **October 31, 2023 with dates** to be eligible for the 2024 awards. The actual application is on our website - www.southdearborn.dollarsforscholars.org – and must be completed online.

Please keep in mind that there are more scholarships available for students who volunteer for Dearborn County organizations than those who volunteer for organizations outside of Dearborn County. But please be sure to list ALL of your volunteer work.

Community Service Resource List / Qualifying Examples
(Participation in activities for which NO fee is paid and no school credit is earned)

SEIOC Head Start	SDCSC Classrooms	Dollars for Scholars (<i>5 hours maximum</i>)
Heart House	Hillforest	PAWS
Dearborn County Clearing House	YES Home	Salvation Army
Red Wolf Sanctuary	March of Dimes	Dearborn County Recycling
Habitat for Humanity	We Care Packages	Park, Road, River Clean-Up
Shop with a Cop	Special Olympics	Support Our Troops
Main Street Aurora / Lions	Pregnancy Care Center	Warm the Children
Nursing Homes	Hospitals	Mentoring/ Tutoring Programs
St. Vincent DePaul	Libraries	Ronald McDonald Houses
Churches	Youth Programs	Senior Citizen Programs
Civic Organizations	4H	Mission/Volunteer Trips

Any unpaid volunteer work for: Dearborn County, the city of Aurora or the towns of Dillsboro, Moores Hill or Manchester.

Other organizations may qualify – please email us at sddfs1991@gmail.com for approval

Non-Qualifying Examples

Any activity for which you are paid	Any work at a parent or private owned business
Class associated activities	Sorority/Fraternity sponsored service or activities
Club fundraising	Sports fundraising for teams you are a player
Odd jobs at home	Fundraising for trips
School theatricals (musical, pit, stage crew)	Court Ordered Community Service
School dances or formals	Scorekeepers/Sports
Any activity that counts as a college credit	Babysitting
Any activity required by your post-secondary institution / or required to receive your degree	
Any work at a for-profit business	
Participation in walk-a-thons (unless you help organize or work the event)	

Online Application Instructions ***Please read carefully***

1. Go to the South Dearborn Dollars for Scholars website - www.southdearborn.dollarsforscholars.org
2. Click on the “Students & Parents” tab
3. Click to login if you already have a “profile”. If not, create one.
4. Make sure your “Basic Info” is current (**especially your email address**)
5. Under “Additional Info”, click on the Highest Level of Education completed and select the information that is correct for you. It has to be at least “some college”.
6. Under “Schools” update the “Current Grade Level” to what you will be in November 2023. **It has to be at least “2nd Year Post High School Student”**
7. Make sure your High School & College information is correct & current.
8. Under “GPA”, click that “I have high school and college GPA information” Enter that information on the last 2 lines of this section.
9. If you received a SDDFS scholarship as a senior, your high school documentation is still there. If you are a new applicant, we need proof of your high school gpa.
10. Under “Documents”, attach proof of your college gpa & your current tuition bill when available
11. New applicants must request your official high school gpa transcript from the Guidance Dept at SDHS
12. Make sure to add all community service activities that you have done in the last year. Please be as detailed as possible. **Include “from” “to” dates between November 1, 2022 & October 31, 2023.**
13. If you have completed the 2023 FAFSA & have a EFC of \$15,000 or less, enter that information to be eligible for the It Pays to Stay Scholarships
14. This is all the information needed to apply for the 2024 Continuing Education Scholarships.
15. Additional information such as *athletic activities, clubs & organizations, church & religious activities* and *music/theatre/arts activities* can be added in order to qualify for national Scholarship America awards. It is highly recommended to update the *awards* and *employment* section also.
16. Click on the “Save and look for Scholarships”
17. The 2024 SDDFS Continuing Education Scholarships should be listed under My Scholarships.
18. Answer the questions and hit apply.

Life’s most persistent and urgent question is “What are you doing for others?”

Dr. Martin Luther King