

Directions for claiming your Yelm DFS (YDFS) Scholarship 2024

You will be able to claim your DFS Scholarship(s) after you have accepted enrollment into your college or university. The window for claiming your 2024 scholarship(s) is now through June 1st, 2026. If you do not need your scholarship before then, you may submit a deferral request from the DFS committee by the same deadline. All claims/requests should be sent to: YelmDollarsForScholars@gmail.com

To prove that you are enrolled in a school/program, complete the College Payment Request Form available in the Career Center or online at www.Yelm.DollarsForScholars.org. Fill out your name, student ID # and then have your school's Registrar complete the rest of the form including the address for sending scholarship payments. You can do this in person with your school or send it to them via email.

DO NOT rely on someone in the Registrar's office to complete and send the form for you – as in don't just drop it off or email it and hope it gets completed! I highly encourage you to go into the office or email it to a specific person, ask for it to be filled out and get the form back yourself. You can then email or mail it to the address listed on the form. Do not wait until the last minute because you never know how busy a Registrar's office may be and our deadline for submission is firm.

Directions for claiming your scholarships and a copy of this form will be available on the Yelm Dollars For Scholars website in case you misplace this copy. Of course YDFS will also be sending reminders next year as the deadline approaches! Your reminders will go to whatever email you used to register your YDFS account.

*If for some reason your plans change - you wait a semester to start school, take the second semester off, do a year of service, etc, - you can DEFER your scholarships and save them for the following year! You can also do this if you have received multiple scholarships from other organizations and would prefer to save your DFS ones for your second year. THE SAME DEADLINE APPLIES TO SUBMIT THE DEFERRAL REQUEST – JUNE 1ST, 2026. A simple letter or email sent to the YDFS committee at the address on the form stating why you are asking for a deferral is all that is needed. Be sure to include your name, graduation year, best email address at which to reach you and phone number. The committee will consider your deferral and respond as quickly as they can.

NOTE: Please let your colleges know now what scholarships they can expect from you next year no matter what organization you are receiving them from. This will help them keep your financial aid packages up-to-date. Please note that sometimes scholarships can affect your need-based aid from your school. If that happens, reach out to the school to see if deferring a scholarship can help you keep your need-based aid.

Congratulations and good luck!!

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