DeSoto County High School Local Scholarship Application Guidelines

1. All scholarship applications should be typed, click in the typeable areas to fill out the general application below and any additional applications found at the end of the packet.
2. Use the “General Scholarship Application Form” for each scholarship unless otherwise stated. The additional requirements for the applications are found at the end of this packet.
3. Email Mrs. Barrera an electronic copy of pages 2-7 of your application and then turn in the printed applications for each individual scholarship. You must print and turn in the application for each scholarship you are applying to. It is recommended that you attach a cover page stating the name of that specific scholarship as well as your name to each individual scholarship packet.
4. Please be certain that all **reference signatures**are obtained before you turn in your applications.
5. Ask questions and seek help if you do not understand what information is being requested or how to appropriately fill out the application or other requested information.

**If you do not provide the information regarding which college(s) you have applied to and the steps that you have taken regarding that admissions process, your scholarship application will not be considered. Filling out the applications carefully is an excellent way to demonstrate that you want to be seriously considered for the scholarships.**

**Return applications and attachments to Mrs. Barrera, the Graduation Coach, by 3:30 p.m. on April 2, 2025.**

Local Scholarships

Please type your initials next to each scholarship you are applying to.

1. **Arcadia Kiwanis Club Vocational Scholarship** Click or tap here to enter text.

1. **Arcadia Woman’s Club Scholarship** Click or tap here to enter text.

Please attach an essay that details your community service experiences, how those experiences have influenced your personal growth, contributed to your goals and how you see your participation in community service in your future.

1. **Buddy Mansfield Military Scholarship Foundation** Click or tap here to enter text.

Priority given to student furthering their education and been in JROTC.

1. **DeSoto County Fair Association Scholarship** Click or tap here to enter text.

1. **DeSoto County Historical Society Scholarship\***

ADDITIONAL APPLICATION INFORMATION BELOW

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. **DeSoto Memorial Hospital\*** Click or tap here to enter text.

Priority will be given to students who plan to become a Physician or enter another career in the medical profession.

Please attach a 100-word essay stating your educational goals. Please give information on how you have prepared for this goal, especially classes you have taken and/or clubs in which you are or have been involved.

1. **DeSoto Memorial Hospital Auxiliary** Click or tap here to enter text.

Priority will be given to students who plan to become a Physician or enter another career in the medical profession.

Please attach a 100-word essay stating your educational goals. Please give information on how you have prepared for this goal, especially classes you have taken and/or clubs in which you are or have been involved. Prefer candidates who are interested in returning to our community.

1. **DeSoto County School Nutrition Association, Inc. Scholarship** Click or tap here to enter text.
2. **Donna Jo Clemons Brown Scholarship**Click or tap here to enter text.

Priority given to future educator

1. **Elks Club Scholarship** Click or tap here to enter text.

The student must have a minimum of a 2.5 GPA.

Please attach a brief essay on “What you believe the Elks organization is about.”

1. **Episcopal Church Scholarship**Click or tap here to enter text.

**ADDITIONAL APPLICATION INFORMATION BELOW**

1. **Franklin D. Roosevelt Scholarship** Click or tap here to enter text.

1. **George R. Smith Scholarship** Click or tap here to enter text.

Please attach a 500-word essay on the following topic “Why I Want to Go to the University of Florida.” The essay must include information on college plans and arrangements that you have already made to attend the University of Florida. \*The student MUST attend the University of Florida.

1. **James Wilmer Crews III Scholarship**Click or tap here to enter text.

The student must have been accepted by the University of Florida.

1. **Mary Morgan Lopez Scholarship**Click or tap here to enter text.

Priority given to future educators

1. **Nocatee Elementary Scholarship** Click or tap here to enter text.

This scholarship is only for students who attended Nocatee Elementary

1. **The Rotary Club of Arcadia** Click or tap here to enter text.
2. College or University
3. Technical School
4. **Veterans in Arms Scholarship** Click or tap here to enter text.

ADDITIONAL APPLICATION INFORMATION BELOW

This scholarship is for students whose parents/guardians or grandparents were/are in a branch of the military.

1. **Arcadia Future Educators Scholarship** Click or tap here to enter text.

Priority given to future educator

1. **DeSoto Hoedown Scholarship** Click or tap here to enter text.

Priority given to those seeking a career in Agriculture including trades such as: welding, lineman etc. Please attach a short essay describing what got you interested in your field of trade or career choice, where you plan on going and what drew you to that particular school.

1. **The Charlotte Community Foundation Patricia Schwartz Scholarship**

ADDITIONAL APPLICATION BELOW

Priority given students born in DeSoto County and have been accepted to a college/university and majoring in special education or a student attending a trade/vocational school. An interview may be requested.

**22. The Helen C. Washington Foundation Scholarship**Click or tap here to enter text.

Priority given to African-American students born in DeSoto County that have been accepted to a college/university or trade/vocational school.

DeSoto County High School Local Scholarship Application

**Applicant Information**

Name Click or tap here to enter text. Date of Birth Click or tap here to enter text.

Address Click or tap here to enter text.

City Click or tap here to enter text. State/Zip Click or tap here to enter text.

Personal Email

**School Data**

Student ID # Click or tap here to enter text. State Cumulative GPAClick or tap here to enter text.

District Cumulative GPAClick or tap here to enter text.

Class Rank Click or tap here to enter text.

ACT Score Click or tap here to enter text.

SAT Score Click or tap here to enter text.

CLT Score Click or tap here to enter text. enter a “0” if not taken

Have you applied to any postsecondary schools, if so which ones? Click or tap here to enter text.

Have you been accepted by any postsecondary schools, if so which ones? Click or tap here to enter text.

What is your anticipated major upon entering postsecondary education? Click or tap here to enter text.

Do you qualify for the Florida Bright Future Scholarship Program? Click or tap here to enter text.

Have you applied for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)? Click or tap here to enter text.

Are you taking any Dual-Enrollment or ADVANCED Placement classes? Click or tap here to enter text.

**Work Experience**

Are you currently employed? Click or tap here to enter text.

If yes, state where you are employed and how your work experiences have affected you.

Click or tap here to enter text.

**Community Service**

Have you volunteered for any community-service projects? If so please state the organization(s), the amount of time and how the experiences affected you. Click or tap here to enter text.

**School Activities**

Please indicate the activities/clubs/organizations that you have participated in during your high school career as well as the years that you participated in each activity.

i.e., Activity Years

Football 9,10,11,12

Activity Years

Click or tap here to enter text.

List any awards that you received during your high school career

Click or tap here to enter text.

**References**

This is to certify that Click or tap here to enter text. is a dependable and reliable college/career ready student and that he/she has my recommendation for your organization’s scholarship.

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| Signature | Print Name | Occupation | Phone Number | Years Known |
| 2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_ |
| Signature | Print Name | Occupation | Phone Number | Years Known |
| 3) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_ |
| Signature | Print Name | Occupation | Phone Number | Years Known |

**Essay**

Please attach a 400-600 word biographical statement that describes your background, education/career goals, and how you plan to reach these goals.

**Authorization:**

I authorize DeSoto County High School to release my transcripts and/or test scores upon request to any of the scholarship committees and I give my permission for any or all my references to be contacted by DeSoto High County High School and/or any of the scholarship committees.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**        Student’s Signature

**SCHOLARSHIP’S REQUIRING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR APPLICATIONS CAN BE FOUND BELOW**

**DeSoto County Historical Society**

**P.O. Box 1824, Arcadia, FL 34265**

DESOTO COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY’S MISSION

• To preserve and promote the history of DeSoto County for future generations.

• To provide financial support to a DeSoto County high school graduate who demonstrates a

recognition of the importance of local history.

• To support the DeSoto County community, especially our youth.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- The scholarship application is available to any graduating high school student resident of

DeSoto County.

- Academic Achievement of minimum GPA 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

- The applicant must have an interest in history and write a minimum 150 word paragraph

about their personal interest in history. Please type and attach to this application.

- Write a 250-word essay on the importance of preserving local history. Please type and

attach to this application.

- Two (2) letters of recommendation (one from a high school teacher who has taught this

applicant).

- Ten (10) hours of community volunteer service at the John Morgan Ingraham House

Museum or the Howard and Velma Melton Historical Research Library or at Pioneer

Day. Please contact Carol Mahler at 863-445-0789 to make arrangements to volunteer.

- Within one year of receipt of scholarship, recipient is required to provide feedback in

writing or in person to share their educational experience with the DeSoto County Historical Society.

- Scholarship recipients must have proof of registration at college sent to the DeSoto County

Historical Society, and scholarship funds will be provided directly to college. If the funds are not

used during the first academic year following graduation from high school, they will revert to the

**Personal Information**

NameClick or tap here to enter text.

AddressClick or tap here to enter text.

Phone numberClick or tap here to enter text.

Email addressClick or tap here to enter text.

Parents/Legal GuardiansClick or tap here to enter text.

**Goals in Education**

College you plan to attend, if you have been accepted, if you will be attending full-time or part-time and what your course of study will be.

Click or tap here to enter text.

**Special Achievements/Honors and Recognitions**

Click or tap here to enter text.

**St. Edmund’s Episcopal Church Outreach Scholarship Application**

**Purpose:**

Granting monetary support for any graduating high school senior wishing to continue their technical or academic education on a full or part-time basis.

**Eligibility:**

Any graduating high school senior with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above. Students wishing to attend a technical or academic college/university/institution on a full or part-time basis.

**Application:**

Any graduating high school senior wishing to apply for a scholarship should submit the following materials: o Completed application. o One or more paragraphs describing the applicant’s hopes and dreams for the future. o One letter of reference.

**Policies and Procedures:**

Funds will be issued upon receipt of a letter of acceptance from a technical/academic college/university/institution. Scholarship funds will be issued directly to the college/university/institution for deposit into recipient’s account for tuition and books. Any funds not utilized by the applicant must be returned to St. Edmund’s Episcopal Church.

**Personal Information:**

Student ID# Click or tap here to enter text. Legal NameClick or tap here to enter text.

AddressClick or tap here to enter text.

Name of Parent/GuardianClick or tap here to enter text.

Cumulative GPA Weighted and UnweightedClick or tap here to enter text.

**Authorization:**

I authorize DeSoto County High School to release transcripts to the scholarship committee upon request.

Student Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**To be considered for this scholarship, applicants must return the completed application, one or more paragraph(s) describing applicant’s hopes and dreams for the future and one letter of reference.**



CCF Patricia Schwartz Scholarship Application

NOTE: All information is confidential and will be kept private.

# Applicant Information

NameClick or tap here to enter text. Date of BirthClick or tap here to enter text.

AddressClick or tap here to enter text.

CityClick or tap here to enter text. StateClick or tap here to enter text. ZipClick or tap here to enter text.

Email addressClick or tap here to enter text.

Cell phone Click or tap here to enter text.

I am a legal resident ofClick or tap here to enter text.County. How many years Click or tap here to enter text.

Do either of your parents have a college degree?Click or tap here to enter text.

Please describe your household:

\_\_\_\_\_Live with one parent

\_\_\_\_\_Live with two parents

\_\_\_\_\_Live with other relative/legal guardians

\_\_\_\_\_Live with foster parents

\_\_\_\_\_Live on my own

Number of siblings at home\_\_\_\_\_

Number of siblings enrolled in college\_\_\_\_\_

Did any of your family members served in the U.S. Military? If so, who?

Click or tap here to enter text.

List any employment or significant volunteer experience outside of school:

Click or tap here to enter text.

# School Data

Graduation dateClick or tap here to enter text.

Cumulative High School GPAClick or tap here to enter text.

ACT ScoreClick or tap here to enter text.

SAT ScoreClick or tap here to enter text.

enter “0” if not taken

List any extra-curricular activities outside of employment/volunteering noted above (for example, scouting, sports, etc.)

Click or tap here to enter text.

# Post-Secondary School Data

What is the trade school or college/university you hope to enroll in for the

2025-26 academic year?

Click or tap here to enter text.

Intended area of study (check one):

\_\_\_\_ Certification in the trades (e.g., welding, plumbing, etc.)

\_\_\_\_ Nursing

\_\_\_\_ Special Education

\_\_\_\_ Other (please specify):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Educational Expenses**

Estimate your total cost of attendance (tuition, room & board) before scholarships and financial aid for the first year:Click or tap here to enter text.

How much are you able to provide without any scholarship from CCF?Click or tap here to enter text.

Have you sent in your application for FAFSA?Click or tap here to enter text.

If yes, what is your FAFSA SAI (or EFC)?Click or tap here to enter text.

What is the total family income as will be reported on the 2024 Federal Income Tax Form?

\_\_\_\_\_Up to $19,999

\_\_\_\_\_$20,000 - $39,999

\_\_\_\_\_$40,000 - $59,000

\_\_\_\_\_$60,000 - $79,999

\_\_\_\_\_$80,000 - $99,999

\_\_\_\_\_$100,000 - $150,000

\_\_\_\_\_$150,000 - $200,000

\_\_\_\_\_$200,000+

Do you help your family financially with paying any household expenses? If so, please explain:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Are there any family, health, and/or personal circumstances that were not addressed in the application that would be helpful for CCF to consider? If so, please explain below.

Click or tap here to enter text.

**Short Answer Questions**

This is your chance to tell the scholarship committee more about yourself beyond grades and extracurricular activities. Select one of these questions and respond with no more than 500 words. **Please attached a separate sheet with your response.**

1. Share a time when you failed at something. What did you learn from this experience.

1. Describe a day in your life outside of school hours.

# Additional Requirements

Return a copy of this application along with a current high school transcript to your Career Specialist/Counselor by   
April 2, 2025. You may also include a Resume, but it is not required.

**I understand that my signature verifies that I (not a parent, guardian, friend, counselor, etc.) have completed this application and the accompanying materials.**

# Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Please keep a copy for your records.**

**Veterans in Arms Scholarship**

Please list your parent/guardians’ names along with the branch of military that they are serving in or have served. Click or tap here to enter text.