

The East High School senior class  
of 2023 earned a four year total  
of \$7,437,752.

Self reported as of May  
22, 2023





# **East High School**

## ***Scholarship Night***

November 13, 2023

# Paying for College

- **Published or Sticker Prices**

According to Collegeboard in 23-24, the average published tuition and fees for full-time students are:

- Public four-year in-state: \$11,260, \$270 higher than in 2022-23 (↑2.5%).
- Public four-year out-of-state: \$29,150, \$850 higher than in 2022-23 (↑3.0%).
- Public two-year in-district: \$3,990, \$100 higher than in 2022-23 (↑2.6%).
- Private nonprofit four-year: \$41,540, \$1,600 higher than in 2022-23 (↑4%)

*All are adjusted for inflation via College board*

# Paying for College

- **Net Prices**

- Most full-time undergraduate students receive grant aid that helps them pay for college.
- Since 2009-10, most full-time students at public two-year colleges have received enough grants to cover tuition and fees.
- The average tuition and fees paid by in-state students at public four-year institutions peaked in 2012-13 at \$4,230 and declined to an estimated \$2,730 in 2023-24.
- The average tuition and fees paid by students at private nonprofit four-year institutions declined from \$18,820 in 2006-07 to an estimated \$15,910 in 2023-24.

*These numbers were adjusted for inflation via Collegeboard*

# FAFSA Update

- Apply for grants, loans, scholarships and work study options for any college you attend.
- Some scholarships require you complete this to be considered.
- Expected to be available in December to complete
- FAFSA.GOV
- Federal Student Aid Estimator  
<https://studentaid.gov/aid-estimator/>

# FAFSA Reboot

- Changes to Expect
  - Simplification
  - Integrated Tax Info
  - EFC (Expected Family Contribution) is out, SAI is in (Student Aid Index)
  - Increased Pell Grant Eligibility

# Scholarship Overview

- Colleges, national awards, local and more!
- MN Office of Higher Education
  - [North Star Promise Scholarship Program](#) - New in 2024
    - Tuition and fee-free pathway as a "last-dollar" program by covering the balance of tuition and fees remaining after other scholarships, grants, stipends and tuition waivers have been applied.
    - No Additional App beyond FAFSA
  - [Minnesota Indian Scholarship-](#)
    - Are one-fourth or more American Indian ancestry OR an enrolled member or citizen of a federally-recognized American Indian tribe or Canadian First Nation - up to \$4,000 per year
    - Additional Application
- Start the conversation..

# FREE MONEY - \$\$\$ to Pay for College, AA Degree, Vocational School and Apprenticeships

Scholarships  
are  
Available  
for  
**EVERYONE**





# Introductions

Marshall H & Nellie Alworth Scholarship

Patty Salo Downs – Executive Director

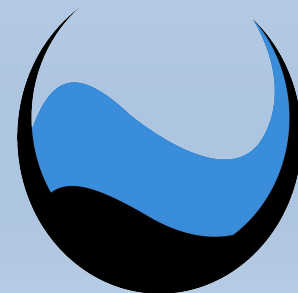
[www.alworthscholarship.org](http://www.alworthscholarship.org)



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**Together we give away about \$2M/year.**

**We want you to get a part of that!**

# Cost of College/Trade or Technical School

## Average College Debt \$34,000-\$36,000

### Cost of College for One Year

UMD \$24,727  
LSC \$20,221  
CSS \$46,759  
UWS \$18,881

The above numbers must be multiplied by 4.

### Cost of Trade or Technical School for One Year

\$6,500 to \$13,000

The above numbers must be multiplied by 2.



# What is a Scholarship??

Money given by a school, organization, foundation, or private family to help pay for a student's education.

**It is FREE MONEY!**

Banks are eager to give you a loan, scholarship money you do not have to pay back.



# Earn Good Money with Scholarships

## Let's Do the Math:

- 2 hours to fill out the Alworth (\$24,000) and you're selected, you just made **\$12,000 per hour!** That may be most money per hour you will make in your life.
- Work fulltime: **(2040 hrs./yr.) @ \$15/hr. = \$30,600/yr.**
- One-time scholarships add up! **Apply for them all.**
- You do not have to be a 4.0 to get a scholarship.  
**Scholarships are for everyone!**
- Have confidence in your potential to be awarded!  
**You've got to try. Shoot your shot because you never know you could get this.**

# A Scholarship Success Story

## Madison Roy-2016 CCHS Grad

### Advice from Maddie

- *“Shoot your shot because you never know, you could get this.”*
- *“Be confident in your capabilities.”*
- Maddie **graduated debt free** with a Bachelors in Statistics and Master's in Applied Statistics from the University of Wisconsin – La Crosse.
- **NOW** She works as a Biostatistician in the Quantitative Health Sciences Department at Mayo & **LOVES** her job.
- Maddie knew she loved math and wanted to work in the medical field in non patient area. **Knowing an exact major is not necessary to apply! Follow your passion.**

# Why Scholarships?

## Less Stress, More Opportunities

- Fully devote yourself to your studies & other activities opens up opportunities such as:
  - Study abroad
  - Undergraduate research
  - Grad school
  - Get involved in clubs and pursue other interests
  - Landing your dream job

Confidence - “It helped me to believe in myself.”

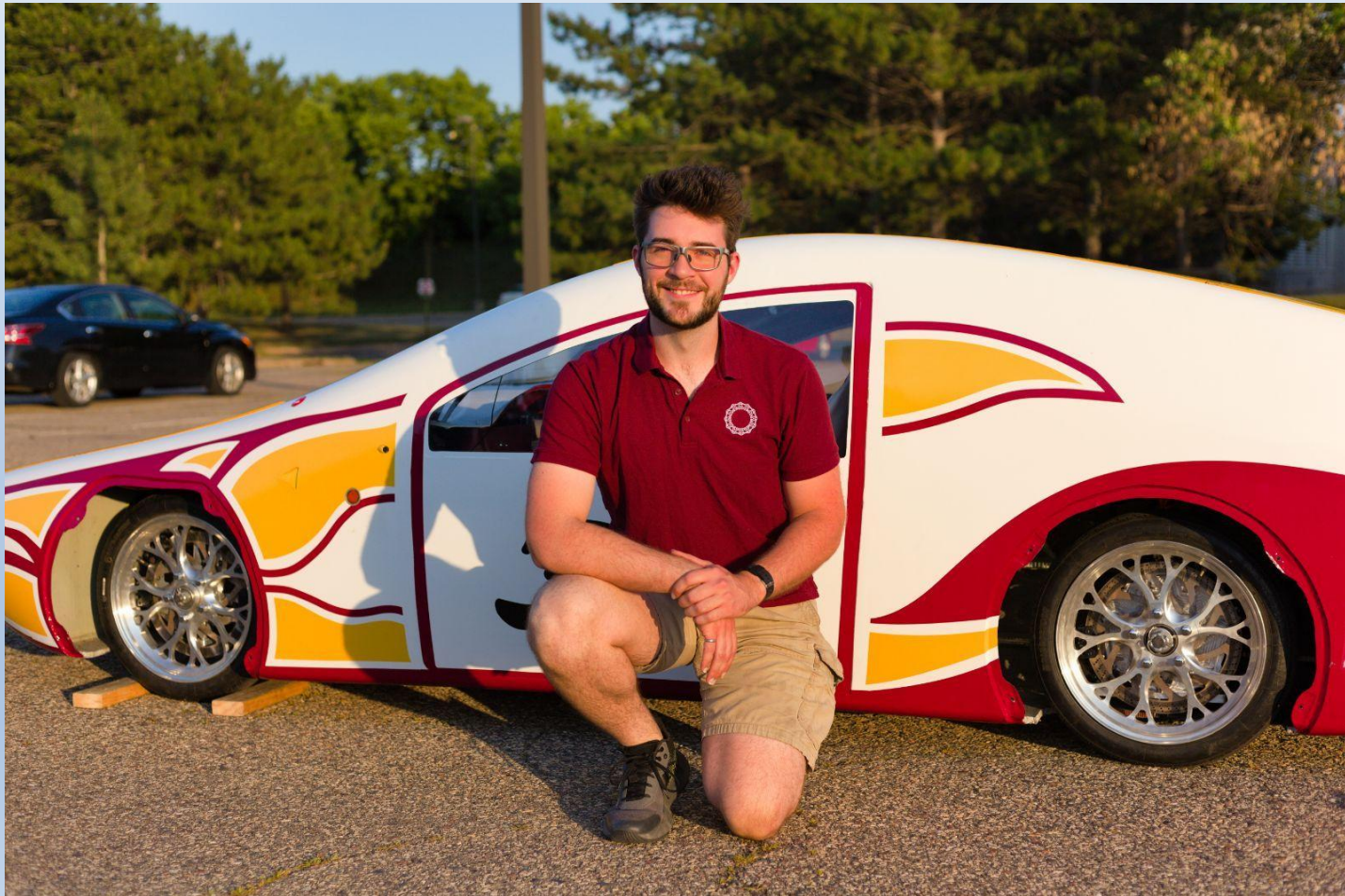
**Graduate with little to no debt!**



# U of MN Solar Car Club

## Shane Spangler

### Ely, MN to Australia



# Solar Panels on Top of the Car Tilt





# 2<sup>nd</sup> Place World Solar Car Race 1<sup>st</sup> Place Best International Team



# Where do I find out about scholarships?

- School Counselor Office
- Colleges you are applying to
- Websites – Regional/National
- Other nearby schools
- Schools you're thinking about attending
- Employers – yours and your parents
- Others: Churches, Unions, Relatives, Friends, Professional/Philanthropic Associations such as the Lions Club, Masons, AAUW, and more.



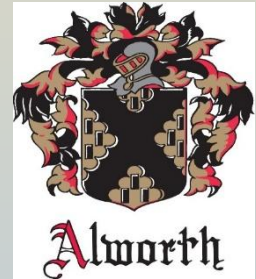
## Keep asking around!

# Alworth Scholarship Eligibility

Approximately 70 individual awards annually,

To be considered for a scholarship, applicants must:

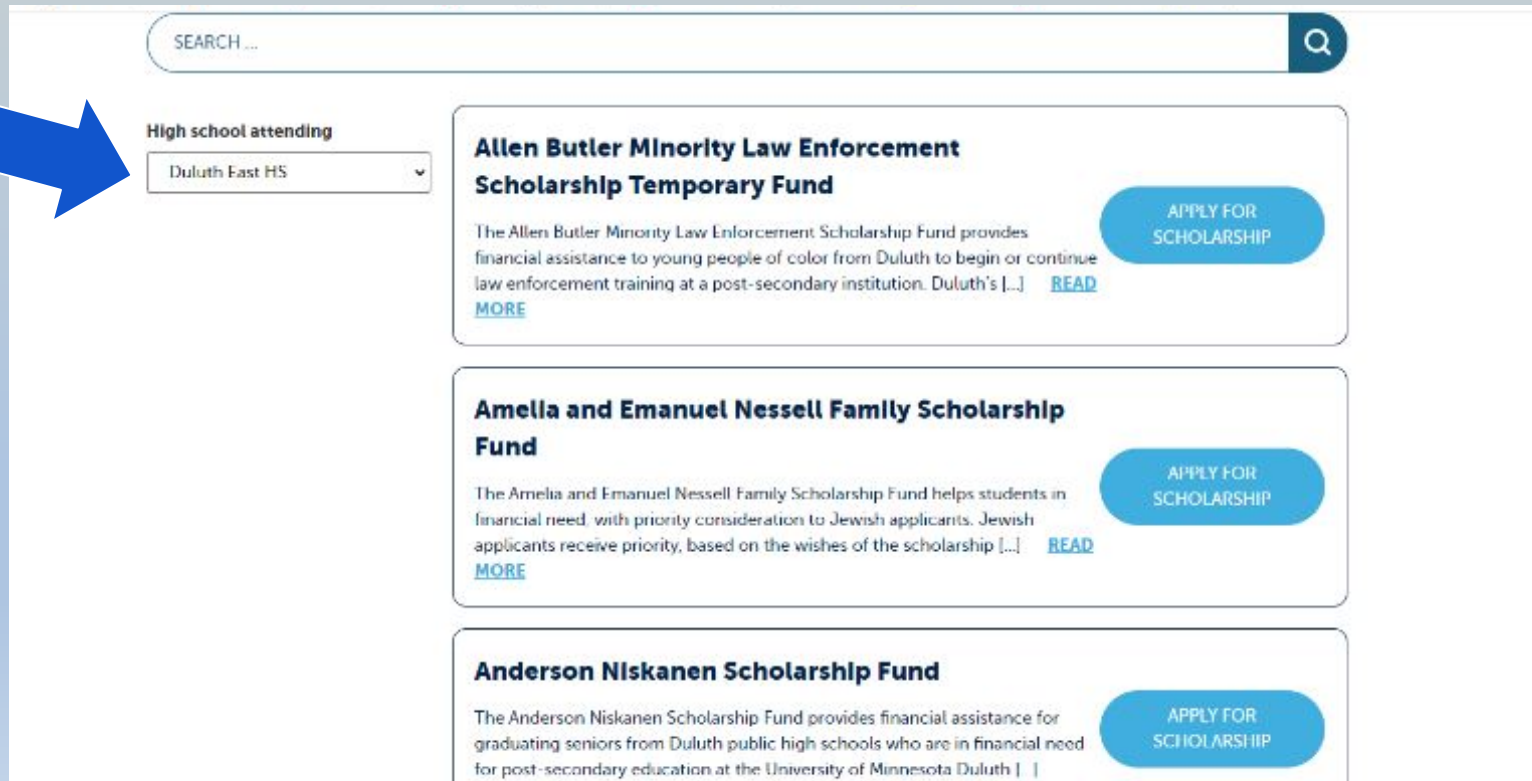
- be a U.S. citizen graduating from a HS in one of the following counties: Aitkin, Beltrami, Carlton, Cass, Cook, Crow Wing, Lake, Itasca, Koochiching, and St Louis.
- have a composite score of **24** or higher on the **ACT Test** from one test **no super scores**. (*SAT scores not accepted.*)
- **be pursuing a 4-year degree**. Starting at a community college is OK.
- have a **high school cumulative GPA of 3.5** or higher.
- commit to major in **mathematics, science, engineering or medical fields**
- have demonstrated qualities of **character, perseverance and ambition**.
- have a high scholastic standing among their peers.
- be from a family whose **Adjusted Gross Income** is **less than \$175,000**.
- submit one letter of recommendation from a **Math or Science teacher**.



The 2024 Award amount is: **\$24,000**



- Over 80 different Scholarships – some big, some small
- Many different criteria or eligibility requirements
  - <https://www.dsacommunityfoundation.org/our-scholarships/>



SEARCH ...

High school attending  
Duluth East HS

**Allen Butler Minority Law Enforcement Scholarship Temporary Fund**

The Allen Butler Minority Law Enforcement Scholarship Fund provides financial assistance to young people of color from Duluth to begin or continue law enforcement training at a post-secondary institution. Duluth's [...] [READ MORE](#)

**Amelia and Emanuel Nessell Family Scholarship Fund**

The Amelia and Emanuel Nessell Family Scholarship Fund helps students in financial need, with priority consideration to Jewish applicants. Jewish applicants receive priority, based on the wishes of the scholarship [...] [READ MORE](#)

**Anderson Niskanen Scholarship Fund**

The Anderson Niskanen Scholarship Fund provides financial assistance for graduating seniors from Duluth public high schools who are in financial need for post-secondary education at the University of Minnesota Duluth [...] [READ MORE](#)

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- Create a Login on our Scholarship Portal

DULUTH SUPERIOR AREA  
COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION

## Login

Your Session Has Expired

 As a security measure, since your session was inactive, it has timed out.  
To start a new session, please log in below.  
If you received a third-party link in an email, revisiting the provided link will log you in.

 If you were filling out an application, it was automatically saved prior to timing out.  
You can finish by choosing it from the Dashboard after logging back in.

Email Address\*

Password\*

Log On

Create New Account

[Forgot your Password?](#)

**Welcome to the Duluth Superior Area  
Community Foundation- Scholarship's  
Online Portal.**

[Applicant Tutorial](#)

**New Users:** Please click on "Create New Account" to complete the registration process and create your logon credentials.



- UNIVERSAL APPLICATION – Fill out the eligibility quiz

Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation- Scholarship Bugs Bunny

Apply

If you have been provided with an Access Code, you may enter it in the box at the top of the page.

Quick Search

**2024 UNIVERSAL APPLICATION FOR DSACF SCHOLARSHIPS** No longer accepting submissions after 02/15/2023

Welcome! The journey begins here to find and apply for scholarships through the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation. You'll start by answering some basic questions to determine which opportunities your are eligible for. Once you hit submit, your potential scholarships will appear as a list, with prompts for you to provide any supplemental information and essays required for specific scholarships. You may be asked for documents such as transcripts, FAFSA (Federal Student Aid), and the email address of references you choose to write a letter of recommendation for you. For video submissions, please upload your recording to YouTube and provide a link. We are proud to support you and a community of learners. If you have any questions, please contact the Amber Burns at [aburns@dsacommunityfoundation.com](mailto:aburns@dsacommunityfoundation.com) or 218-520-1123.

Preview

**Eligibility - Duluth Builders Exchange Legacy Fund 2022**

The Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation is excited to offer the Duluth Builders Exchange Apprenticeship Scholarship! This scholarship was created to help provide a new generation of workers with the tools and gear they need in order to start contributing in the construction industry. Those entering the first or second year of an apprenticeship program in Aitkin, Ashland, Bayfield, Carlton, Cook, Douglas, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake, or St. Louis County are eligible to apply. Scholarships of up to \$500 will be granted in the form of vouchers to participating area merchants who supply tools and equipment required to start an apprenticeship program. In order to apply, complete the online form, including a copy (photo) of your State-issued Apprenticeship Agreement. (AKA Indenture Paper)

# Have You Considered Trade or Technical School?

- Small Class Sizes
- 60+ Disciplines with Good Salaries
- Affordable Tuition
- Scholarships Exist to Help

Duluth Builders Exchange Apprentice

Jack Moon for Duluth Public Schools

Check: [www.218trades.com](http://www.218trades.com)



# What's in an Application?

- Activities, Awards & Examples of Leadership
- Recommendation Letters
- Written Essays and/or Video
- Transcripts from schools
- GPA and ACT Test Scores
- Financial Need Documentation
- Alworth requires the ACT. Upcoming test dates December or February
- DSACF – ACT not required, but it's encouraged.
- Taking the ACT has it's advantages for placement and receiving other merit based scholarships.





# Essays Help YOU Tell YOUR STORY



**Getting to know YOU is VERY IMPORTANT to the selection process beyond your academics!**

Tell us who you are through your experiences – **the facts!**

- Think beyond “I’m a hard worker.” – **What is your story?**
- **Write a draft**, get it proofed more than once.

## Video

**DSACF requires a 2-3 minute video from all applicants.**

- Write a script & practice it a couple times.
- Place camera/phone horizontally & *set it down*.
- 3 minutes is short. Be concise!

# Essay Questions

Every scholarship will have different essay questions. **Be on the lookout for answers to:**

- Why do you want to go to college?
- What inspires you to study XXX?
- What experiences have been important to you/changed your life?
- What's your vision for your future? And why?
- **Paint your full picture.** Include personal stories: needing to work vs school activities, family circumstance, financial/medical hardships.
- Access the essay questions NOW and start writing!



**Think Beyond  
“I’m a hard worker”!**



## Writing Tips You Need To Know

- **Be authentic.** We are looking for the ‘real’ you.
- **Answer all questions and answer all parts** of the question (2 & 3 part questions).
- **Give it some zest & passion!** If you’re bored writing it, the committee will be bored reading it.
- Think beyond “I’m a hard worker”!
- OK to **include personal stories** and individual circumstances
- **Be concise.** Use your words carefully!
- **Double & triple check grammar/spelling!**

# Pro Tips for Applying

- **Set a \$\$\$ goal**
- Research scholarships - create a spreadsheet with deadlines
- Essay questions - start writing them **NOW**
- Ask teachers early for letters of recommendation- **NOW**, they need time to write a good letter for you
- Don't wait until the last minute to submit
- Deadlines are deadlines – **January 15** for **Alworth** and **DSACF, February 15**
- Scholarship deadlines are year round – **keep applying**

# Why don't students apply for scholarships?

- Lack of confidence. "I won't get it."
- "I don't have time."
- Overwhelmed by the process.
- "I'll just take out loans."
- "I'm not a good writer."
- Afraid to ask for a letter of recommendation.
- It takes too much time to fill out an application.
- Remember the MATH dollars earned per/hr!  
 $\$24,000 - 4 \text{ hours} = \$6,000 \text{ per hour.}$

# Conclusion



**Don't go into debt because there is scholarship money out there for everyone.**

**Resources to help you:**

- <https://www.fairoppportunityproject.org/> *"The Guide: College Admissions and Financial Aid Guide For All Students."*
- [How Luke got to Harvard. – Alworth YouTube](#) Videos
- [STEM Talks and other video \(alworthscholarship.org\)](http://alworthscholarship.org) Alworth recipients took something they loved to do and turned it into a STEM career and also offer tips for applying.

**START TODAY!**

# More Questions?

**Give us a call or send an email:**

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**Thank you for your attention!**

# Other Scholarships

## **CSA Scholarships-**

**Emberg**-Due on 4/25/24-Vocational, tech or trade school

**Gilmore**-Due on 1/10/24-EHS upper 8th percentile is 4.0 and higher  
(specific majors-apply anyway and reapplication is easy)

**James Wright Hunt**-Due on 1/10/24-Specific universities-For the class of 2024 class rank should be around 92 or higher

**Oscar and Mary W. Mitchell**-Due 1/31/24 Specific colleges/universities  
(reapplication is simple)

**Jack Moon**-Due on 3/30/24-Vocational or trade degree (preference to DHS students)

**All Scholarships listed can be viewed at [Scholarship 2023-2024](#)**

**MCIS**-An amazing data base for scholarships-see the career center staff of your user name and password if you don't have it



To make an Appointment with any EHS school counselor  
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