Allegany County Area Foundation



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Allegany County Area Foundation Scholarships -Support-Up to multiple years at 4-year colleges 2-year colleges trade and tech programs







Allegany County Area Foundation





Applying

Create a profile with Scholarship America

Complete the DFS scholarship application

Information provided is protected





Timeline

Application Opens on November 1, 2020

Application closes on January 31, 2021

Notification early to mid-April



Tips for Applying





The Foundation utilizes a "blind" selection process

At no time do any reviewers or those on the selection committee see the names of applicants, <u>and</u>

they do not review applications from a school with which they have connections





Applicants are scored on the following:

Scholastic Performance

Activities, Leadership, Character

Essays – Aspirations, Key Educator

Recommendation

Work Experience

Unusual Circumstances

Point values are actually assigned to these parts of an application

How About Test Scores?



Getting to the Application





http://www.alleganycountyareafoundation.dollarsforscholars.org/





IMPORTANT: Eligibility Questions for ACAF

Home State

Home County

School District





Eligibility Questions General

Does **ONE OR MORE** of the following apply to you? **If so, check the YES box**.

Will or did graduate from a high school in Allegany County, NY./

Will or did complete high school as a homeschooled student while living in Allegany County, NY./

Completed at least 50% of my high school studies through the activities of the Wellsville Area Homeschoolers organization./

Reside in Allegany County, NY but attend(ed) high school outside the county.

Please **DOUBLE CHECK** your replies before moving on. **If you have answered no, you may be ineligible for ACAF scholarships.**



Career Goal

Eligibility Questions for Specific Programs



Academic Program/Goal

High School Attending



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College Attending



Extra Essay



Creating Your Profile

Scholarship America

Dollars for **SCHOLARS**[®]

The Scholarship America Dollars for Scholars Student Center

Welcome to the Scholarship America Dollars for Scholars Student Center! Your profile here will allow you to match to and apply for scholarships managed by your local Dollars for Scholars affiliate.

In order to be eligible for Dollars for Scholars scholarships, you need to have a Dollars for Scholars affiliate serving your area. (Click here to search before you get started.) We encourage you to go to the Students & Parents Tab of your local Dollars for Scholars affiliate website for specific instructions on applying and deadlines.

If there's no Dollars for Scholars affiliate in your area, you will not be eligible for a Dollars for Scholars scholarship. You can still create a profile to access financial aid resources, college guidance and application tips. We also encourage you to check out the national and regional scholarships managed by Scholarship America.

If you have a profile, log in below. Don't have an account ye? Create one here

Didn't receive the login email? Click the gray support button on the left of the screen.

Student Login Email Address Password

Parents

Parents: Click Here to Log In

School Officials

School Officials: Click Here to Log In

References

References: Click Here t

If you're a new student, create your account here.

If you already have an account, log-in here.



Creating Your Profile

Step 2: Fill Out Your Basic Information		
Please complete the following items. All items with a double star (**) are required before the form can be submitted.		
Submit Cancel		
** Legal First Name 💡		
* * Legal Last Name 💡		
* * Primary State or Province	Select 🔻	
* * Primary Address Line 1 😮		
Primary Address Line 2		
Primary Apartment		
* * Primary City 💡	Search	
* * Primary County	Select V	
* * ZIP or Postal Code		
* * Which school district do you reside in? 😜	Search	
* * Birthdate (mm/dd/yyyy)		
* * Email Address 💡		
* * Confirm Email Address		
* * Primary Phone Number		
Primary Phone Text Capable - check box	0	
* * Current Grade Level	- Select 🔻	
* * Year Graduated/ Expected Graduation from High School	Select 🔻	
* * Race 😮	Select 🔻	
* * Ethnicity	Select 🔻	
**I understand that my online profile contains confidential personal data. I hereby authorize Dollars for Scholars to review the information in my profile for the purpose of determining my eligibility for scholarships. I also understand and agree that Dollars for Scholars may transfer, store and process my profile data in any of its offices in conjunction with the selection process for a scholarship. I verify that I have read, understand, and agree to the guidelines for this program. By registering for an account, I consent to the statement above and to the guidelines for the Dollars for Scholars program, and I consent to receive relevant electronic communications from Scholarship America.		
Submit Cancel		

- Fill in all the fields with the appropriate information.
- Read/agree to the terms and conditions and submit.



Email and Login Info

Dear Sterling Archer,

Thanks for registering for the Scholarship America Dollars for Scholars student center. Please follow the link below and use the information listed to get log into your account. When you first log in, you will be prompted with a popup asking you to set your password at which point you can set it to whatever you want to use going forward. After you set your password, you can complete your profile and start submitting to scholarships!

Login page: https://public.dollarsforscholars.org/index.php?action=userLogin

Email:: dbearth7@scholarshipamerica.org

Temporary Password: a74c720274af10cffb39

Instructions for completeing the profile can be found here.

If you have any questions or run into any issues while completing your profile, you can reply to this email with the details of your question/issue and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

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not qualify for all scholarships. To work on your profile, Click here complete profile, the following supplementary information may be	
Request this information by going to the appropriate section of your	Scholarship America Student Resources
Set your password	
* Password	
* Confirm Password	
	Save Password

 If you do not receive email like this one shortly after completing the electronic signature, please check your junk mail/spam filter.



Student Dashboard



The Dashboard lets you:

- View your progress and follow the link to work on your profile when incomplete.
- View your chapter matches and links to their websites
- View the status of the information that comes from 3rd parties.
- Link to national news and resources.
- Search for scholarships



Application: Basic Information

Basic Info

My Information

You must complete all the double starred (**) items in order to submit the form and you must complete all of the single starred (*) items to move your progress towards 100%. All other items are helpful in matching to scholarships, but optional.

	Basic Info	Click here to change your email address.	
	Additional Info		
	Schools	** legal Last Name 🤕	Archer
	GPA	**)egal First Name 🤪	Sterling
	Class Bank	Middle Name	
		Middle Name 2	
	Test Scores	Salutation	Select V
	Activities	Suffix	
	Awards	Preferred Name/ Nickname	
	Employment	**Country	
	Documents	** rimary State or Province	Minnesota 🔹
	Dependion Info	** rimary Address Line 1 😮	123 test
	Parent/Guardian Into	Primary Address Line 2	
	Financial Info	Primary Apartment	
	Essays	rimary County	DAKOTA 🔻
	References/Transcripts	** Trimary City 🤪	Search Unselect
	Help		SOUTH SAINT PAUL
		Primary City (if not found in above list)	
My	/ Scholarships	VIP or Postal Code	55075
		** Which school district do you reside in? ?	Search Unselect
My	Opportunities		NORTH ST PAUL-MAPLEWOOD SCHOOL DIST 622
	* Time at Current Address		
My	Scholarship News	* Email Address 💡	dbearth7@scholarshipamerica.org
M١	Resources	* * Primary Phone Number	651-561-5111
	100001000	Primary Phone Text Capable - check box	
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- Items marked with a double star are required.
- Double check state and county before moving to next page.



Application: Additional Information

Additional Info

My Information

You must complete all the double starred (**) items in order to submit the form and you must complete all of the single starred (*) items to move your progress towards 100%. All other items are helpful in matching to scholarships, but optional.

Basic Info	Hide Demographics		
Additional Info	* * Birthdate (mm/dd/yyyy)	03/08/1990	
Schools	* * Gender	Select V	
GPA	* * Ethnicity	Non-hispanic 🔻	
Class Rank	* * Race 🤪	Caucasian	
Test Scores	Citizenship Status	Select 🔻	
Activities	Citizenship Country	Search	
Awards	Do you have dual citizenship?	Select V	
Awarus	First Generation to Attend College?	Select 🔻	
Employment	Highest Level of Education Completed	Select 🔻	
Documents	Have you been subjected to any school or lega	Select V	
Parent/Guardian Info	Disciplinary action?		
Financial Info	Primary Language		
Essays		Select V	
References/Transcripts	Hide Other Information		
Help	Drivers License Number		
	Sexual Orientation	Select V	
/ Scholarships	Disabled?	Select V	
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 Items marked with a single star * are not required but may identify other scholarships to pursue.





Schools/Academic Program

College Choices (list in order of priority)

College Attending – do not list any colleges where you are taking courses while in high school

College ID # - you can ignore this question

College Start Date – List 9/1/2021; if unsure, estimate your graduation date at 5/2025

College Level – 2 year/4 year/trade or technical (but not graduate/professional student)

College Major – If not found on list, select the one that's closest



Application: GPA

GPA

My Information

You must complete all the double starred (**) items in order to submit the form and you must complete all of the single starred (*) items to move your progress towards 100%. All other items are helpful in matching to scholarships, but optional.

Basic Info

Additional Info

- Schools
- **GPA**
- ____
- Class Rank
- Test Scores
- Activities
- Awards
- Employment
- Documents
- Parent/Guardian Info
- Financial Info
- Essays
- Transcripts & References
- Help

When entering GPA, you will also need to enter the Scale. The scale can be for your transcript or by asking a school official such as a guidance counselor. For example, your high school could have a 4.0 scale and your GPA is 3.85 and yo enter a scale of 4. If your scale is a percentage, such as 100%, you would enter if you checked the box that your school uses Weighted GPAs, you would enter weighted GPA and your school's weighted GPA scale.

If your school used the same GPA scale for all grade levels, check the box tha "My school used the same GPA scale for all grade levels.

** GPA information available I have high school GPA information only	
My school uses weighted GPAs	
My school used the same GPA scale for all grade levels	✓
GPA Scale	
Grade 9 GPA 💡	2.50
Grade 10 GPA 💡	2.50
Grade 11 GPA 💡	2.50
Grade 12 GPA 💡	2.50
** Cumulative HS GPA 💡	2.50
* * Cumulative HS GPA Scale 💡	
Converted Cumulative HS GPA	2.50

Your Best Estimate

- Info will be confirmed by your transcript.
- To convert percentages to a 4.0 scale, click the box "My school does not calculate GPA on a 4.0 scale."

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Application: Employment

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Basic Info	* * Employer			Enter all your
Additional Info	Position			
Schools	* * Start Date 👔			employment
GPA	* * Current Position?	Select 💌		information, includi
Class Rank	* * Hours Per Week 😧 Ranges will not be accepted please		-	family farm and
Test Scores	enter the average hours per week.			informal work
Activities	Amount Earned 😧	s	per hour	Informal work.
Awards	* * Total months of employment 😧			
Employment	Notes			
Documents				
Parent/Guardiar				
Financial Info				
Essays				
References/Tra	L			



Application: Parent/Guardian Information

Information	Because you are under 18, you must receive permission from a parent/guardian to complete t		
Basic Info	and then click the "request consent" button - this will send an email to your parent asking them grant you permission to continue with the scholarship process.		
Additional Info	In the rare case that you are emancinated fro	rn your parents, you would not be required to bay	
Schools	parental permission. If you believe that you qu	ualify, Click here to see if you meet the criteria.	
GPA	Consent Status: Not started		
Class Rank	** Primary Parent First Name		
Test Scores	** Primary Parent Last Name		
Activities	Relation		
Awards	* * Primary Parent Phone Number		
Employment	** Primary Parent Email Address		
Documents Parent/Guardian Info	Request Consent from Parent/Guardian Save an	d Go To Dashboard I am legally emancipated	
Financial Info		<u> </u>	
Essays		\	
References/Transcripts			
Help			

- If you're under 16, you need parental consent to apply for scholarships. Enter your parent information and request consent.
- If you are over 18, you do not need consent but can still enter your parent information.
- If you are legally emancipated, you can click here.



Financial Information

Financial Info	
My Information	In order to be considered for scholarships that make decisions based on need, you must provide information about your or your family's financial situation. Please provide the information acked for below. If you do not provide the information below, you will not be eligible.
Basic Info	for any needs based scholarships.
Additional Info	Test123 uses EFC for their need based scholarships. This number is found on the SAR you
Schools	http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/.
GPA	* FAFSA FFC
Class Rank	
Test Scores	Save and Continue I do not wish to include financial information
Activities	

- To be considered for need based scholarships, you must provide financial info
- You will be asked to provide your EFC from your FAFSA – so filing for FA early is important.
- SAR = Student Aid Report
- OK to use online EFC estimator



Application: Essays

Points are awarded to applicants based on how well they are able to express their goals and plans for the future. In addition, some students have lived through circumstances that should be understood by the committee reviewing the application.		
The two following essays give you the opportunity to tell the selection committee something about yourself that is not found in all the data above. Please take the time to complete these essay questions. Please reach out to your local chapter to confirm length requirements.		
Goals and Aspirations Essay: Please describe your plans as they relate to your educational and career objectives and future goals.		
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	300 words or less!	
Unusual Circumstances Essay: Please describ	e how and when any unusual family or personal	
circumstances have affected your achievement in school, work experience, or your participation		
* Unusual Circumstances Essay		
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	300 words or less!	
Save and Continue Save and Go To Dashboard		

- Provide an essay on your goals and aspirations.
 Copy and paste works well.
- Provide an essay on any unusual circumstances you may have experienced in your life.
- FYI .. 300 words = 2/3 page single spaced, 12- point font.



Transcripts & Recommendation

Transcript Requests

<u>Scholarships require the submission of a school transcript or at least verification by a school official</u>. For High School transcripts, enter the name and contact information of your guidance counselor. Once you are finished, press the "Request Transcript Information" button to request a transcript.

Transcript Information from Counselor: Not started

Add Counselor/Registrar Information

Please note: If you want to include additional transcripts from previous schools, please upload them to the additional documents area (unofficial is fine).

Recommendation Request

<u>Scholarships require the submission of a recommendation by a person of your choosing.</u> Please enter the name and contact information of your selected reference. Once you are finished, press the "Request Recommendation" button to request a recommendation be completed.

Recommendation from Counselor or other Reference: Not started

Add Reference Information

Save and Look for Scholarships Dave and Go To Dashboard

- Click to add your counselor/registrar information to request a transcript
- Click to add recommender information to request a recommendation.
- Add college transcripts as additional documents. Unofficial college transcripts are OK
- Use yours or school phone number for recommender if necessary. We do not call recommenders.

Student Profile: Finding Scholarships

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Your Chapter Matches Click below to view their website NA9999 - National Scholarships - DFS_

Test123 - Test123 Test - Test

My Information

Your profile is 100% complete.

To work on your profile, Click here

To have a complete profile, the following supplementary information may be required. Request this information by going to the appropriate section of your profile. Current status of these pieces are:

<u>Transcript Information</u> from Counselor: **Submitted** <u>Recommendation</u> from Counselor or other Reference: **Submitted** <u>Consent</u> from Parent or Guardian: **Over 18; consent not required**

My Scholarships

To search and submit to scholarships or accept scholarships you've been awarded Click Here

Check this section often, as scholarships open and close all the time. When new scholarships open for which you qualify, they will automatically populate this area. We recommend you check back weekly so that you do not miss any new opportunities.

My Opportunities

Look here for announcements from your Chapter

Buick Achievers Scholarship Program: Renewable scholarships up to \$25,000/year from Buick!

GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship: Renewable \$10,000 awards for high school seniors

Scholarship America Student Resources: Help for every step of the college process.

Read More

My Scholarship News

Look here for news from Scholarship America

Mapping Out College Choices:plots hundreds of colleges and universities across the country and shows how well their students are doing

3 reasons to get help during the financial aid process:Here are three reasons why you may not want to undergo the financial aid process alone.

Faculty Tips for First-Gen Students:

Read More

When you've completed all your info, you can begin scholarship search.



Application: Finding Scholarships

Scholarship America® Dollars for SCHOLARS®	Logout Back to Dashboard Help Welcome, Brillant Joe Test Your Chapter Matches click below to view their website NY2040 - Allegany County Area Foundation Dollars for Scholars NA9999 - National Scholarships - DFS
My Scholarships	
My Information	Your local chapter requires additional information before being able to submit to their scholarships. Please click the active buttons below to complete the information. Failure to complete this information will eliminate you from consideration.
Basic Info	
Additional Info	Chantor Nama
Schools	Allegany County Area Foundation Dollars for Scholars Questions References
GPA	Submit
Class Rank	
Test Scores	Scholarship America Partner Scholarships
Activities	Look here to search for additional scholarships from our scholarship partners.
Awards	Fastweb Scholarships
Employment	Submitted Applications
Documents	Below are the applications that you have submitted for review. The appropriate

Custom Question (essay about influential educator)

Dollars for CHOLARS [®]	Welcome, Brillant Joe Test Your Chapter Matches click below to view their website NA9999 - National Scholarships - DFS VT2299 - Vermont Educational Opportunity Programs Dollars for Scholars NY2040 - Allegany County Area Equination
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Hide Custom Questions You Haven't Answered

Scholarship America[®]

	Answer
This essay can be no more than 400 words in length. Name someone in your school career who has made a positive influence on your life (teacher, non-teacher, staff member, administrator, or any school employee considering grades K-12 or college personnel) and describe the contribution he or she made. No family member, please. Only home schooled students may nominate other than a school employee. (Note: This essay may be shared with the person you write about and others.)	300 words or less

Employment	Out-million d			
Documents	ents			
Parent/Guardian Info	Below are the scholarships that you have submitted your application to for review			
Eineneiel Infe	Scholarship	Close Date		
Financial Info	Mary Lou Canessa - 2016	04/01/2016		

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Student Profile: Scholarships

Below are the open scholarships that you match to.

NOTE: You must submit to a scholarship in order to be eligible for it.

NOTE: Some scholarships require additional information from you before you will be able to submit. This will be indicated by an active Essays or References button. Click on the active buttons, complete the information and the Submit App button will activate. If the Essays and References buttons are not active on a matched scholarship, no additional information is required.

NOTE: If you see a button that reads "no longer eligible", then your profile or the scholarship requirements have changed and you are no longer eligible for that scholarship. To check this, click the "Verify Eligibility for all Scholarships" button below.

Submit all scholarships	without custom que	stions Verify El	igibility for All	Scholarships
Scholarship	Close Date			
Community Service Award - 2015	12/31/2014	View Essays	References	Submit App
leadership - 2015	12/31/2014	View Essays	References	Submit App
Chapter Name				
Test		Ouestions	References	Documents

- Additional essay or reference information may be required for certain scholarships. The Submit App button will activate once these are complete.
- If no further info is required, the Submit App button will already be active and available to click.
- To submit for a scholarship, you MUST click the "Submit App" button.

Tracking Applications

Employment Submitted Applications Documents Below are the applications that you have submitted for review. The appropriate Parent/Guardian Info scholarship committee will begin reviewing applications after the final deadline for submissions has passed. Scholarship award winners will be notified by email soon Financial Info after the review process is complete. Essays Scholarship Close Date References/Transcripts Help Awarded Applications My Scholarships Below are the scholarships you have been awarded. Check the current status: My Opportunities · Awarded - Click "Accept Scholarship" to provide the required information before the deadline date or risk losing your scholarship. My Scholarship News Applicant Accepted – the affiliate is waiting to distribute the scholarship funds. My Resources Disbursed – The scholarship funds have been sent to the school. Disbursement pending – You have indicated that you accept the scholarship, but will be using the funds in the future. Contact the local affiliate when you scholarship funds. wish to access the Scholarship Status Decision Date Form Due Date





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Need Help?



YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR ALSO HAS MY CONTACT INFORMATION



Application Dates

Application opens on November 1, 2020

Applications are due by January 31, 2021

Review takes place in February and March

