

SUPERINTENDENT'S SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Scholarship Application Information



The \$3,000 Superintendent's Scholarship was established to support one or more graduating seniors at every high school in the district who are dedicated to furthering their education and pursuing their goals. Before starting the application process, carefully review the outlined requirements, and ensure that you have all the required documentation prepared for online submission.

Application Deadline: Thursday, March 6, 2025

Eligibility & Requirements:

To be eligible for this scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be a graduating senior from Dallas Independent School District.
- Have a minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- Successfully passed all sections of the state exam.
- Applied to and committed to enrolling full-time in an accredited career/technical school, community college, or university.
- Demonstrate evidence of financial need, community service, leadership, and extracurricular participation.

Application Process

Applicants must complete the following steps to be considered for the scholarship:

1. Submit an **online application**.
2. Upload a **PDF of your official transcript**.
3. Provide a **letter of recommendation** from a teacher, counselor, or college advisor (PDF).
4. Submit a **resume** highlighting achievements, activities, and work experience (PDF).
5. Include a **headshot suitable for publication** (JPG/PNG).
6. Submit a **video essay** as an unlisted YouTube video and include the link in the application.

Paper applications will not be accepted, and students must have a GMAIL account to complete the application. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

Video Essay Instructions

Create a 2–5 minute unlisted YouTube video responding to the prompts below. Videos can be recorded using a laptop or phone.

Video Prompts:

1. Begin with a brief introduction, including your name, high school, intended college, and major.
2. Explain why you deserve this scholarship.
3. Share how continuing your education will help you pursue your chosen career.
4. Conclude by thanking the sponsors and donors for providing this scholarship opportunity.

Link to apply: <https://tinyurl.com/SuptScholApp>



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APPLY



For more information:
suptscholarship@dallasisd.org

Frequently Asked Scholarship Questions



How will I be notified if I receive a scholarship?

- Scholarship recipients will be notified via email by April 25, 2025.

Where can I get more information or assistance?

- Email suptscholarship@dallasisd.org

How many scholarships were awarded last year?

- Dallas ISD's class of 2024 received 81 scholarships.

Do I need special equipment for the video?

- No, you can use your phone or laptop. See FAQs for uploading details.

Frequently Asked Video Questions

Is the video required?

- Yes, the video is required.

Do I need special equipment for the video?

- No, you can use your phone or laptop.

What is an unlisted video?

- This means the video will be only viewable by people with a link to it. It will not show up in search results or be publicly viewable.

How do I select unlisted after uploading my video?

- To select unlisted go to the privacy section of the page. There you'll see the option to mark your video as "unlisted", "public", or "private". Select unlisted, save the video, copy the link, and paste it link in the application.

How to upload a video using a browser:

1. Sign into a Google account.
2. Upload your video on YouTube.
3. Mark your video as "Unlisted."
4. Copy the link and paste it in the application.

How to upload a video using a phone:

1. Open the YouTube app.
2. Upload your video.
3. Mark your video as "Unlisted."
4. Copy the link and paste it in the application.

Video Recording with Phones



Composition:

Make sure you hold your phone horizontally (landscape). Unless you are going with a social media look, use vertically (portrait). But if posting on YouTube or elsewhere, hold the phone horizontally. Record with the phone at eye level. Avoid recording the subject from a low angle.

Focus:

Lock your focus and exposure. On some phone, you need to tap on the face/image that you want the camera to track focus and adjust the lighting. Keep the shot steady: If you are holding your phone, use both hands to keep the shot steady. Propping your phone on a stand or on a tripod is better. If you don't have a tripod or stand, get creative. A few books, small box or anything sturdy enough will do the job.

Lighting:

Look around and use available light sources. Light coming in from your window or a lamp can do the trick. You don't want the primary light coming from behind you, so don't stand with a window or light at your back. Position yourself, so that the light is hitting your face either to the side or straight on. You want to have plenty of light on your face to avoid dark shadows.

Audio:

Be aware of natural sounds when you record. If you record outside, listen if it's windy, dogs barking, ambulance sirens or construction noises. If recording inside, listen if the AC unit is too loud which might mean you should move to a different part of the room or a different room. If there are others talking in the background, politely ask them to hold the noise down or you may want to move to a different room.

Photos with Phones

Composition:

For your photo submit a vertical portrait. So, flip your phone to the vertical position. For a headshot length photo, the photo should start a little below your shoulders and extend to above your head. On the top of your head, you only want to leave a few inches of space; so, we can focus on your bright shining faces. As always, make sure to smile!