



College Scholarship Application

A Better Community-Dayton Education Foundation was founded in 2000. It is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting public education in the Dayton School District. Led by a volunteer Board of Directors, the ABC-DEF provides financial support programs and activities which are not supported by tax dollars.

Who is eligible to apply?

The ABC-Dayton Education Foundation College Scholarship is open to all Dayton High School graduating seniors who plan on attending a two or four year college. A minimum 3.0 GPA is required. This scholarship is not based on financial need.

When is the deadline?

The application and all required materials must be submitted to the Dayton School District Office (780 Ferry Street, PO Box 219, Dayton, OR 97114) by ***Friday, May 15, 2026, 3:30 PM***. No exceptions; incomplete or late applications will not be considered for award.

How do I apply?

Complete the attached application; submit with two letters of recommendation (one school staff and one person unrelated to the school district), a personal essay, and your high school transcript. Materials submitted for a scholarship award will not be returned. Applications will be forwarded to the Dayton Education Foundation Screening Committee. The committee will review the applications, and recommend several to the Foundation Board Members for final selection. Finalists will be required to attend an interview to meet with Dayton Education Foundation Board Members. The date and time will be announced in an invitation.

Scholarship funds will be awarded equally by quarter or semester, depending on the institution the student attends. Award must be used in the grant year designated. A student who is enrolled in school, stops attending, and then re-enrolls will only have this opportunity one time and still receive scholarship funds. Proof of registration is required to release funds to the college of the student's choice.

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PERSONAL DATA PAGE: Please type or print clearly.

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Home Address _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

Mailing Address (if different) _____
(PO Box) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Parent/Guardian Last Name _____ First Name _____

Telephone (Home) _____ Telephone (work or cell) _____

Parent/Guardian Last Name _____ First Name _____

Telephone (Home) _____ Telephone (work or cell) _____

GPA (Cumulative) _____

SAT Scores (optional): Reading _____ Math _____ (Writing _____)

ACT Scores (optional): Composite _____

Student Signature _____

By signing this application, the student verifies that the information provided
is true and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge.

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(780 Ferry Street, PO Box 219, Dayton, OR 97114)**

Please complete and submit all information on this application.

Incomplete applications will not be considered for award.

RESPONSE QUESTIONS: Create a document with 12 point font and 1 inch margins.

1. List the classes taken your senior year and any advanced classes you've taken during high school.
2. Describe in a short essay which class(es) have had the greatest impact on your future plans.
3. List the following experiences you have had in high school:
 - a. Work and Service with additional information including longevity and leadership roles.
 - b. Sports and Clubs with additional information including longevity, leadership roles, and awards and honors received.
 - c. Interests, Talents, Hobbies, and Skills with additional information including general expertise and path of development.
4. Write a personal essay of 200 words or more in a document that states, in your own words, the goals you'd like to accomplish after high school. Please include educational, career, **and** personal goals. Be specific in your essay on how a *college* education will help you reach your goals. You may also include your long-term/lifetime goals.

SUBMIT with your application:

1. Please submit two letters of recommendation. You are limited to one letter from the Dayton staff and one letter unrelated to the school district.
2. Please submit an official transcript with application materials.
3. Paperclip the application and all attachments in the upper left corner of the application. Do not staple documents together.
4. **Applications must be submitted to the Dayton School District Office (780 Ferry Street, PO Box 219, Dayton, OR 97114) no later than Friday, May 15, 2026 at 3:30 PM. No exceptions.**

APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

- ☐ Personal Data Page
- ☐ Response Questions
- ☐ Transcript
- ☐ Two Letters of Recommendation