

# DAWSON COUNTY EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR YEAR 2009 - 2010

## A. **Invitation to Apply:**

Any DCHS graduating senior or graduate who meets the established criteria is invited to submit an application for a scholarship sponsored by or under the jurisdiction of the D.C.E.F. The Directors of D.C.E.F. may increase the amount of the scholarship at their discretion.

Application materials are available at the DCHS Counseling Center.

## B. **General Foundation Scholarship Criteria:**

1. The student must have a 2.0 or above Grade Point Average.
2. The student must have attended Dawson County High School for at least 4 semesters with preference given to those who have attended 8 semesters.
3. The student must be accepted as a full-time student in an approved institution of higher education (accredited university, college, community college, vocational, or trade school). The determination of what constitutes full-time status will be determined by the institution of higher education.
4. The student must complete and submit all parts of the application **on or before April 1<sup>st</sup> by 1:00 PM** of the current school year.

## C. The application consists of **4** separate parts, each of which is scored by judges. They are:

1. A Personal Application Form (A-1) -- This provides data relative to scholarship (G.P.A., class rank, A.C.T. score, transcripts) and requests the name of the institution you plan to attend as well as the course of study and degree you wish to pursue. Please note any financial scholarships already received.
2. Activities page (A-2) -- This page will ask you to list a maximum of ten (10) school and community activities you have participated in while in high school. Indicate athletic, non-athletic awards, offices, and honors received. Select those which you feel have been most significant in your life. Separately mention any work experience you have received.
3. Applicant Written Essay -- A one-page type-written essay in which you address one of the following topics:
  - a. The most influential person in my life;

- b. an event which influenced my life; or
- c. a current issue relevant to either Glendive or the State of Montana

4. Two (2) completed Personal Reference (forms (A-3) from people of your choice. These are important as validation of your experience and achievements relative to the traits of character, citizenship, leadership, and service. Please, only one from either a teacher or other school personnel.

D. Completed applications must be delivered to the **DCHS Counseling Center on or before April 1<sup>st</sup> by 1:00 PM of the current school year.**

E. Applications will be screened and judged by the D.C.E.F. Board of Directors and award winners will be announced at high school award night and graduation. The following criteria will be used to rate applications.

Maximum 20 points      Academics - based on courses taken, Grade Point Average, class rank, test results, and other academic achievement.

Maximum 30 points      Based on involvement in school and community activities and honors or special awards accorded to student.

Maximum 30 points      Based upon your student application letter, its content and presentation style.

Maximum 10 points      Based upon unusual circumstances.

Maximum 20 points      Based on content of personal reference forms.

120 Points = Total Maximum Points

Dawson County Education Foundation Scholarship  
Personal Application Form A-1

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates Attended DCHS: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

G.P.A.: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank in Class \_\_\_\_\_ A.C.T.: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please attach a copy of your high school transcripts**

Institution of Higher Education You Plan to Attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Degree/Major/Area of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Scholarships Received: \_\_\_\_\_

References: (List name, address, phone number) only one (1) may be a teacher or other school district employee.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

## Dawson County Education Foundation Scholarship Activities Form A-2

List ten (10) maximum school or community activities which you feel have been most significant in your life. Include leadership roles and honors earned.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Participation in Years</u>	<u>Honors or Leadership Roles</u>
1. _____		
2. _____		
3. _____		
4. _____		
5. _____		
6. _____		
7. _____		
8. _____		
9. _____		
10. _____		

Work Experience: Indicate any job or work that has been significant in your life.

## APPLICANT WRITTEN ESSAY

Please compose a one page type-written essay on **one** of the following topics (you choose):

1. The most influential person in my life.
2. An event which greatly influenced my life.
3. A current issue relevant to either Glendive or the State of Montana.

# Dawson County Education Foundation Scholarship Applicant Reference Form A-3

Directions: The information requested on this form will be used to evaluate a student scholarship application. Reference statements will be considered in the process of validating a candidate's personal qualities of character, citizenship, leadership, and service.

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Applicants Name

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Reference Name

1. Briefly explain the relationship that enables you to provide reference to the above applicant.
2. Please provide a statement which indicates your view of this applicant relative to each of the listed traits (examples will be appreciated). Please use reverse side of this page if necessary: a separate page may be submitted in lieu of this form provided all four traits are addressed.

Character

Citizenship

Leadership

Service