

DMACC Applying for DMACC and Outside Scholarships and Grants

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Applying for scholarships and grants has never been easier. But don't be deceived – *you still have to apply and meet the criteria before you can be eligible for an award.*

DMACC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

The DMACC Foundation provides funds for DMACC students as scholarships and grants. Foundation money comes from private sources, including individual donations, business and industry support, and a variety of fund-raising activities. These awards are competitive and are awarded through an application process. Most awards are based on both financial need and academic achievement, although a few are based solely on academic achievement. A full listing of Foundation scholarship awards available college-wide can be found on the Foundation's web site <http://www.dmacc.edu/foundation>.

HOW TO APPLY

Students may apply for most DMACC Foundation scholarships by completing a Generic Scholarship Application form on the DMACC Internet site at: <http://www.dmacc.edu/foundation> or by calling 515-964-6278 or 800-362-2127, ext. 6278 and asking for an application form. Program specific forms are available from Program Chairs. The Financial Aid Office also has special application forms for several named scholarship funds. For most Foundation scholarships, the annual deadline date is April 1. Scholarships with other deadlines are described on the Foundation scholarship web site. Completed applications must be submitted to the Financial Aid Office, Ankeny Campus. Incomplete applications or those received after the deadline date will not be considered.

CRITERIA AND CONDITIONS FOR DMACC AWARDS

The Foundation requires all applicants to have a minimum verifiable cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0, and be enrolled at DMACC (any campus) for a minimum of 6 credit hours. Specific scholarships may have higher minimum criteria. GPA's can be from high school, other colleges, or from student's prior or current DMACC attendance. If a GPA is not from DMACC, copies of transcripts must accompany applications. Graduating high school seniors can submit most recent grade reports instead of actual transcripts if necessary. *For most DMACC Foundation scholarships, students must verify financial need and an application for federal financial aid is the best way to do this.*

HOW DMACC FOUNDATION AWARDS ARE PAID

Unless otherwise stated on specific applications, all awards are for tuition, fees and books at DMACC only, and for the semester for which the award is given. Some awards are renewable for the following terms. All awards will be applied directly to a student's account at DMACC.

WHERE TO LOOK FOR OUTSIDE SCHOLARSHIPS

- ❖ Employer tuition reimbursement programs or other educational benefits.
- ❖ Churches and religious organizations
- ❖ Unions
- ❖ Professional or social organizations (examples: FFA, 4-H, Jaycees, Rotary, and Lions)
- ❖ Chamber of Commerce
- ❖ Volunteer Work (example: AmeriCorps)
- ❖ Military Programs

TIPS FOR APPLYING FOR OUTSIDE SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

- Focus on scholarships/grants with criteria you closely match.
- Send a self-addressed stamped envelope when requesting applications and information about scholarships/grants.
- Be aware of deadlines.

HOW TO LOCATE SCHOLARSHIP SOURCES

- The Internet
- High School Counselors
- Public Libraries

TIP: Never pay a fee to an anyone promising to find you scholarships. These are usually scams!

FREE INTERNET SEARCHES

FASTWEB - <http://www.fastweb.com>
CollegeQuest - <http://collegequest.com>
CASHE - <http://cashe.com>