

# DAR Scholarship Information

Public Page Link: <https://www.dar.org/national-society/scholarships>

Scholarship Link: <https://dar.academicworks.com/>

Questions? Contact: [scholarships@nsdar.org](mailto:scholarships@nsdar.org)

## Frequently Asked Questions:

### **Scholarship Eligibility**

#### **Who is eligible to apply for the scholarships offered through the DAR Scholarship Committee?**

- An applicant must be a United States (US) citizen. Proof of US citizenship includes the following documents: a US birth certificate, a current US passport, or government-issued naturalization papers.
- An applicant must attend or plan to attend an accredited college or university in the United States.
- Please review each scholarship's description for specific eligibility criteria.

#### **Do you have to be a DAR member or related to someone in the organization to receive a DAR scholarship?**

- There is only one scholarship that requires an applicant to be the child or step child of a dues-paying DAR member. This scholarship is the Lillian & Arthur Dunn Scholarship.
- An applicant must provide the DAR member's National Number to demonstrate eligibility for the scholarships.
- The Madeline Pickett (Halbert) Cogswell Nursing Scholarship requires an applicant to be a DAR member, eligible to become a DAR member or the descendant of a DAR member. The DAR member's National Number must be provided.

#### **If scholarship applicants are the step-children of a DAR member are they eligible to apply for the Lillian & Arthur Dunn Scholarship?**

- Yes! If an applicant is the stepchild of a DAR member they must provide their step mother's National Number in their application to demonstrate eligibility for the scholarships.

#### **Do scholarship applicants need to have a DAR Chapter sponsor their applications?**

- No. DAR chapter sponsorship of a scholarship applicant is no longer required; however, an applicant may want to reach out to a DAR chapter in their area for help with their application.

#### **What are the eligibility criteria for the scholarships offered through the DAR Scholarship Committee?**

- An applicant should carefully review the eligibility criteria for each scholarship to determine if they are eligible to apply.
  - For example, some scholarships are available to all types of students such as graduating high school students, those currently enrolled in a college or university or those accepted or currently enrolled in graduate school.
  - While other scholarships may have specific eligibility criteria requiring specific documentation such as current enrollment or a letter of acceptance in a nursing program or medical school, a child of a DAR member, a tribal card, or a student pursuing a certain field of study (eg. music, chemistry).

### **Online Application Submission Process**

#### **How does an applicant apply for the DAR Scholarship Committee's scholarships using the new on-line submission process?**

- An applicant will use the DAR Scholarship Committee's online submission link found on the DAR public website to submit their scholarship application. The DAR Scholarship Committee's direct URL link to the online application submission portal is <https://dar.academicworks.com>
- After setting up their scholarship profile an applicant will be presented with their application to complete.
- Please note, the platform allows multiple visits while an applicant completes their application by clicking "Save" at the bottom of the application webpage. Once an applicant has completed their application they will then click "Finish" at the bottom of the webpage to submit their application for consideration.

#### **Are all internet browsers compatible with the DAR Academic Works Scholarship website?**

- For the best functionality and ease of use with the DAR scholarship application platform it is recommended to use one of the following web browsers: Apple Safari, Google Chrome, Firefox Mozilla, or Microsoft Edge.

### **Submission of Required Documents**

#### **What if applicants do not have access to a computer to submit their applications or to a scanner to upload required scholarship application documents such as birth certificates or transcripts?**

- Encourage the applicants to seek assistance from their high school guidance counselors, counseling office, school administration or have them visit their local public library to access community computers.

- DAR members or chapter may also want to contact local schools to offer assistance for students applying for DAR scholarships.

**What should an applicant do if they are having difficulties uploading a required document?**

- Carefully read the instructions provided in the application instructions on how to upload a document. Keep the file's name simple and avoid using symbols, figures or punctuation in the title. In addition, keep the file size small. up to 5mb is allowed.
- Be sure to use one of the following recommended web browsers: Apple Safari, Google Chrome, Firefox Mozilla, and Microsoft Edge
- The FAQ section found on the online system also provides additional information for uploading or removing documents.

**Does the transcript submitted with the application need to be an official transcript?**

- An applicant may submit an unofficial transcript at the time of application.
- If selected as a recipient of a scholarship, an official transcript must be submitted (mailed or emailed) to the office of the Reporter General before payment of the scholarship is processed. If an official transcript is not received by the requested date, the scholarship will be forfeited and awarded to the next qualified recipient.

**What type of transcript should be submitted with the application?**

An applicant should carefully review the criteria for each scholarship and submit the type of transcript that is required for the scholarship(s) for which they are applying to receive. Please note, only one document can be uploaded in the transcript area. Therefore, scan multiple pages into one file before uploading the file.

- Graduating High School Students should provide their high school transcripts and college transcripts if taking college credits while enrolled in high school. Home-schooled students must include transcripts for grades eight through twelve.
- College undergraduates currently enrolled in college should provide their college transcripts. High school transcripts may be voluntarily submitted with the college transcripts to enhance the application, if desired.
- Graduate students applying for one of the graduate scholarships should provide their undergraduate college/university transcripts, in addition to their graduate school transcripts.
- Medical students applying for one of the medical scholarships should include their college/university transcripts, in addition to their medical school transcripts.

**Does an applicant need to submit test scores or class size and rank with their application?**

An applicant should carefully review the criteria for each scholarship and submit the type of test score that is required for the scholarship(s) for which they are applying to receive.

- Graduating High School Students: DAR no longer requires the submission of scholastic achievement scores (ACT or SAT) or class size and rank with a student's application.
- Medical Students: Should provide a copy of their MCAT scores if not documented on their transcripts.
- Law Students: Should provide a copy of their LSAT scores if not documented on their transcripts.
- Graduate Students: May want to voluntarily include GRE scores with their transcripts to enhance their application.

**Do all the DAR scholarships require Financial Need Information?**

- There are five DAR scholarships that require financial need information to be submitted at the time of application. The scholarships requiring this information are the Mildred Nutting Nursing Scholarship, the Caroline E. Holt Scholarship, the Occupational/Physical Therapy Scholarship, the American Indian Scholarship, and the Frances Crawford Marin American Indian Scholarship. All other DAR scholarships do not require financial need information to be submitted.

**Is it okay to submit other financial documents and information to show financial need?**

- No. Please limit information submitted to the questions being asked in the application.
- Please do not submit additional financial documents or information to demonstrate financial need such as tax forms, bank statements, or other confidential financial information.

**Can recommendations, supporting documents or transcripts be emailed or mailed, instead of uploading them into an applicant's online application?**

- No. For the confidential transmission of an applicant's information, all documents must be submitted through the secure online scholarship website directly into the student's application prior to the January 31<sup>st</sup> deadline. No emailed or mailed information can be accepted. No exceptions.

**If an applicant has received a letter(s) of acceptance into a medical school, or a nursing or occupational/physical therapy program and has not yet decided to attend, is the student still eligible to apply for the scholarship?**

- Yes, if chosen as a scholarship recipient, the applicant will need to provide documentation they have decided to attend a specific school or program by the specified date.

- If acceptance has not been obtained by the January 31st deadline, please upload a typed/computer generated list of programs applied to in the acceptance letter upload area.

**Are the requirements for the GPA's on a weighted or unweighted grading scale?**

- Depending on the grading system that the institution uses, it must be equivalent to a 4.0 on their grading system. Students attending institutions that use a "Pass/Fail" grading system or those with a GED should use "0.00" in the GPA section of the application.

**General Questions**

**If applicants have questions about a specific scholarship who should they ask?**

- An applicant should contact the National Vice Chair responsible for each scholarship. Their email addresses are listed on the Scholarships page on the public DAR site where all the scholarships are listed.

**How and when will applicants be notified if they are selected as one of the winning recipients of a scholarship?**

- All applicants whether selected as the recipient of each scholarship or not selected will be notified by email no later than the second week of May.
- The notification of congratulations or regrets will be emailed to the student's email address of record that was submitted in their scholarship application profile, using the online system.

**When is the scholarship payment mailed to the applicant's school/university?**

- All scholarship payments will be mailed out during the month of August directly to the applicant's designated school or university. All the requested information must be sent in by the deadline that is given when the recipient is notified that they are the recipient of the scholarship.

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**Disqualifications to Avoid:**

1. Do not apply for a scholarship unless the student's level of education is appropriate for the scholarship.
2. Do not submit any document with the photograph of the student visible. Please cover the photograph(s) before uploading the documents into the application. This includes passports, transcripts, resumes, and tribal cards.
3. Do not submit documents for proof of United States citizenship other than those requested.
4. Do not wait until the last minute to request recommendations. All information must be submitted by the January 31<sup>st</sup> at 11:59 pm (Hawaii Time) deadline. No exceptions.
5. Do not submit more than a one-page personal statement/resume.
6. Do not submit incomplete transcripts.
7. Do not submit the application without all the required documents.