



Dale Schroeder Charitable Trust

Scholarship Program

Application Guidelines



RECEIPT DEADLINES:

APPLICATION

- March 26, 2014, by 5 p.m., CT

RECOMMENDATIONS

- March 28, 2014, by 5 p.m., CT

AM I ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?



INTRODUCTION

The Dale Schroeder Memorial Scholarship was established to provide scholarships to students who are legal residents of the State of Iowa, live in an Iowa community with a population between 1 and 10,000, and will attend one of the following universities: University of Iowa, Iowa State University or University of Northern Iowa.

Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of academic achievement, leadership, school activities, community/volunteer activities, financial and employment history. Awards are granted without regard to race, creed, color, religion, gender, or national origin. Recipients are identified by independent reviewers.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Awards are for undergraduate study.

The application form must be completed and submitted online by 5:00 p.m., central time, March 26, 2014. If you have questions, you may contact us at daleschroeder@act.org, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., central time, excluding holidays. The deadline for submission of your online recommendations is 5:00 p.m., central time, March 28, 2014.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Graduating high school senior
2. Legal resident of the State of Iowa
3. GPA of at least 2.8 (or its equivalent)
4. Full-time attendance at one of the following universities:
 - a. Iowa State University
 - b. University of Iowa
 - c. University of Northern Iowa
5. Reside in an Iowa Community with a population between 1 and 10,000



up to
\$17,000

SELECTION CRITERIA

Applications will be reviewed and selection based on the following criteria:

- Academic achievement and potential
- Leadership ability
- School activities
- Character
- Volunteerism/community service
- Employment
- Financial information

AWARD INFORMATION

Scholars will receive up to \$17,000 in one installment made co-payable to the scholar and the scholar's institution. Award checks will be sent to the institution's Office of Student Financial Aid in August. The school will be directed to divide the award by term (semester/trimester/quarter) and, in most cases, the award will be credited to the student's billing account to be used for educational expenses (tuition, books, fees, housing, and other costs normally associated with full-time enrollment).

If you are selected as a Dale Schroeder Scholar, scholarship funds may be used for the following:

1. Tuition, books, and fees
2. **On-campus** room & board that is included on your university bill for your *first and second years*. Off-campus housing will NOT be funded.
3. **On-campus** room & board that is included on your university bill for your *third and fourth years*, or **off-campus** housing approved by the Dale Schroeder Charitable Trust.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Online recommendations must be submitted by 5:00 p.m., central time, March 28, 2014. Recommendations must be completed online by the recommenders. No faxes, emails, or hard copies of recommendations will be accepted. Applications without completed, online recommendations will not be reviewed by the selection panel.



You are required to have two recommendations. One of the recommenders you choose must be a current high school official who can comment on your academic achievement and potential, leadership ability, character, and volunteerism/community involvement. Enter the names and email addresses of your recommenders in your online application. Within 24 hours after you enter this information, your recommenders will receive an email containing instructions and a link to the online recommendation. Allow your recommenders **at least two weeks** to write your recommendations. Follow up with your recommenders to make sure they have completed this step prior to the deadline. **Applications missing recommendations will be disqualified.**



COMPLETE APPLICATIONS INCLUDE:

- **ONLINE APPLICATION**
March 26, 2014, deadline
- **ONLINE RECOMMENDATIONS**
March 28, 2014, deadline

SEMIFINALIST NOTIFICATIONS:

- **Mid-April 2014**

NOTIFICATIONS:

- **Late June 2014**



TIPS FOR APPLICATION PREPARATION

1. Read and follow all guidelines. Your application will be disqualified if you omit a key step in the guidelines or ignore instructions.
2. It is to your benefit to take the time to think carefully about how you want to respond to the essay questions before you begin writing. A thorough, meaningful, and well-written response is of value to the person(s) reviewing your application materials.
3. Proofread all your work thoroughly. Responses that are unclear or contain numerous mistakes distract the reviewer from focusing on the content and reflect poorly on your ability to produce a high quality product. Make sure that sentences are complete, clear, and grammatically correct.
4. Have someone else read your completed application. An objective reader can often identify areas that need more explanation and may find errors that you have overlooked.

Follow directions carefully and complete all sections of the application. Any application that does not adhere to these instructions will be disqualified.

SEMIFINALISTS NOTIFIED BY EMAIL BY MID-APRIL

SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED IF SELECTED AS A SEMIFINALIST

If you are notified that you have been selected as a semifinalist, you will be required to send in the following documents for receipt by April 9, 2014:

1. Current high school transcript. (If you have attended more than one high school and your current transcript does not reflect all academic years, request a transcript from each school you have attended to document your entire high school career.)
2. Copy of your Student Aid Report (SAR)
3. Copy of your parents' 2013 tax return

NOTIFICATIONS WILL BE SENT TO:

1. **Scholars by mail**
2. **Nonrecipients by email**

IF YOU BECOME A SEMIFINALIST, SEND YOUR SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENTS TO:

MAILING/SHIPPING ADDRESS

(regular U.S. mail, FedEx, UPS, Express Mail, etc.)

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