

DANIELS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Information for Applicants

What is the Daniels Scholarship Program?

The Daniels Scholarship Program provides the opportunity for motivated students to earn a bachelor's degree that helps them build a successful life and career.

Daniels Scholars are honest, self-reliant, compassionate, proud Americans who value free enterprise and are prepared to give the world their best shot.

Who can apply?

To be eligible for the Daniels Scholarship Program, students must meet the following requirements at the time of application:

- Be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States
- Be a resident of Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, or Wyoming
- Be a graduating high school senior in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, or Wyoming
- Have a minimum 3.0 high school GPA (on an unweighted 4.0 scale)
- Earn a minimum SAT Math score of 490 and a minimum Evidence-Based Reading & Writing score of 490 **or** a minimum ACT score of 18 in each category (writing score not required). Super scoring is not accepted.
- Meet financial eligibility requirement (see "Am I financially eligible?" on reverse side)

How are Daniels Scholars selected?

Daniels Scholars are selected because they embody the criteria Bill Daniels defined for the program:

- Strength of character
- Leadership potential
- Commitment to serving their communities
- Academic performance or promise
- Well-rounded personality
- Emotional maturity and stability



How do I apply?

Applying for the Daniels Scholarship Program will take time, and cannot be completed at the last minute. Students are encouraged to register, gather the documents they will need to apply, and identify a reliable recommender as early as possible.

The completed application – plus all required supporting documents and a recommendation – must be submitted before the deadline.

Applicants must take the SAT or the ACT early enough to receive scores in time to meet our deadline.

Complete the Daniels Fund Eligibility Questionnaire

Designate a Recommender and track their progress

Submit application + required documents and confirm recommendation is submitted

Eligibility Questionnaire | The Eligibility Questionnaire determines general and financial eligibility, and requires the parent(s)' or legal guardian(s)' 2018 tax return on which the applicant appears as a dependent.

Recommendation | Applicants must obtain a recommendation from a high school representative (principal, teacher, guidance counselor, coach, etc.) who is 21 or older and not related to the applicant. Recommendations are confidential and must be submitted via the online application system. Recommenders receive instructions by email once the student identifies them on their application. An application without a recommendation will not be considered, so students must ensure the recommender meets the submission deadline.

Submit Application | Applications and recommendations must be completed and submitted online at DanielsFund.org by November 15, 2019 at 4:00 PM MST. Late, mailed, faxed, or emailed submissions will not be accepted. Required documentation includes: parent(s)' or legal guardian(s)' 2018 tax return, official high school transcript, official ACT/SAT scores, and proof of citizenship and residency.

Apply online October 1 – November 15 at 4:00 PM MST at DanielsFund.org

Am I financially eligible?

In order to be eligible for the Daniels Scholarship Program, the applicant's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) must have an Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) of \$85,000 or less on the 2018 tax return on which the applicant appears (line 7 on the 2018 IRS Form 1040 states the AGI).

If there are additional dependents, beyond the applicant, claimed on their tax return, we allow for additional income as follows:

- \$5,000 for each additional dependent not in college
- \$15,000 for each additional dependent in college

Please visit DanielsFund.org for specific examples.

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If an applicant is selected as a finalist to be interviewed for the Daniels Scholarship Program, they will be required to upload a copy of their Student Aid Report (SAR) after the finalists are announced in January. The SAR is generated by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). We recommend that all students complete the FAFSA as soon as possible after it opens on October 1. However, we will only require the SAR in January from our finalists.

Where can I use the scholarship?

Daniels Scholars may attend any two or four-year, nonprofit, accredited college or university in the United States. Scholars must intend to complete a bachelor's degree, and those starting at a two-year college must be on a path to earning a bachelor's degree. Daniels Scholarships may not be used at technical or trade schools, or for participation in certificate programs.

What does the scholarship cover?

The Daniels Scholarship is a comprehensive college scholarship that pays toward the costs of:

- Tuition and fees
- Books and supplies
- Room and board
- Miscellaneous educational expenses

It is a "last dollar" scholarship, so it is secondary to all other grants and scholarships. After considering the student's other scholarships, financial aid (federal, state, and institutional), and any work-study accepted, as well as the determined Expected Family Contribution (EFC), the Daniels Fund pays toward the scholar's remaining education costs. Scholarship amounts are unique to each Daniels Scholar, and can vary from year to year. If the scholar meets all requirements, the scholarship is annually renewable up to a maximum of four academic years (8 semesters or 12 quarters).

Partner School Option | The Daniels Fund has partnerships with 25 of the most commonly selected colleges and universities in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming. If a scholar chooses to attend one of these schools, the Daniels Fund will also cover their EFC. Scholars may attend any nonprofit, accredited school in the country, but there is a financial advantage to attending a partner school, as the EFC varies each year and can be significant.

Please visit DanielsFund.org/scholarships/daniels-scholarship-program/partnerschools for a list of all partner schools.

What are the benefits of the scholarship?

The Daniels Scholarship Program eliminates all or most of all of the financial burden of a college education, but this comprehensive program goes much further with many outstanding benefits:

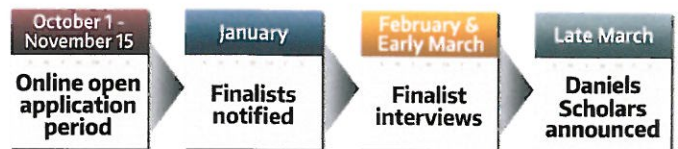
- Financial assistance toward a four-year undergraduate degree
- Dedicated help and support from Daniels Fund staff and designated on-campus contacts
- Recognition as a Daniels Scholar
- Campus communities with events, activities, and support exclusively for Daniels Scholars
- Assistance in planning for a rewarding career after college
- Alumni Program offering ongoing support and a lifelong connection to a network of Daniels Scholars
- A laptop computer

What's expected of Daniels Scholars?

- Meet all academic requirements while in college (including a minimum 2.0 GPA), and remain on track to graduate with a bachelor's degree within four academic years
- Live on campus during freshman year
- Work in a paid position during the academic year (5 hours/week first year and 10 hours/week every year after)
- Complete the Daniels Scholarship Enrichment Program, a series of online workshops led by topical experts on subjects such as patriotism, civics, free enterprise, entrepreneurship, leadership, critical thinking, etiquette, financial literacy, and earning an ethics certification
- Follow the Daniels Scholar Code of Conduct at all times
- Communicate regularly with their Scholar Relations Officer
- Fulfill all scholarship requirements and submit required documents by their deadlines
- Come to Denver for SHIFTCollege, the Daniels Fund's new scholar orientation conference, held in June (all expenses are paid by the Daniels Fund)

Once I apply, what happens next?

Applications and recommendations must be submitted online through the Daniels Fund website before the deadline.



In January, all applicants will be notified whether or not they have been selected as a finalist. Finalists must upload a copy of the Student Aid Report (SAR) from their FAFSA. The next step for finalists is a personal interview, conducted by local community leaders in the finalist's home state in February or early March. The new class of Daniels Scholars is announced in late March.



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