

2023 DIAMOND YOUTH FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

About Us: The Diamond Youth Foundation (DYF) has provided over \$253,000 in scholarships and special assistance to youth in the Western Suburbs of Chicago since its establishment in January of 1976. We established a rich tradition of service to our youth and community. We invite you to learn more about our programs and partner with us in service. Please visit our website to learn more at: <http://www.diamond-youth.org/>

Our mission is to increase student awareness of potential career choices through exposure to a variety of disciples, role models, and mentoring. One of the DYF's primary goals is to provide financial assistance to deserving individuals in the quest of higher education culminating in a four (4) year baccalaureate degree from a fully accredited institution.

Award Amount: The DYF Scholarship is valued at \$1000

Eligibility: To be eligible for the DYF Scholarship, the applicant must be a high school graduating senior with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.75 on 4.0 grade scale. The scholarship will only be awarded to those individuals matriculating to higher education in pursuit of a bachelor's degree from a fully accredited college or university. Primary consideration will be given to students residing in Northwestern, Western, and Southwestern suburbs of Chicago, but the scholarship committee will consider all qualified applicants. Selection will be based on:

- Academic Performance
- Demonstrated Leadership Skills
- Community Service
- Financial Need
- Panel Interview

Application: The 2023 DYF is now being accepted. Application must be submitted, or post marked by **Saturday, February 18, 2023.** Completed application should be mailed to:

**Diamond Youth Foundation Scholarship Committee
P.O BOX 3955
Naperville, IL 60567**

Notification: If selected as a finalist, applicant will be notified by Monday, February 27, 2023. The student selected as a finalist will be required to participate in a panel interview via Zoom to further determine the scholarship award. Interviews will be conducted during the week of March 6, 2023.

Additionally, a video conference will be conducted via Zoom (**for students, only**) to discuss the application and answer any questions on the following dates and time:

- **Sunday, January 22, 2023: 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
 - Zoom Meeting ID Number: **840 7254 2540** Meeting Password: **689330**

For any immediate questions, please contact to the Scholarship Chairman – Stan Jones by email at scholarshipchair@diamond-youth.org



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Applicant Information

Full Name: _____ Date: _____
Last First M.I.

DOB: _____

Address: _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

City State ZIP Code

Phone: _____ Email _____

FAMILY INFORMATION

Parent/Legal Guardian Name.: _____ Phone #: _____ Email Address.: _____

Immediate Family Size: _____

Estimated Family Income – Check one

Up to \$50,000

\$50,001 - \$100,000

\$100,001 and greater

Education

Current High School: _____ Address: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

What is your current Grade Point Average?

GPA.: _____ Scale: 4.0 5.0



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List Current Semester (or Quarter) Courses

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____
- 7. _____

List school activities in which you are/were involved

1. Activity: _____ Position: _____
 Describe _____ How Long? _____

2. Activity: _____ Position: _____
 Describe _____ How Long? _____

3. Activity: _____ Position: _____
 Describe _____ How Long? _____

4. Activity: _____ Position: _____
 Describe: _____ How Long?: _____

5. Activity: _____ Position: _____
 Describe: _____ How Long?: _____

6. Activity: _____ Position: _____
 Describe: _____ How Long?: _____



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College Entrance Exam Test Score(s)

SAT: _____

ACT: _____

List of College(s) applied to or will apply

1. College: _____ Status: _____

City/State: _____ Major: _____

2. College: _____ Status: _____

City/State: _____ Major: _____

3. College: _____ Status: _____

City/State: _____ Major: _____

4. College: _____ Status: _____

City/State: _____ Major: _____

5. College: _____ Status: _____

City/State: _____ Major: _____

6. College: _____ Status: _____

City/State: _____ Major: _____

List Academic Honors or Special Recognitions

1. Award: _____ Date: _____

2. Award: _____ Date: _____

3. Award: _____ Date: _____

4. Award: _____ Date: _____

5. Award: _____ Date: _____

6. Award: _____ Date: _____



List Community Service Events Participation

1. Event:	_____	Date:	_____
2. Event:	_____	Date:	_____
3. Event:	_____	Date:	_____
4. Event:	_____	Date:	_____
5. Event:	_____	Date:	_____
6. Event:	_____	Date:	_____

Essay

Write an essay (maximum 500 words) on one of the below topics of your choice. Essay must be typed and will be judged on content, writing style, and grammar.

Topics (identify your choice with the boxes on the left):

- How have your past experiences at work, school, volunteering, or participating on a team prepared you to be successful in the future? What skills or attributes have you learned from your experiences that will prepare you for success?
- Describe your greatest example of achievement thus far. What steps did you take to prepare yourself for this accomplishment, and why is this accomplishment important to you?
- Describe a time when you failed. What did you learn from this experience, and how were you able to subsequently apply this learning?

List of Documents Required to be Submitted

1. **Official Academic Transcript:** Your official transcript shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope with the school seal affixed OR sealed in an envelope with the school embossment affixed to the transcript. **NO transcript will be accepted if not properly submitted.**
2. **Letters of Recommendations:** A total of three (3) letters of recommendation from individuals who can provide insight on your character, academic achievement or personal development. Letters of recommendations shall be submitted as per the following:
 - **Two (2)** letters from a school official, i.e., teacher, counselor, principal or coach.
 - **One (1)** letter will be required from a church or community leader, i.e., minister, youth group director, volunteer organization coordinator.
 - Letter of recommendation shall NOT be from an applicant’s relative.

OPTIONAL:

Feel free to submit an updated resume to provide additional information for consideration to the scholarship committee. A resume is NOT mandatory.



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Disclaimer and Signature

- *I acknowledge that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge for this scholarship application for the Diamond Youth Foundation Scholarship.*
- *If this application leads to receiving the Diamond Youth Foundation Scholarship, I understand that false or misleading information in my application or during the interview process may result in revocation of funds.*
- *I certify that the Diamond Youth Foundation application and essay were completed and represent my work.*
- *I acknowledge that the Diamond Youth Foundation scholarship, if awarded, is non-renewable*
- *I also acknowledge that ALL items per the checklist below are included in my Diamond Youth Foundation application packet. **NOTE: Any missing or incomplete information may disqualify the applicant from being a finalist.***

CHECKLIST ITEMS	Initial item in the box below as completed and included in application packet
1. Completed scholarship application with all questions answered	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Official high school transcript	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Two (2) letters of recommendations from a school official, i.e, teacher, counselor, principal or coach	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. One (1) letter of recommendation from a church or community leader, i.e, minister, youth group director, volunteer organization coordinator	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Essay selection and written essay	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Signed and dated Application Disclaimer	<input type="checkbox"/>

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

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