



2010 Class of Daniels Scholars

# THE 2010-2011 DANIELS SCHOLARSHIP

## STUDENT GUIDE

If you are reading this brochure, that means you are thinking about going to college – congratulations! The Daniels Fund awards hundreds of scholarships each year to promising students across a four-state region. The Daniels Scholarship program is both exciting and challenging, and we encourage you to read on to see if a Daniels Scholarship might be right for you.

## Who Can Apply?

### Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible to apply for a Daniels Scholarship, students must satisfy all of the following:

- Be nominated by a designated Referral Agency (see [www.danielsfund.org](http://www.danielsfund.org) for a list).
- Be a current high school student expecting to graduate during the 2010-2011 academic school year from any high school in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, or Wyoming.
- Be a current resident of Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, or Wyoming.
- At the time of application, be a U.S. citizen, a permanent resident of the U.S., or have refugee or asylum status in the U.S.
- Demonstrate financial need (see “What is Financial Need?”).
- Take the ACT by October 23, 2010 and achieve an exam composite score of 17 or higher, or take the SAT by October 9, 2010 and achieve a combined math and critical reading score of 830 or higher.

**Daniels Scholarship Application Deadline: Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2010 4:00 p.m., Mountain Standard Time**

## What is Financial Need?

The Daniels Scholarship is a supplemental scholarship. As such, the Daniels Fund works in partnership with Daniels Scholars, their families, higher education institutions, and federal and state financial aid resources to help financially support students to achieve a four-year college degree.

One of the primary eligibility criteria for the Daniels Scholarship is financial need. The Daniels Fund determines financial need by evaluating a number of factors, including the applicant family's income, assets and family size. However, the most important factor used to determine an applicant's financial need is his or her family's ability to pay toward the cost of college. This ability, often referred to as the Estimated Family Contribution (EFC), is calculated and determined for the Daniels Fund by the College Board, a not-for-profit membership association whose mission is to connect students to college success and opportunity.



## Determining Your Financial Eligibility

In general, a family of four, with one child in college, and a family income of up to \$50,000 has a reasonable chance to be financially eligible for the Daniels Scholarship. Conversely, a family earning more than \$75,000 is probably not financially eligible. While these are general rules, the Daniels Fund evaluates all applicants on an individual basis.

The Daniels Fund uses a College Board tool to determine an applicant's financial eligibility for the Daniels Scholarship. In general, a family with an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) between \$0 and \$6,000 is likely to be financially eligible for the Daniels Scholarship. However, the Daniels Fund reserves the right to examine a number of factors in making the final determination of an applicant's financial eligibility. The Daniels Scholarship Program reviews its threshold for financial eligibility on an annual basis.

The College Board offers a calculator to assist families in determining their Estimated Family Contribution (EFC). Before applicants begin their Daniels Scholarship application, it is highly recommended that they, along with their parents, visit the website below to gain insight into their family's Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) and likelihood of eligibility for the Daniels Scholarship.

[http://apps.collegeboard.com/fincalc/efc\\_welcome.jsp](http://apps.collegeboard.com/fincalc/efc_welcome.jsp)

### Tips for using the College Board EFC Calculator:

- Have previous year tax returns available for parents and applicant (if applicable)
- Website navigation tools are at the bottom of each page
- When you come to the step prompting you to "Pick a Formula" select Institutional Methodology formula (IM)
- Completing the EFC Calculator should take approximately 15 minutes.
- Keep this information for your personal records — this is not something Daniels Fund will request from you.

Should you need further guidance regarding financial eligibility for the Daniels Scholarship Program, please contact the Daniels Fund.



## Fast Facts About the Daniels Scholarship

- Daniels Scholarships may be used at any two- or four-year not-for-profit accredited college or university in the U.S. Students must intend to complete a bachelor's degree.
- The Daniels Fund strongly encourages students to apply to college by the end of December 2010. Please note that the Daniels Scholarship can only be used at one of the schools listed in the student's Daniels Scholarship application. In other words, students may not apply to a new school once they are awarded a Daniels Scholarship.
- Daniels Scholarships are not full-ride. Instead they cover the unmet needs of the student. The scholarship amount is determined after all other financial aid sources and an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) have been applied. Amounts are different for each student and can change from year to year.

### Example Scholarship Scenario

Cost of Attendance	\$25,000
Expected Family Contribution (EFC)	\$4,000
Other Scholarships and Financial Aid	\$10,000
<b>Daniels Scholarship</b>	<b>\$11,000</b>

- Scholarships cover all or part of a student's required college expenses (i.e., tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, and miscellaneous educational expenses).
- Daniels Scholarships are annually renewable up to a maximum of four academic years (8 semesters or 12 quarters) if the recipient: 1) is making satisfactory academic progress as verified by college transcripts, and 2) complies with the terms and conditions of the scholarship.
- Daniels Scholars are required to hold jobs during the school year to continue receiving their scholarships. The minimum work requirement is 125 hours during the first year and 250 hours during all other years.

## College Choice

Whether or not you receive a Daniels Scholarship your final college choice should be thoughtfully considered by you and your parent/adult supporters. Here are just a few areas you should think about as you make your final decision:

### Academics

- Does the school offer the major you are most interested in studying?
- Does the school offer 1 or 2 alternative majors that interest you in case you change your major?
- What type of academic and career advising does the school provide?
- Do you know the difference between the core/general education requirements and the requirements for your major in order to graduate?

### Affordability

- Does the school's financial aid award offer sufficient financial support?
- Would you be able to attend and afford this school if you were not ultimately selected as a Daniels Scholar?

### General

- Is the school located in an area that provides access to various types of public transportation?
- Does the campus and surrounding community offer sufficient employment opportunities for students?
- Does the campus or surrounding community have some of the organizations or establishments (such as your church denomination) that may help ensure your success?
- Does the campus offer housing options during holiday breaks or summer vacation?
- Does the school offer health insurance?

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## For More Information

Additional information about the Daniels Scholarship is available at [www.danielsfund.org](http://www.danielsfund.org).

If you have questions about the scholarship program or need help with the application process, please contact the Daniels Fund at:

**E-mail:** [scholarselection@danielsfund.org](mailto:scholarselection@danielsfund.org) **Phone:** 303-393-7220 (main) or 1-877-441-3139 (toll free)