

DANIELS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Information for Applicants

What is the Daniels Scholarship Program?

The Daniels Scholarship Program offers a comprehensive, four-year college scholarship that provides financial and personal support focused on helping Daniels Scholars succeed in college, and in life. The Daniels Scholarship can be used at any accredited nonprofit college or university in the United States.

Who can apply?

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

- Demonstrate financial need
- 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
- Earn a minimum SAT Math score of 470 and a minimum Evidence-Based Reading & Writing score of 450 **or** a minimum ACT score of 17 in each category (writing score not required)

All scores must come from a single test. Super scoring is not accepted.

How are Daniels Scholars selected?

Daniels Scholars are selected because they embody the principles and values Bill Daniels defined as hallmarks of the program:

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



How do I apply?

Applying for the Daniels Scholarship Program will take time, and cannot be completed 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, along with all required supporting documents and a recommendation, must be submitted before the deadline.

Applicants must take the SAT on or before November 3, 2018 or the ACT on or before October 27, 2018.

Complete the FAFSA and obtain your Student Aid Report

Complete the Daniels Fund Eligibility Questionnaire

Designate a Recommender and track their progress

Submit application + required documents and confirm recommendation is submitted

FAFSA & SAR | First, complete the 2019/2020 FAFSA at fafsa.ed.gov (accessible starting October 1, 2018). The Student Aid Report (SAR) showing the student's Expected Family Contribution (or "EFC") should be available electronically 3 to 5 days later.

Eligibility Questionnaire | The Eligibility Questionnaire determines financial and general eligibility, and requires the SAR and other financial information from the applicant and their parent(s) or legal guardian(s).

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 between October 1, 2018 and November 29, 2018 at 4:00 PM MST. Late, mailed, faxed, or emailed submissions will not be accepted.

Apply online October 1 – November 29 by 4:00 PM MST

Am I financially eligible?

Several factors determine financial eligibility. The income and assets of the applicant and their parent(s) or legal guardian(s), as well as individual circumstances, are considered.

The Eligibility Questionnaire collects information to determine if the applicant is financially eligible and if they demonstrate financial need. Only those who meet the eligibility requirements are permitted to proceed to the application, and will be required to submit documents used to verify eligibility (such as the FAFSA Student Aid Report, official ACT/SAT scores, citizenship and residency documentation, and additional financial documents).

Students do not have to be Pell eligible to apply, but they must demonstrate financial need.

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
- Room and board
- Books and supplies
- 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 23 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/PartnerSchools.asp for a list of all partner schools.

Important Steps:

- Complete the FAFSA
- Take ACT or SAT early to get your score in time to apply

What are the benefits of the scholarship?

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

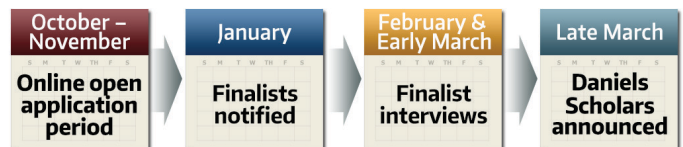
- Financial assistance toward a four-year undergraduate degree
- Dedicated help and support from Daniels Fund staff and designated on-campus contacts
- Recognition as a Daniels Scholar
- Campus communities with events, activities, and support exclusively for Daniels Scholars
- Assistance in planning 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 are Daniels Scholars expected to do?

- 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 ethics, character, patriotism, civics, free enterprise, entrepreneurship, leadership, critical thinking, etiquette, and financial literacy
- 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 college 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's application website between October 1, 2018 and November 29, 2018 at 4:00 PM MST.



In January, all applicants will be notified whether or not they have been selected as a finalist. 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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