

BOUNDLESS OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP.®

Grant Application Guide
for colleges and universities
2022–2024 Cycle

A college scholarship for highly
motivated non-traditional students

The Daniels Fund Scholarship Program

The Daniels Fund is a private charitable foundation dedicated to making life better for the people of Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming through our Grants Program, Scholarship Program, and Ethics Initiative.

We continue the legacy of generosity established by our founder, Bill Daniels, a cable television pioneer known for his compassion for those in need and his unwavering commitment to ethics and integrity.

Daniels Fund Scholarship Program

The Scholarship Program consists of two distinct scholarships available to residents of Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, or Wyoming:

Daniels Scholarship Program

Provides four-year college scholarships for graduating high school seniors who demonstrate exceptional character, leadership, and a commitment to serving their communities.

Boundless Opportunity Scholarship

Provides scholarships to non-traditional students enrolled in undergraduate degree programs at select two- and four-year colleges and universities.

Continuing the legacy of Bill Daniels

Bill Daniels was a visionary business leader, a pioneer in the cable television industry, and a compassionate philanthropist. His unwavering commitment to ethics and integrity are hallmarks of his enduring reputation.

Upon his death in 2000, Bill's estate — valued at nearly \$1.1 billion — transferred to the Daniels Fund, making it one of the largest private foundations in the Rocky Mountain region.



Program Overview & Eligibility

A scholarship for highly motivated non-traditional students

Bill Daniels directed the Daniels Fund to allocate the majority of its scholarship funding to traditional scholarships for graduating high school seniors entering college directly after graduation.

In 2003, the Daniels Fund established an additional program to help non-traditional students by covering some of the costs of an undergraduate degree. The Boundless Opportunity Scholarship exists to benefit motivated non-traditional students in need of financial assistance to reach their education goals. To do this, the Daniels Fund awards BOS grants to select colleges and universities in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming, who then provide need-based scholarships students they select.

Scholarship eligibility

BOS eligibility is limited to applicants from specific student populations defined by the Daniels Fund:

- Adults entering or returning to college
- GED recipients
- Veterans entering or returning to college
- Former foster care youth
- Former juvenile justice youth
- ROTC participants

Each participating school then chooses to offer the Boundless Opportunity Scholarship to one or more of these populations. This means not every school offering the BOS program makes it available to every possible eligible student population.

To be eligible, an applicant must also be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States, and a legal resident of Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, or Wyoming. Applicants will have to demonstrate the need for financial assistance to reach their educational goals. In addition, applicants must be pursuing a 2-year or 4-year degree.

College/university eligibility

Institutions eligible to submit a grant application for the 2022–2024 Boundless Opportunity Scholarship Program include any public or private two- or four-year, accredited nonprofit college or university in the Daniels Fund’s four-state region. For institutions with multiple campuses interested in applying, each campus should submit its own application. Each individual campus may submit only one application per BOS funding cycle.

If your institution currently has an active BOS grant with undistributed funds, you will need to distribute all funds from the active grant prior to July 1, 2022 to be considered for the 2022–2024 BOS cycle. Details of the plan for disbursement of remaining funds should be included as part of the application.

Applying for a Boundless Opportunity Scholarship grant does not preclude institutions from applying for a grant through the Daniels Fund Grants Program.

College/university responsibilities

Each institution receiving a Boundless Opportunity Scholarship grant is responsible for selecting its own BOS recipients who demonstrate financial need as defined by the institution.

The Daniels Fund encourages schools to develop targeted outreach and marketing efforts to identify and recruit potential BOS applicants from the student population(s) the school has elected to serve through this scholarship. Additionally, institutions are expected to provide on-campus support to all BOS recipients.

In all aspects of the BOS selection process, institutions affirm they will not discriminate against an applicant on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, ancestry, age, religion or religious creed, disability or handicap, sex or gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, military or veteran status, genetic information, or any other classification protected by applicable federal, state, or local law.

We encourage selection of students who demonstrate:

- Strength of character
- Leadership potential
- Academic performance or promise
- Willingness to give back to the community
- Well-rounded personality

Use and distribution of BOS funds

Individual scholarship awards typically range from \$500 to \$5,000 annually. BOS funds may be applied only toward the following expenses:

Direct expenses:

- Tuition and fees
- Room and board

Indirect expenses:

- Books and supplies
- Transportation/commuting expenses (limited to gas or public transportation)

For institutions selected to offer BOS during the 2022–2024 cycle, grant funds for the first year will be distributed in March/April 2022. Schools will be given a period of two years to fully disburse these funds. If needed, a six-month extension to permit all funds to be distributed *may* be approved if requested prior to the end of the grant term.

While it is preferable that all funds directly benefit students in the form of scholarships, a maximum of 5% of the grant may be used for recruitment, outreach, communications, and other costs related to selecting and supporting BOS recipients.

No portion of BOS grant funds may be applied to foundation or management fees.

Survey and reporting requirements

As a condition of their BOS grant, institutions agree to distribute a Scholarship Recipient Survey — provided by the Daniels Fund — to all students selected for this scholarship. **Students must complete and submit the survey before any BOS funds can be distributed to them at the beginning of each school year.**

Schools are required to submit an Interim Report and a Final Report, due by June 1 and July 1 (of the first and second years, respectively), that will provide the Daniels Fund with information about BOS scholarship recipients, as well as an assessment of success meeting the objectives for the program.

BOS Grant Application Process

To apply for Boundless Opportunity Scholarship funding or to submit an Interim or Final Report, visit DanielsFund.org/Boundless/Application. Please review the *Grants Portal Quick Start Instructions* before using the portal.

The online BOS application will ask for the following information:

Contact information

- Contact details for your college/university president, foundation CEO, and communications department contact

Institution information

- Specific campus (if applicable)
- Demographic profile of your student body
- Average costs of tuition, fees, and room and board
- History of previous Boundless Opportunity Scholarship program funding (formerly known as the Daniels Opportunity Scholarship)
- A detailed explanation of how all remaining funds will be disbursed by July 1, 2022 (if you have an active BOS grant with undistributed funds)

Proposed BOS program

- Total amount of 2022–2024 BOS grant funding requested
- Number of Boundless Opportunity Scholarships to be awarded over the 2022–2024 cycle
- Estimated dollar amount of each scholarship
- Percentage of total grant to be used for recruitment, outreach, communications, and other costs related to selecting and supporting BOS recipients
- Target population(s) to be served
- Your institution’s retention, graduation, student performance, and other objectives for the BOS program
- Description of how BOS award recipients will be supported, tracked, and retained following the awarding of scholarships
- Timeline for execution of the major events and tasks of the program including recruitment and selection, survey administration, schedule for your disbursement of funds, and any other significant anticipated milestones during your implementation of the BOS program

BOUNDLESS OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP	Important Dates for the 2022–2024 Cycle	
Invitation for grant applications		November 16, 2021
Due date for applications		January 10, 2022
Notification of grant funding decisions		March 2022
Initial grant payment Contingent upon signed Letter of Agreement (LOA)		March / April 2022
Scholarship Recipient Survey administered		May 2021 – September 2022
Interim Report due to the Daniels Fund		June 1, 2023
Second grant payment Contingent upon submission of Interim Report		August 2023
Final Report due to the Daniels Fund		July 1, 2024

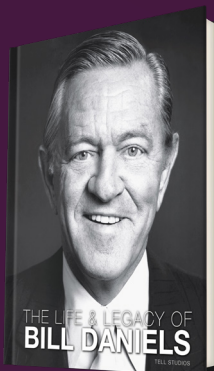
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where boundless opportunities still exist for
each and every one of us.”*

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