

Richard J. Debelak Scholarship Criteria

Dickinson Area Community Foundation



One (1) or more Scholarship recipient(s) will be chosen annually from Iron Mountain High School. The recipient(s) shall receive either a one-time or a renewable Scholarship Award in an amount to be determined annually (based upon earned income of the fund).

Eligibility:

1. The scholarship is available to graduating seniors of Iron Mountain High School. In addition to seniors, any exceptionally gifted student who will be proceeding directly to college/university in the subsequent academic year without graduating from High School is eligible to apply for this scholarship.
2. Depending upon the fund's earnings, the scholarship will be either a one-time award or may be extended to be renewable up to a maximum of 4 years of undergraduate study. If and when the funds earnings allow, the scholarship may be extended to be renewed for up to 4 years of post-graduate study. The determination as to whether a specific year's award will be one-time or renewable and the amount to be awarded will be recommended by the Dickinson Area Community Foundation Finance Committee in February of the scholarship year based upon the financial status of the fund at December 31st of the preceding year, and shall be approved or rejected by majority vote of the Dickinson Area Board of Trustees in March of the scholarship year. Students who receive renewable Richard J. Debelak Scholarship awards shall be required to maintain a 2.5 G.P.A. and must provide the Dickinson Area Community Foundation with verification of the required G.P.A. in accordance with the Foundation's established policies for renewing scholarships. Failure to provide verification in accordance with the Foundation's established policies shall result in the loss of the scholarship. Upon losing a scholarship award, the only recourse for the student is to request an appeal hearing before the Dickinson Area Community Foundation Board of Trustees. All forfeited scholarship funds shall be returned to the Richard J. Debelak Scholarship Fund.
3. The applicant must be entering a degree-granting program at a four-year post-secondary institution of higher learning. Applications from students pursuing degrees in education, math and science related fields shall be given preference, however, students entering any field of study are eligible to apply and will be considered in the overall selection process. The Debelak Scholarship Committee shall make the final determination regarding recipient(s) and has the option to ignore field of study preference(s) if they determine it would be appropriate and would best fulfill the intent and spirit of the Debelak Scholarship Award.
4. Applicants must have a 3.0 or greater G.P.A. in high school and demonstrated ability to do college-level coursework.
5. Applicants must submit a reference letter from a teacher who has known the applicant for a minimum of one (1) year. The reference letter must address the teacher's personal perception of the student's capabilities and skills to succeed in their chosen field of study.
6. Applicants must write and attach a one-page double-spaced essay stating how they

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prepared themselves through high school for the field of study they are entering and how this field of study will fit into their future plans once they are finished with college.

7. Applications must be completed and on file in the counselor's office by **March 15th**. Failure to turn in your application by this date will result in being ineligible to apply for this scholarship.
8. Financial need of the applicant shall be a factor in the selection of students for the Scholarship, but not the sole factor, as outstanding academic achievement shall also be considered a major factor in student selection.
9. A transcript of the student's high school records must be supplied.
10. In the event the Scholarship Selection Committee does not feel applicants for a particular year warrant the Scholarship, then no award shall be given out and eligible funds shall remain in the Scholarship Fund account.

NOTE: Whether the scholarship is a one-time or renewable award, the payment of the amount awarded shall be made in one annual installment paid in August. For renewable awards, the same policy shall apply; however, the student(s) will be required to submit their year-end official transcript each year also in order to renew the scholarship for another year. In accordance with Foundation policy, the transcripts are due into the Foundation office no later than June 30th each year. A copy of the Foundation's renewal policy is sent with each scholarship check.

Addendum:

A scholarship award may be revoked by the Board of Trustees because of:

- Criminal or anti-social conduct of recipient.
- Filing false information on application.
- Scholastic inadequacy of a recipient.
- Failure to provide the Dickinson Area Community Foundation with documents and verification as specified in the Foundation's established policies for renewing scholarships. A copy of the Foundation's policies for renewing scholarships is provided to students with their first scholarship payment.
- For such other good cause as the Board may, in its sole discretion, determine.

Revocation shall be by the action of a majority of the members of the Board of Trustees, and upon such revocation, any and all funds still controlled by the Board of Trustees shall be withheld and disposed of at the discretion of the Board.



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Dickinson Area Community Foundation Completed applications must be submitted by March 15th

Date	
Full Name	
Street Address	
City ST ZIP Code	
Home Phone	
High School Attended	
GPA	
E-Mail (Required):	
In what extra-curricular activities did you participate in? (includes activities outside of school)	
Did you work during the school year?	If yes, how many hours/week
Name of college or university you plan to attend:	
Have you applied for admission?	
Have you been accepted?	
Intended field of study:	
Have you applied for other scholarships?	
Have you been granted a scholarship? If so, name of scholarship & amount:	
Please include the following with the application:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A reference letter from a teacher who has known you for a minimum of one (1) year. The letter must address the teacher's personal perception of your capabilities and skills to succeed in your chosen field of study. 2. Attach a one page double spaced (12 font) essay stating how you prepared yourself through high school for the field of study you are entering and how this field of study will fit into your future plans once you are finished with college. 3. Transcript of your high school records 	



Application Deadline	
All applications need to be submitted to the guidance counselor's office by March 15th .	
Agreement and Signature	
By submitting this application, I affirm that the facts set forth in it are true and complete. I understand any false statements, omissions, or other misrepresentations made by me on this application may result in rejection of this application.	
Name (printed)	
Signature	
Date	
Parent Application Form	
Name of parent or guardian completing this form:	
Home address:	
Phone:	
E-Mail:	
Do you have any dependents other than your own family or other extenuating circumstances that should be considered? If yes, please explain:	
Note here any statements you may wish to make which assist the scholarship selection committee in consideration of the applicant:	
Agreement & Signature:	
I affirm that the statements above are true and complete. I understand any false statements, omissions, or other misrepresentations made by me on this application may result in rejection of this application.	
Signature of parent or guardian:	
Date:	



RELEASE OF INFORMATION

I hereby certify that any information needed regarding my scholarship requirements be made available to the Director of the Dickinson Area Community Foundation and the Richard J. Debelak Scholarship Advisory Board.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____