

Durango Education Foundation 2024 Scholarship Application

* Indicates required question

1. Email *

2. Full name? *

3. Date of birth? (mm/dd/yyyy) *

4. Email Address? *

5. Phone number? *

6. Mailing address? *

7. Current high school? *

Mark only one oval.

- Animas High School
- Durango Big Picture High School
- Durango High School
- Other: _____

8. Cumulative unweighted GPA? *

9. Cumulative weighted GPA? *

10. List your top three colleges for attendance in fall 2024. *

11. Are you planning to pursue a career in a STEM, medical, business, or education field? (DLM Scholarship Requirement)

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No

12. Are you planning to pursue a career in teaching, agricultural education or a degree in a medical or nursing field? (Zink Family Scholarship Requirement)

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

13. Does this describe you?

1) A student who has been to a Durango Juvenile Court, referred to LPYS Diversion Program or has had an encounter with law enforcement and who has a desire to change their lives through education

2) If an adult (17 years of age or over), has not been charged with a Felony Act Against Persons(Martin Family Scholarship Requirement--This information will be kept in confidence and will not negatively affect your eligibility for other scholarships.)

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

Activities, Work Experience, Activities, Honors

In this section, help us understand how you've spent your time during high school!

14. Please list 3 **extracurricular activities** that have been most important to you * during high school. After each one, tell how long you were involved. Example: Southwest Conservation Corps Leadership Program (8/9/20-9/23/23)

15. Please list 3 **work experiences** (paid or unpaid) that have been most important to you during high school. After each one, tell how long you were involved. Example: Park Elementary Internship (8/9/20-9/23/23) *

16. Please list 3 high school **community service** activities that have been most important to you during high school. After each one, tell how long you were involved. Example: Hozhoni Days Ticket Sales Volunteer (3/31/22-4/1/22 & 3/31/23-4/1/23) *

17. Please list 3 **awards or honors** that you've received during high school that have been most important to you. After each one, tell when you received the award. Example: Courageous Leader School Board Award (2021) *

- 18. If you spend significant time helping your **family** (cleaning, cooking, repair work, ranch work, sibling/elder care, animal care), please list your top 3 responsibilities at home and how many hours per week you spend on those responsibilities. Example: Care of two younger siblings (6 hours per week)

#1 College and Career Essay Prompt (Animas–Burtoni only, DHS, BP Students)

Answering this prompt is required for the following scholarships: Sachs Construction, Burtoni, Coca-Cola, Testa, Martin, Automotive, Newbold, Sachs, Torres, Zink

*Those students expressing interest in automechanics, specifically, will be considered for the Morehart Murphy Regional Auto Center Automotive Scholarship

- 19. What are your education and career goals? What makes you passionate about this future path? What have you done, so far, to pursue these future goals? What will you be doing 1 and 5 years after college graduation? (600 words maximum)

#2 Obstacles Prompt (DHS, BP Students)

Answering the prompt below is required for the following scholarships: Testa, Sachs, Martin

- 20. What challenge, big or small, are you proud to have persevered through, and what challenges, as you enter college, do you still have ahead of you? (300 words maximum)

#3 Always 100% Effort Joe Burtoni Scholarship Prompt (Animas, DHS, BP Students)

Applicants must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher, complete the #1 Career and College prompt above, and complete the following short prompt below:

- 21. Explain how you always do YOUR best and give 100% effort. (250 words maximum)

#4 Steve A. Torres Scholarship Prompt (Big Picture Students Only)

In addition to the #1 Career and College prompt, the following short prompt is required for the Steve A. Torres Scholarship for Durango Big Picture High School students:

- 22. 1) How do you plan to achieve your goals?
- 2) How your life experiences either past or present, have shaped or influenced your decision-making? 3)What personal characteristics have helped or hindered you (for example: determination, self-motivation, ability to listen, learning from mistakes, lack of confidence, self-doubt, impulsiveness, struggles with reading and math)? (250-500 words)

#5 Brinton Family Girls' Swimming Scholarship Prompt (Animas, DHS, BP Students on DHS Swim Team)

If you identify as female and swim with the DHS Girls' Swim Team, we invite you to answer the following prompt to apply for the Brinton Family Girls' Swimming Scholarship:

- 23. How has swimming helped you grow in character and leadership? What has your commitment been to swimming and how have you given back to the sport? (500 words maximum)

#6 Tom & Ann Hartney Scholarship (DHS & BP Students)

Applicants must be pursuing a degree in one of the following (or closely related) majors: Anthropology, Humanities, Archeology, Law, Cultural Studies, Sociology, Gender Studies, Southwest Studies, Geography, Urban Studies, History,

The following prompt is required for all Hartney Scholarship applicants.

24. Please provide evidence of your commitment to the study of history and/or social issues and tell us your life after college will demonstrate your passion for history and/or social issues. Examples of commitment might include:
- a description of your participation in National History Day events;
 - evidence of participation in multiple history or social studies courses;
 - a description of relevant projects or papers you've completed;
 - a description of related community activities.
- (1000 words maximum)

Transcript

Please upload your complete transcript (unofficial is fine) that includes the fall semester of your senior year. Scholarship recipients may be required to provide final transcripts to provide sustained academic effort.

25. Please upload a pdf of your high school transcript that includes your fall semester of your senior year. If you have trouble uploading, please email documents to 9rfoundation@gmail.com.

Files submitted:

Financial Information

We strive to select students who need our scholarships to attend college. All financial information that you provide will be utilized to assess need and will be kept strictly confidential.

26. What is your family's total household income as reported on your 2022 taxes? (If you live between 2 households, please report the income of the home where you spend the most time.)

27. On your 2022 taxes, how many people did you report as part of your household?

28. In 250 words or less, please share anything about your family financial situation that will help us understand your need for college scholarship assistance.

29. If you are applying for the DLM Scholarships (You must be pursuing a major/career in science, technology, engineering, math, medical, business, or education to apply), please upload a complete copy of your 2024-2025 FAFSA confirmation email **AND** a copy of parents' previous two IRS income tax returns (2021/2022/2023 all acceptable). We only need the first two pages of each. **All documents must be pdfs.** If you have trouble uploading, please email documents to 9rfoundation@gmail.com.

Files submitted:

Letters of Recommendation

Please read carefully!

- All but one of our scholarships require **two letters of recommendation** except the Elizabeth Testa Scholarship which only requires one.
- The DLM Scholarship, our largest renewable scholarship, **requires 3**.
- Please submit **no more than three letters of recommendation**.
- Your letters should be from teachers, school administrators, coaches, employers, and/or extracurricular sponsors or coaches.
- Your letters may not be from family members or people/friends who do not fill one of the roles above.
- If you are applying for one of our Brinton Family Girls' Swimming Scholarship, one of your letters must be from a swim coach.
- **All letters must be uploaded as pdf files.**
- **Please thank your letter writers with a sincere email or handwritten note. Letters of recommendation are a labor of love.**

30. Please upload pdf files of 1-3 recommendation letters, depending on the scholarships for which you are applying: 1 for Testa, 3 for DLM, 2 for all others. If you have trouble uploading, please email documents to 9rfoundation@gmail.com.

Files submitted:

31. Scholarship applicants may not be directly related to the Durango Education Foundation staff or Board of Trustees or, if they are applying to specific, related scholarships, to any member of the David & Lynn Mitzlaff Family, or the Zink, Martin, Newbold, Sachs, Burtoni, or Torres Families. Do you certify that you are not directly related to any of the donor families listed above?

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

32. Finally, these scholarship donations are made by family members who care deeply about our community, the people they are memorializing through these gifts, and about your future opportunities as students. Please leave a short thank you (3 sentences at most) for our donors to let them know that you appreciate them. Your comments will be compiled and given to them in a card at the end of the competition!

33. Congratulations on completing your 2024 Durango Education Foundation Scholarship Application! Please feel free to contact me, Wendy Allsbrook Javier, at 970-769-7600 or 9rfoundation@gmail.com with any questions, suggestions, or to confirm that we have received your application. Have a great spring semester!

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