

Durango Education Foundation | 2025 Scholarship Application

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* Indicates required question

1. Email *

2. Full name *

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

4. Email Address (NOT your current school email which will expire upon graduation)? *

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. Some of our scholarships are for future FLC students only. Is Fort Lewis College your top choice college or first backup college? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No

12. Gender Identity: Some of our scholarship donors try to make sure they award their * scholarships across a variety of gender identities. Please let us know how you identify so we can make sure to diversify our awards. (Example: Male, Female, Non-binary, etc.)
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13. Do you plan to attend a two-year program and/or vocational school? *

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

Yes, but only as a backup to my 4-year degree plan (this is if you are considering a 2-year program as an alternative to another program you are waiting to get into. Example: Architecture and Planning--CU Denver 4-year but CAD Associates Degree--Aims Community College 2-year)

Areas of Study Section

Many scholarships require students to study in specific areas when they attend college. Please take a look at the various requirements. You're welcome to apply to a variety of scholarships knowing you may have diverse interests but just make sure you are aware which majors will be required of you if you receive a certain scholarship.

14. Are you planning to pursue a career in a STEM, medical, business, or education field? (DLM 4-Year Scholarship Requirement) *Not offered in 2025*

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

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

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

16. Are you planning to pursue a degree that is related to journalism or communications? (Bill Roberts Memorial Scholarship requirement) *

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

17. Are you applying for a 2-year or 4-year DLM Scholarship? (This will help us know to contact you if you are missing any of the additional required documents. For example, DLM requires 3 letters of recommendation, financial responses, and a copy of your FAFSA.) *

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

- 18. Please explain your intended area of study/major. Some students have several majors of interest. You are welcome to put them in list format. Some students also have specific majors for specific schools they plan to attend. If that is the case, please list the area of study/major and the school where you will study. (Example: Mechanical Engineering--Colorado School of Mines; Advanced Manufacturing-Aerospace--Metropolitan State University Denver; Electric Lineworker Program--Colorado Mesa State University) *

Keep in mind there are major requirements per scholarship so just make sure you explain how your degree meets the requirements for a scholarship if you think it is outside the box.

- 19. Does this describe you? *

 - 1) A student who has been to a Durango Juvenile Court, referred to LPYS Diversion Program, OR who has had an encounter with law enforcement and has a desire to change their lives through education
 - AND
 - 2) If an adult (17 years of age or over), you have NOT been charged with a Felony Act Against Persons

(This is for the 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, I have been to a Durango Juvenile Court, referred to LPYS or have had an encounter with law enforcement but (if over 17) I have not been charged with a Felony Act Against Persons.

No, I have not. *Skip to question 24*

Additional Information for the Martin Family "Paving a Pathway" Scholarship

NOTE: Your application to the Martin Family Scholarship will be reviewed separately from the rest of the scholarships for which you are applying. This section will be kept confidential. If you have questions, give Wendy Allsbrook Javier a call at 970.764.7600.

We just have a few more pieces of information we need specifically for the "Paving a Pathway" Martin Family Scholarship. If you do not have an advocate but are applying because you have been to Juvenile Court or had an encounter with law enforcement simply answer "not applicable" on the questions that do not apply.

20. Youth Advocate Name

21. Youth Advocate Phone Number

22. #6 Martin Family "Paving a Pathway" Personal Statement: Reflect on this particular challenge you have faced. How did this experience impact your personal growth? In what ways have you changed as a result, and how have you used these changes to positively influence others around you? (300 words maximum) *

- 23. If you have a letter of recommendation from your youth advocate, please upload it here.

If you have a letter of recommendation from someone involved in this aspect of your life that you would like to have reviewed only for this scholarship, please upload it here. *This cannot be a family member.

Files submitted:

Activities, Work Experience, Community Service, Honors

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

- 24. 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) *

- 25. 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), McDonald's Cashier (6/30/21-present), Babysitting (5/30/20-8/30/24) *

26. 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) *

27. 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) *

28. 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: Ems Family, DLM 2-Year & 4-Year, Bill Roberts, Brinton Girl's Swimming, Sachs Construction, Burtoni, Coca-Cola, Testa, Martin, Automotive, Newbold, Sachs, Zink, Hartney

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

- 29. 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, Animas)

Answering the prompt below is required for the following scholarships: Ems, DLM 2-Year & 4-Year, Coca-Cola, Testa, Sachs, Martin, Burtoni

- 30. 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:

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

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

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

- 32. 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)

#5 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.

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

Transcript

Please upload your complete transcript (unofficial is fine) that includes the most recent semester for which you have grades. Scholarship recipients may be required to provide final transcripts to prove sustained academic effort.

- 34. Please upload a pdf of your most recent high school transcript. If you have trouble uploading, please email documents to 9rfoundation@gmail.com.

Files submitted:

- 35. If there is anything in your transcript that you would like to explain, please take time to do so here. (Example: transferring between schools and missing credits, a rough semester due to extenuating circumstances, any classes that are being made up as we speak, etc. We welcome anything that would help us understand your academic history.)

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.

- 36. What is your family's total household income as reported on your 2023 taxes? (If * you live between 2 households, please report the income of the home where you spend the most time. If you are an independent student, please provide your information.)

- 37. On their 2023 taxes, how many people did your parent(s) report as part of your * household? If you are an independent student, please provide your information.

38. Required Statement of Financial Need: Please share anything about your family financial situation and/or your financial situation that will help us understand your need for college scholarship assistance. (approximately 250 words) *

39. Have either of your parents (biological or adoptive) completed a 4-year college degree? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes, one or both of my parents has completed a 4- year college degree.
- No, neither of my parents have completed a 4-year college degree.
- I am an independent student and I have no contact with my biological or adoptive parents.
- Other: _____

40. Are you currently enrolled in a TRIO Talent Search or TRIO Upward Bound program at your school (federal program for first generation/low-income students)? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes, TRIO Talent Search
- Yes, TRIO Upward Bound
- No, I'm not in TRIO
- No, but I would like to find out more!

DLM 4-Year & 2-Year Scholarship | Additional Documents Upload

DLM 4-year is not offered in 2025 | Has major requirements

DLM 2-year is offered | Does not have any specific major requirements

41. If you are applying for the DLM Scholarships, please upload a completed copy of your 2025-2026 FAFSA confirmation email **AND** a copy of parents' previous two IRS income tax returns (2022/2023). We only need the first two pages of each. **All documents must be pdfs.**

(Note:

4-Year applicants must be pursuing a major/career in science, technology, engineering, math, medical, business, or education to apply.

There are no specific major/career requirements for DLM 2-Year applicants.)

Files submitted:

42. DLM Specific Financial Statement:

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This is in addition to the general statement of financial need required for other scholarships

The statement should include family's intended support contribution, student's work plans, other scholarships awarded, and any other evidence of proper planning for college financial needs. All financial and application information is held in strict confidence by the D.E.F. Scholarship Committee. (500 words maximum)

Letters of Recommendation

Please read carefully!

- All but two of our scholarships require at least **two letters of recommendation** (Elizabeth Testa and Bill Roberts Memorial Scholarships only require one.)
- The DLM Scholarship **requires 3**.
- If you are applying for one of our Brinton Family Girls' Swimming Scholarship, one of your letters must be from a swim coach.
- If you are applying to the Morehart Murphy Automotive Scholarship, please make sure that one of your letters is from a teacher and one from an employer.
- 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.
- **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 true labor of love.**

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

Files submitted:

44. 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, Ems, Mapel, Brinton, Testa, Martin, Newbold, Sachs, Stratton, Burtoni, Morehart, Murphy, Roberts, Hartney, or Torres/Stubbs Families. Do you certify that you are NOT directly related to any of the donor families listed above? *

Mark only one oval.

I certify that I am NOT related to any of the families listed above.

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I am related to someone listed above.

Related to Board or Donor Families | Additional Information

45. Please let us know who you are related to. *

Thank You and Congratulations!!!

46. 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!

47. Congratulations on completing your 2025 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 year!

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