

## **Harry J. and Mollie S. Dilcher Scholarship**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

**Q. Who is eligible for the scholarship?**

**A:** Applicants must:

- Be 25 years of age or younger at the time of commencement of the scholarship. The scholarship may continue after the applicant reaches the age of 26 in order to complete the course of study.
- Be high school seniors or current college students.
- Have been active members of Asbury United Methodist Church in Allentown, Pennsylvania for at least two years immediately prior to issuance of the scholarship. Those students who are currently enrolled in college and would have met these criteria as high school students are eligible to apply. An active member is one who has been involved with the church activities, in addition to regular church attendance.
- Plan to attend full-time an accredited two-year or four-year college or university in the United States.

Additional Desired Qualifications:

- A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Preference is given to those pursuing a course of study in religion, medicine or nursing.
- Demonstrate financial need.

**Q. How do I apply?**

**A:** Interested applicants may apply online at **[www.csascholars.org/dilcher](http://www.csascholars.org/dilcher)**.

**Q: How are applications submitted?**

**A:** Applications must be submitted online via the Center for Scholarship Administration (CSA) portal. There are three steps to complete and submit the application:

1. Set up an account through the portal.
2. Login to the account and complete the application. A confirmation email will be sent when the application is received by CSA. Applicants should contact CSA if a confirmation email is not received.
3. Mail in any additional required materials. See list below.

**Q: What constitutes a complete application packet?**

**A:** A complete application package includes the following:

- Student Authorization and Acknowledgement Form, found in the online application, signed by the scholarship candidate.
- Official transcript with grades and cumulative GPA posted through the latest fall semester.
- Personal statement/essay:
  - Submit a one-page personal statement explaining why the scholarship is important to the applicant. Include college and career plans, if known. Include applicant name and name of scholarship on the page.
- List of academic honors, leadership skills and community service, etc.
- A completed W-8 or W-9 form, as applicable. This form must be completed by the applicant.
- Page 1 of your 2024-2025 FAFSA Submission Summary, which includes your name and SAI (Student Aid Index). This is the report you receive after completing your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

**Note:** Each item should include both the applicant's name and name of the scholarship at the top of the page.

**Q: When is the deadline for submission of materials?**

**A:** The online application must be completed and transmitted to CSA no later than **March 21, 2024**. Any required supplemental materials that need to be mailed must be mailed to CSA no later than **March 21, 2024** and should be mailed in one package.

**Q: What is the amount of the scholarship award?**

**A:** The amount of scholarship awards may vary.

**Q: How can scholarship awards be applied?**

**A:** Funds may only be used to pay tuition, fees, books and supplies as required by your courses.

**Q: What school may I attend?**

**A:** Recipients may attend any accredited two-year or four-year college or university located in the United States, provided the institution meets the criteria in the following paragraph. Recipients must be enrolled full-time each semester and must be working towards an undergraduate degree.

The institution must be an educational organization that normally maintains a regular faculty and curriculum and normally has a regularly enrolled body of pupils or students in attendance at the place where its educational activities are regularly conducted. To the extent the institution is involved in the selection of the recipients (if at all), that involvement must comply with the Scholarship Program's policy of awarding scholarships on an objective and non-discriminatory basis as well as the Scholarship Program's Conflict of Interest Policy.

**Q: How will I be notified if I am chosen as a recipient?**

**A:** All applicants will be notified in writing by email, whether or not they have been selected to receive a scholarship. Those students selected will download a package from their online account that includes a scholarship agreement and information about the scholarship terms.

**Q: Is this scholarship renewable?**

**A:** This scholarship is for one year only; however, current recipients may reapply and be considered for additional funding along with other new applicants. Scholarship recipients must be enrolled full-time. Scholarship recipients are limited to four total years of scholarship award and are expected to have been enrolled consecutive years during that time. Students must reapply for additional scholarship awards. Renewal is not guaranteed, and students will be included in the pool of scholarship applicants.