**Class of 2019**

**Looking Ahead to Senior Year!**

Questions?
Contact DSF at [www.denverscholarship.org/contactus](http://www.denverscholarship.org/contactus) or (303) 640-6564.

Denver Scholarship Foundation (DSF) partners with Denver Public Schools’ (DPS) students on their journeys to and through college graduation, building the future of our community.

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**Summer**

Set yourself up for college application success

- Make a list with 3-7 colleges you plan to apply to (consider academic, financial & social fit)
- Know your GPA and start thinking about your personal statement (essay)
- Decide if you should retake the SAT:
  - Registration deadlines: [https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/dates-deadlines](https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/dates-deadlines)
  - (see your DSF College Advisor or school counselor for a fee waiver if you think you’re eligible)

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**October**

Begin the financial aid process

- Complete the FAFSA at [https://fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov) or your college’s Dreamer Aid Application
- If you’ll be completing the FAFSA, create your FSA ID at [https://fsaid.ed.gov/](https://fsaid.ed.gov/)
- Make sure you and your parents (if applicable) have completed 2017 taxes
- Looking for help with FAFSA? DSF offers FAFSA workshops!
  - For details, visit your Future Center or [https://denverscholarship.org/FAFSA](https://denverscholarship.org/FAFSA).

**October - December**

Complete college applications

- Complete the Common Application if used by the colleges on your list: [https://www.commonapp.org](https://www.commonapp.org)
- Recommendations - ask teachers who know you well
- Personal statement - edit, edit, edit
- **VERY IMPORTANT:** Note deadlines on your calendar and don’t miss them

**All Year**

Scholarships

- Start your search here: [https://www.reviews.com/best-scholarship-search-platforms](https://www.reviews.com/best-scholarship-search-platforms)
- **VERY IMPORTANT:** Note deadlines on your calendar and don’t miss them
- Check out the scholarships offered by colleges you’re applying for. Find more information on the Financial Aid page of your college’s website.

**April**

Prepare to commit!

- Complete any financial aid follow-up and compare financial aid award letters
- Have a family discussion about the right college choice for you and your family, including paying the bill
- Check your college portal for next steps to start college
- April 1: Deadline to complete DSF Scholarship Application at [https://denverscholarship.org/apply](https://denverscholarship.org/apply) and FAFSA (if eligible for federal aid)