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Denver Scholarship Foundation's Scholarship Application Deadline Extended to Accommodate COVID-19 Related Challenges

Denver, Colo. – Denver Scholarship Foundation's (DSF) scholarship application for the 2021-22 academic year is open. The application deadline has been extended to Saturday, May 1, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. Scholarships are a critical piece of DSF's three-part model of college access, scholarships, and college success.

To receive a DSF Scholarship, high school students must meet the following requirements and complete the application process within one year of their high school graduation:

- Attend a Denver Public Schools (DPS) High School for all four consecutive years before graduation and be included in the DPS October Count for all four years.
- Graduate from a DPS High School with at least a 2.0 GPA.
- Demonstrate financial need by submitting the FAFSA, CASFA, or other aid application as required by their college. New Applicants for the 2021-22 academic year must have a final Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of \$14,615 or less to qualify for the DSF Scholarship.
- Meet the college's requirements for [Colorado residency classification](#) (for in-state tuition or state aid).
- Complete any [additional financial aid requirements](#) as determined by the college's financial aid office by July 15.

Students who are currently receiving the DSF scholarship are required to renew their application.

DSF is committed to closing long-standing education and economic opportunity gaps through college access, scholarships, and college success. "DSF, in collaboration with our 31 statewide college partners, and Denver Public Schools, offers critical wraparound services as a key element of our model. These services have been even more critical during the pandemic. We consistently strive to meet our students where they are, and determined that, given the ongoing COVID-19 related challenges our students and families are navigating, it was essential that we extend the deadline for the DSF scholarship application," shares Lorii Rabinowitz, chief executive officer for DSF. "Our students and Scholars are thriving, even in the most challenging of circumstances,

due to their dedication, resiliency and tenacity. We are pleased to provide additional time for even more students to launch and continue their journeys to and through college completion by extending the application deadline.”

In 2019-20, DSF provided \$4.5 million in scholarship dollars to graduates of DPS pursuing a college education. DSF surpassed \$48 million in total scholarships awarded to 7,676 DPS graduates since the fall of 2007. In the most recent 6-year cohort, 88% of Scholars were first-generation college students and 90% identified as students of color.

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About the Denver Scholarship Foundation

Denver Scholarship Foundation (DSF) is a 501(c)(3) public charity whose mission is to inspire and empower Denver Public Schools' (DPS) students to achieve their college goals. As a direct service provider, DSF provides college and financial aid advice to Denver students and families and offers a renewable, needs-based scholarship to support Scholars throughout their college careers. DSF also partners with colleges across Colorado to implement retention strategies that help Denver students complete their college education. DSF aims to create systemic change to prepare Denver's youth to succeed in today's evolving workforce. For more information, visit us at www.denverscholarship.org or connect with us on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).