

# Davidsonville Area Civic Association

**Gail Enright Educational Scholarship | Apply by Friday, June 14, 2024, 11:59 pm (ET)**

## Information and Requirements

The Davidsonville Area Civic Association's Gail Enright Educational Scholarship was created to help DACA members and their dependent children pursue educational training — academic, technical, agricultural, or professional. The scholarship was launched through a donation by Davidsonville resident Tom Angelis. The fund's growth depends on the generosity of our community.

The scholarship is available to high school seniors and graduates of any age.

### Purpose and Limitations

1. Scholarship funds must be used for educational training (academic, technical, agricultural, or professional) after high school.
2. The scholarship is available to high school graduates of any age for post high-school education.
3. Each award will be for up to \$1,000. The number of scholarships awarded by DACA in any given year and for what monetary amount will depend upon the available funding.
4. Awardees may reapply annually, although renewal of the scholarship is not guaranteed. Awardees may receive a maximum of four DACA scholarships.
5. Previous applicants who were not selected for an award may reapply.
6. Scholarship awards are made at the discretion of the DACA Board of Directors after deliberating the recommendations of the DACA Scholarship Committee.
7. Scholarship funds will be delivered directly to the educational institution the awardee will be attending. DACA's Treasurer will contact the awardee for the necessary information (e.g. payment address, student ID number, etc.)

### Qualifications

1. The scholarship applicant must be either a dues-paying member of DACA or their dependent who resides within the DACA geographic area, as defined by the DACA Bylaws. The applicant's legal address must be within DACA's geographic area.
2. The applicant must be a high school senior or graduate.
3. The applicant must be able to demonstrate involvement in one or more community activities, preferably within the Davidsonville area and they must be able to document that involvement (see Required Documents).

*Note: Family members of DACA Board members are permitted to apply for a scholarship. In those cases, the applicant needs to provide the name of the relative. Board members who are related to applicants will recuse themselves from any of the evaluations and award decisions for all of that year's applications.*

## **Required Documents**

**The applicant must include all of the following documentation at the time of their application.**

1. The name of the **Educational Institution** where the scholarship funds will be used.
- 2-a. For high school students or graduates starting a new educational program, a **Letter of Acceptance** to the educational institution for which the scholarship funds will be used. (If the applicant has not yet decided on the school or program they will attend, copies of acceptance letters from all schools or programs the applicant is considering should be provided.)
- 2-b. For applicants already in a post-high school educational program, the most recent **Transcript** of their grades.
3. A **Letter of Reference** from a responsible representative overseeing at least one of the applicant's community involvement or volunteer activities in the past year (e.g., coach, teacher, counselor, youth pastor, troop, club or group leader, mentor, supervisor, sponsor, advisor, etc.).

## **Required Form & Essay**

1. A brief **Application Questionnaire** is available as an editable PDF (downloadable at the end of the web page). If necessary, the applicant can provide the required information via a typed Word or similar document so long as the items are numbered in the same way as on the official form.
2. A list of the applicant's **Community Involvement and/or Volunteer Activities** within the past year in and beyond the Davidsonville area. Provide the organization name(s), the role(s) served, date(s) of service, and contact information for an officer or representative of the organization. If the applicant desires, they may separately list community involvement and/or volunteer activities for up to the prior four years.
3. The applicant must provide an answer in writing (no more than 250 words total) to one of the following **Short Answer Essay** questions:
  - a. "What do you value about living in Davidsonville and why?"
  - b. "If you could change or improve one thing about Davidsonville, what would it be, and why?"
  - c. What field of study are you interested in pursuing, and how might it be important to your community and/or to the environment?

## The Deadline

The application consisting of the completed questionnaire as well as required documents (detailed above) must be submitted by **Friday, June 14, 2024, 11:59 p.m.**

## Submitting the Application

Send your application and accompanying materials via PDF attachment(s) to ***dacascholarship@gmail.com***.

Within two business days of receiving the application, DACA will send an email to confirm that the application has been received and whether it has been deemed complete or incomplete.

- *Incomplete submissions will not be considered. Such applicants are permitted to submit a new application prior to the submission deadline.*

## QUESTIONS?

- For scholarship questions, please email *dacascholarship@gmail.com*

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- In addition to the criteria specified, each application may be evaluated based on consistency with the goals of the Davidsonville Area Civic Association (DACA) to serve the needs of the Davidsonville community.
- To ensure fairness, applications will be reviewed in full by a nonvoting “intake” member of the DACA Scholarship Committee, who will ensure the application is complete and acknowledge its receipt via email. This person will not be part of any debate and will redact identifying info before forwarding the application packages to the remaining members of the committee. The applicant names and other identifying details will not be shared with the full committee or DACA board until after approval of the awardee(s).
- Applicants selected to receive a scholarship will need to complete and return, via mail or email, a form provided by DACA that (1) acknowledges the acceptance of the award, (2) provides DACA with the information it needs in order to send a check to the educational institution and (3) indicates whether and how DACA can identify the scholarship recipient and educational institution by name in *The Villager*, on this website and/or to media outlets. This form will need to be returned by a date that will be stated on the notification letter or the scholarship offer will be rescinded.
- DACA does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion/creed, gender, age, national origin/ancestry, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, political affiliation, gender identification/expression, or military status in any of its activities of operations.

*This information is accurate as of March 25, 2024*