

Davidsonville Area Civic Association

Gail Enright Educational Scholarship Application - Information

- Academic Year: 2026 - 2027

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 growth and continuance of the scholarship's funds rely on the generosity of our community.

PURPOSE AND LIMITATIONS

1. Scholarship funds must be used for educational training (academic, technical, agricultural, or professional) after high school. The scholarship is available to graduating high school seniors and graduates of any age for secondary education after high school.
2. The number of scholarships awarded by DACA in any given year and for what monetary amount up to \$1,200 will depend upon the available funding.
3. Scholarship recipients may reapply annually, although renewal of the scholarship is not guaranteed. A recipient may receive a maximum of four DACA scholarships.
4. Previous applicants who were not selected for an award may reapply.
5. Scholarship awards are made at the discretion of the DACA Board of Directors after reviewing the recommendations of the DACA Scholarship Committee.
6. When accepting the scholarship, the grantee must provide the necessary payment information, including the payment address, student ID number, and other relevant information.

QUALIFICATIONS

1. The applicant must be a dues-paying member of DACA or the dependent child of a dues-paying member.
2. The applicant's legal address must be within DACA's geographic area. (See the About tab on davidsonvillemaryland.org for information about the boundaries.)
3. The applicant must be a graduating high school senior or graduate of any age for secondary education after high school.
4. The applicant must be able to demonstrate and document involvement in one or more community activities, preferably within the Davidsonville area. (See Required Documents).

Note: Children of DACA board members are permitted to apply for a scholarship. In such a case, 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 applications received.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The following documentation must be provided with the application.

1. The name of the educational institution where the scholarship funds will be used.
2. For graduating high school senior or graduate of any age for secondary education after high school 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 the schools or programs being considered should be provided.)
3. Applicants must include the most recent high school, college or career training transcript of their grades.
4. A Letter of Reference from a person who supervised at least one of the applicant's community involvement or volunteer activities within the past year.

REQUIRED APPLICATION AND PERSONAL STATEMENT

1. **Complete the Application Questionnaire** by clicking on each box and typing an answer. (The text box will expand as you type.) Do not copy-and-paste from a prior year application.
2. **A list of the applicant's most current 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.
3. **The applicant must provide an answer typed (no more than 250 words in total per question) to either A or B and also C or D: (ex: Applicant must answer A&C or A&D or B&C or B&D)**
 - 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 and/or career are you interested in pursuing and why?"
 - d. "Describe a major accomplishment or experience you have had and why it was meaningful to you."

THE DEADLINE

The application package be submitted no later than April 17, 2026, 11:59 p.m.

SELECTION

Recipients will be selected utilizing a scoring combination composed of points awarded in different categories such as academics, community and volunteer involvement, as well as essays and reference letters. DACA board members will score the applications.

QUESTIONS?

- Email: dacascholarship@gmail.com

Submitting the Application

The application consisting of the completed questionnaire as well as required documents must be submitted no later than **April 17, 2026, 11:59 p.m.** Applications received after the due date by email or postmarked after the postal deadline will not be considered.

- Via postal mail: DACA Scholarship, PO Box 222, Davidsonville, MD 21035
- Via email and PDF attachment(s): Send to dacascholarship@gmail.com

SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

- Complete Application
- Current High School, college or career training Transcript
- Letter(s) of Acceptance
- Letter(s) of Recommendation
- Personal Statements

Within three 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 resubmit incomplete information prior to the submission deadline; April 17, 2026 by 11:59pm.

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. This person will ensure that the application is complete and acknowledge its receipt via email. The intake member will redact the applicant’s identifying information before forwarding the application packages to the voting 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 the DACA 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 or operations.
- Should you be a recipient, you agree to allow DACA to publish your award and name in the *Villager* newsletter.
- Recipients will be invited to a DACA meeting to meet the board of directors and accept the award.