

The Donald Driver Foundation Scholarship

"The Foundation's goal is to exert a positive influence for change on homeless family and education issues each day. We will accomplish this with STRONG HANDS that build and strengthen instead of destroy and weaken, with STRONG MINDS that invent new ideas to achieve these goals, and with LOVING HEARTS that overflow with love and compassion."

Hand in hand with homelessness looms inadequate education. Because of lack of income, inadequate funding for schools, and other socio-economic factors, many today are denied quality schooling. This often leads to poverty and then, to despair. Lack of education may be America's number one social issue. We intend to offer solutions that have an impact.

Ten (10) scholarships of \$1000 each are available to students in Mississippi, Texas, and Wisconsin. The award is renewable through the first year of undergraduate studies. \$500 will be paid directly to your school's financial aid office for your first semester. To maintain The Donald Driver Scholarship for your second semester you agree to:

- Maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA. If a 3.0 is not met, please continue to send the Foundation your grades at the end of each semester. Your scholarship may be reinstated if your grades improve.
- Remain a full-time student (12 credit hours). The DDF will only award funding if you maintain full-time status.
- Mail a transcript or grade report to The Donald Driver Foundation that includes both semester and cumulative GPAs.
- Perform and participate in one service project that benefits homelessness, education, or low-income populations. Your service project must be approved by the Foundation.

Application Deadline: May 30, 2016

Scholarship recipients notified: July 1, 2016 via mail

Eligibility Guidelines:

GPA of 3.0 or higher, based on a 4.0 scale

ACT Score of 18 or higher

Open to Mississippi, Texas, and Wisconsin residents only

must be a college-bound high school senior.

Accepted and/or attending an accredited 2- or 4-year college, university, or technical school.

Maintain full-time status (12 credits)

Must complete a minimum of 20 hours of community service

Instructions:

1. Complete and sign the application.
2. Submit a copy of an official high school transcript. If available, make sure that your ACT score is listed on the transcript.
3. We want to know what others have to say about you! Applicants are required to submit two letters or recommendation from teachers/professors, religious leaders, coaches, employers or others who have an important role in your life. **One letter must be from someone affiliated with a school.**
4. Essay Format: Use 8 1/2" by 11" white paper; typed. Double space your essay and use a 1-inch margin on all sides. Be sure to include your full name and social security number in the upper right corner on each page.
5. Include a brief financial need statement at the end of your essay. Tell us about any family circumstance that may affect your family's ability to pay for college.
6. Mail all materials to:
The Donald Driver Foundation Scholarship, P.O. Box 753066 Houston, TX 77275-3066

Please print or type.

Full Legal Name	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Social Security Number ____-____-____
Permanent Address	Number/Street	City	State	Zip Code
e-mail Address:				
Home Phone Number ()	Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Date of Birth (Mo./Day/Yr.) / /		

Education History

List schools attended, with current or most recent school first.

Secondary School (name & location)	Dates Attended From	(month & year) To	Diploma or Equivalent Yes/No

Post-Secondary School or Military Service (name & location)	Dates Attended From	(month & year) To	Field of Study or Service Branch

Extracurricular Activities

Include school and community activities and honors.

Activity/Honor Description	School/Association Name	Location City/State	Beginning Month/Year	Ending Month/Year

Employment History

Please list any work experience with the most recent listed first.

Employer	Job Title or Type of Work	Dates Worked (month & year)

(name & location)		From	To

What college do you plan to attend next year?

What field of study are you interested in?

Personal Statement

Please attach an essay explaining how receiving this scholarship would impact your life. Be sure to comment on why continuing your education is important to you and your aspirations for the future.

Essay Format: Use 8 1/2" by 11" white paper; typed. Double space your essay and use a 1-inch margin on all sides. Essay should be approximately 500 words. Be sure to include your full name and social security number in the upper right corner on each page.

Financial Need Statement

Paying for college is a financial burden to most families. Information about any family circumstance that may affect your family's ability to pay for college is helpful. Losses of job, death of a parent, medical expenses, or having other siblings in college are all examples. This information is important during the application evaluation process.

Please include a brief, typed, financial need statement at the end of your essay.

I have read and understand the enclosed information. I affirm that the information which I have provided on this application form and any additional material that I submit related to the financial aid process is complete, accurate, and true to the best of my knowledge. I hereby authorize the selection committee to access any appropriate transcripts or records needed to award this scholarship.

Applicant's Signature

Date