

Our Cause

Young men and women from economically disadvantaged families often live in neighborhoods with significantly underfunded schools offering substandard educational opportunities.

Students from these backgrounds typically graduate from high school and college at dramatically lower rates than their higher-income peers.

Our Values



Grit.
Perseverance.
"Fire in the
Belly."



Trust.
Teamwork.
Collaboration.



Diversity.
Inclusivity.
Equity.



Kindness.
Understanding.
Respectful of Teammates,
Scholars, and Families.



Passionate about
educational access
and opportunity.



Committed to
excellence,
continuous growth,
and the life-long
pursuit of learning.

Our Mission

The mission of the Daniel Murphy Scholarship Fund is to give high school scholarship assistance and educational support to Chicago students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. DMSF seeks to make a life-altering difference in the lives of its Scholars by providing them with the best opportunity to succeed in high school and college.

We do this through:

- 1) Scholarships
- 2) Responsive programming
- 3) Personalized academic support

We ignite the potential of bright, hard-working Chicago students to ensure they are well positioned for life-long achievement and fulfillment.

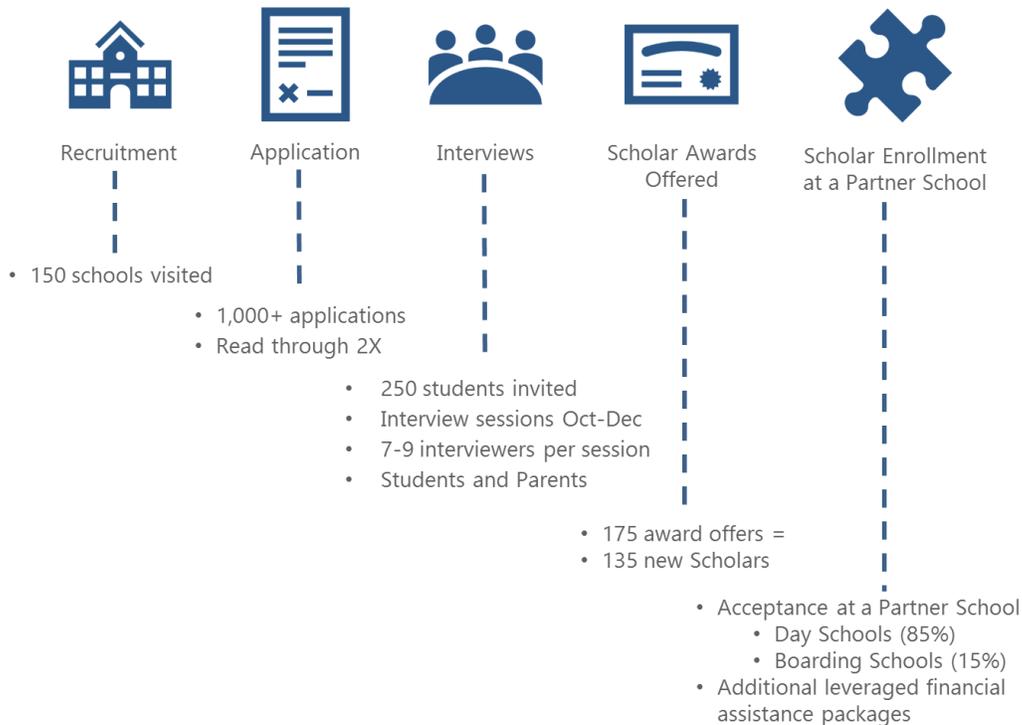
Our History

DMSF began in 1989 by awarding 4 tuition scholarships.

Today, 445 Murphy Scholars are in one of more than 60 partner high schools (day schools and boarding schools).

DMSF now has a robust programming repertoire – including academic and social-emotional supports – in response to myriad, complex needs of Scholars and families.

Our Scholar Selection Process



Volunteer Opportunities

Scholar Interviews

- October through December weekday and evening sessions at DMSF's Loop office
- Groups of 7-9 volunteers interview 5 students and families per 4-hour session
- Use this link to [sign up online](#)
- Questions? Contact Willow Walker, willow@dmsf.org

Application Reading (training required)

- October weekday and evening sessions at DMSF's Loop office
- Read and evaluate applications based on our established rubric
- A more individualized and flexible volunteer commitment
- Contact Alicia De La Rosa (Alicia@dmsf.org) for more information and to sign up