



CLASS OF 2028 - APPLICATION GUIDE

Welcome! To start and submit an application with Daniel Murphy, the legal guardian of the applicant must first create an account.

If you have not created a user account previously, click the "Not a Member" link below to first create an account.

[Thank you for your interest in the Daniel Murphy Scholarship Fund.](#)
The deadline for all applications is October 1, 2023.

Here are few guidelines before you start the application:

- The Applicant section refers specifically to the STUDENT who is applying. Other family members' information will be collected on the following screens.
- The Preparer section refers specifically to the LEGAL GUARDIAN for the student who is logged in creating the application. If you are a school counselor or the student themselves, please do not create an application. Instead, create a login account for the Guardian with their First Name, Last Name & Email so that future communications about the status of the application go to the right people.
- Once an application is started, only the person who originally logged in and created it can continue to update and ultimately submit the application.
- You can use the Save for Later link to start an application and resume completion at a later time.

**Indicates a required field*

Applicant Checklist

- Applicant (Student) Details
- Preparer (Parent/Guardian) Details
- Family Household
- Referral Details
- School Interest
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- Extracurricular

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Application

*Applying To: DMSF Class of 2028

*Term: 2024/2025 School Year

*Due Date: 10-01-2023

The Preparer of this application must be the legal guardian for the applicant. By completing this application, I attest that I am the legal guardian for the applicant. I give Daniel Murphy Scholarship Fund permission to contact me through email and text regarding the application.

- *I am the applicant's legal guardian

I attest that the information contained within this application is accurate and true.

- *I attest application is accurate.

Applicant (Student) Information

*First/given name

Middle Name

*Last/family/surname

Suffix

Would you like to share a different first name that the Applicant goes by?

- Yes
- No

*Gender

- Female
- Male
- Non-Binary

*Date of birth

Applicant (Student) Address

Permanent home address

*Street

*City

*State

*Zip Code

Applicant (Student) Contact Details

*Home phone number

*Mobile phone number

*Email (please do not use a school email)

Applicant (Student) Demographics

Will the Applicant be the first generation to attend college?

- *Please select your race from the following list:

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- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Bi-racial
- Black or African American
- Hispanic or Latino
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- White

Confirm

- Please confirm for us that you've completed this section to your satisfaction.*

[Save for later](#)

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Preparer Details

The Preparer of this application refers to the person who is logged in completing this application. The Preparer must be the Applicant's legal guardian.

Preparer's Personal Information

*First/given name

*Last/family/surname

Suffix

*Gender

- Female
- Male
- Non-Binary

Preparer's Contact Details

*Preferred Phone

- Home Phone
- Work Phone

- Mobile Phone
- Other Phone

Home phone number

*Mobile phone number

Work Phone

*Email

Preparer's Demographics

*What is your highest level of education?

- Elementary School
- High School Graduate
- College Graduate
- Pursuing College Degree
- Post-Graduate

I have disability status

I serve(d) in the US Military Service

Military Background (Describe)

Confirm

Please confirm for us that you've completed this section to your satisfaction.

Family Household

*In which part of Chicagoland do you live?

- City of Chicago
- Cicero
- Berwyn
- Other

We are currently experiencing homelessness.

*How many children under the age of 18 live in your household?

*How many adults live in your household?

*What is the primary language in your home?

Translator is needed or preferred.

*Household Structure

- Married, Two-Parent Household
- Single receiving child support
- Single providing all support
- Single sharing expenses

Parent Separation Status

- Separated, no court action
- Divorced
- Legally Separated
- Never Married

Is there a joint custody agreement?

- Yes
- No

One or more parent is deceased.

*Is there a second legal guardian?

- Yes
- No

Second Legal Guardian

Type

First Name

Last Name

Emergency Contact

Phone

Email

Referral Details

How did you hear about our program?

- Partner Referral
- Alumni Referral
- Direct Mail
- Advertisement
- Web Search
- Social Media
- School Visit
- Other

Yes, there is an additional applicant in our family applying to the Daniel Murphy Scholarship Fund Class of 2028.

Additional Applicant's Name

Additional Applicant's Relationship

- Sibling
- Cousin
- Aunt/Uncle
- Other

Yes, there is a current Daniel Murphy Scholar in our family.

Current Scholar Name

Current Scholar's relationship to the applicant

- Sibling
- Cousin
- Aunt/Uncle
- Other

School Interest

Complete the following fields regarding your interests for High School. If the field is required but does not apply to you, then enter NONE or N/A.

*List any Private or Independent Day-Schools in which you intend to apply.

*List any Public High Schools in which you intend to apply.

I am interested in attending a Boarding School.

Guardian supports the Applicant's interest in Boarding School.

Which areas of the USA are of interest to you for Boarding School?

- West
- Midwest
- East
- No Preference

Why are you interested in attending a Boarding School?

List any Boarding Schools in which you intend to apply.

If the applicant has taken the SSAT, please upload the test results.

SSAT Results -- Upload Files

Education

Please type the name of the Applicant's current elementary school and select it from the list. If you do not find your school, select "Other School" then enter the name of your school in the field that displays.

*Select School

Extracurricular

If the field is required but does not apply to you, then enter NONE or N/A.

*List any extracurricular activities or groups in which the applicant has been involved in the past 2 years.

*List any leadership experiences in which the applicant has been involved in the past 2 years.

*List any organizations in which the applicant has been involved in the past 2 years.

*List any achievements in which the applicant has been involved in the past 2 years.

Essays

** Answers in this section must be completed by the student.

Provide a written answer to the prompts below. Each essay should be a minimum of 100 words (1000 characters) and a maximum of 250 words (2500 characters).

*Why do you want to be a Daniel Murphy Scholar?

Please provide essay answers to any TWO of the following questions. List the "option number" before your response:

- Option 1: The Daniel Murphy Scholarship Fund supports Scholars in developing their leadership skills. Tell us how you have demonstrated your leadership abilities at home, at school, or in your community. What leadership roles do you hope to pursue in high school or as a potential Daniel Murphy Scholar.
- Option 2: The Daniel Murphy Scholarship Fund provides access to college opportunities and an alumni network of over 2000 Scholars. Tell us why attending college is important to you. What do you hope to achieve as a result of going to college?
- Option 3: Daniel Murphy Scholars represent over 73 communities throughout Chicago. Tell us about your community and how it has shaped you personally, culturally and/or academically. In what ways do you see yourself contributing to the Daniel Murphy Scholarship Fund community?
- Option 4: The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Tell us about a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience? How will you stay committed to the expectations of the program if selected as a DMSF Scholar?

*Essay 1 Response

*Essay 2 Response

Financial Details

*Total Annual Income Range

- \$50,000 or Less
- \$51,000 - \$75,000
- \$76,000 - \$100,000
- \$100,000 or More

Total Annual Household Income

I own/lease a car

*Guardian 1 Job Status

- Part Time
- Full Time
- Unemployed

Guardian 1 – Employer

Guardian 1 -Job Title

*Guardian 1 - Annual Income

Please list any Additional Income

Please upload your Income Verification Document below to document your annual income. Examples include:

- Individual Tax Return (Form 1040) in which applicant is listed as a dependent and W2 form
- Social Security Statement
- Notarized letter from employer that states income earned weekly/monthly if family does not file taxes

*Income Verification Document – Upload File

Recommendations

Two recommendations are required as part of the application. Please complete the fields below so we can contact your Principal / Counselor and one Teacher (7th grade Math or English Language Arts). The people you list below will receive an email from admissions@dmsf.org with a link to the recommendation form they must complete.

Principal/Counselor Details

*Principal / Counselor - First Name

*Principal / Counselor - Last Name

*Principal / Counselor – Email

Teacher Details

*Teacher Type

- English Language Arts
- Math

*Teacher – First Name

*Teacher – Last Name

*Teacher – Email

The applicant's school records must be submitted by the school principal or counselor to complete the application. As the preparer of this application, do you give permission to your student's school to release school records?

I give my permission to release my student's school records.*

[Submit application?](#)

Submitting your application is final, which means you can't edit it after it's submitted. Make sure you've included all the optional requirements you want to submit.

Submit Application

Daniel Murphy Scholarship Fund
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