

The Arnold and Genevieve Dahl Scholarship

The Arnold and Genevieve Dahl Scholarship, through the *St. Paul's Liberty Lutheran Church Mission Endowment Fund*, is offering up to two \$1,000 faith-based scholarships for the 2024-2025 school year available to any high school graduating senior. The scholarship is to be used during the school year following high school graduation.

To apply, submit the following:

- the completed *General Application* for local scholarships.
- two letters of recommendation, one from a teacher and one from a church leader.

The recipient of the scholarship will receive the award after the following condition has been met:

- proof of acceptance at an accredited educational institution in the United States (college, university, public or private, community college or vocational/technical school, etc.)

The scholarship will be disbursed in one payment:

- Payment is mailed to the school of attendance upon proof of registration of each student's first Fall semester along with student ID.

The checks will be written to the educational institution and submitted to the educational institution. Submit proof of educational institution acceptance to the church office at St. Paul's Liberty Lutheran Church, Deerfield, Wisconsin.

Phone: (608)764-5885 or email to stplloffice@gmail.com .

The application and letters of recommendation are due in the Deerfield High School Guidance Office by Monday, March 10, 2025.

Recipient selection will be made by St Paul's Liberty Lutheran Endowment Committee.

BANK OF DEERFIELD SCHOLARSHIP

The Bank of Deerfield Scholarship is offering (2) **\$1,500 scholarships** to be used for the school year following high school graduation. The recipients of this scholarship will receive the award after the following two conditions have been met:

1. Successful completion (as a full-time student) of one semester of college.
2. Proof of registration for a second semester of college (as a full-time) student.

Complete the **general application for local scholarships**, and **respond to the following question**, in one or more double spaced typewritten page(s):

“How has the community of Deerfield and its schools influenced your choice of a career and your educational development?”

Note: You might want to address some of the following in your writing:

- Significance of courses you have taken
- Community influence
- School and family influence
- Basis for college choice
- Basis for field of study choice
- Career goals and expectations
- What unique qualities and contributions will you bring to your career?

This application is due in the Guidance Office by 3:15pm Monday, March 10, 2025.

Deerfield Chamber of Commerce Scholarship

Seniors, if you are attending a two or four year school next fall, the Deerfield Chamber of Commerce is offering \$500 in Scholarship money. Students are encouraged to apply.

All applications will be reviewed and the recipient will be chosen by the Deerfield Chamber of Commerce.

- Students with any career path or major are encouraged to apply.
- The scholarship will be paid in this way:
- 2 year or 4 year program - paid at the end of 1st year.

Application Process:

1. **Complete the general application for local scholarships.**
2. **Submit two letters of recommendation.** One should be from a high school teacher and the other from an employer. If you do not have an employer reference, use a professional reference. Note: an employer reference is preferred. The professional reference could be another teacher, someone you worked with in a volunteer situation, a coach...(not a family member). You might want to review the "Reference Writer" sheet attached, and give it to the person you are asking to write the letter.
3. **Choose one of the following** three essay questions. Responses must be no more than two pages with a 14 font.

Question #1: Select a business or service in Deerfield and explain the importance of that business/service in the community; how it affects the community and what skills are required for its employees or volunteers. How would you benefit by working for/with this company and how would they benefit from having you work for them?

Question #2: Your dream is to start your own business. Describe what that business would be, and create a business plan that will illustrate how you will start the business and what you will need to do to be successful and how to achieve that goal.

Question #3: Do you have an idea for a fundraiser or have you participated in a fundraiser in the past? Describe what it is and how you would implement the event. What will you need to do or who else would you need to involve to make this a successful event? Who would you raise money for and why? (It doesn't need to be a Deerfield beneficiary.) Or if you have participated in one in the past, what was it and what made it so successful? What was your participation and how can you improve on this in the future?

Application is due in the Guidance Office by 3:15pm Monday, March 10, 2025.

**“Reference Writer” for Deerfield Chamber of Commerce
Scholarship**

You are being asked to write a letter of recommendation to be used by the Deerfield Chamber of Commerce in selecting a student(s) to receive **a scholarship**. Please include how you know the student, your view on their character, abilities and performance as they relate to your association with the student.

Reference Writer: Please return your letter to the student or to the high school Guidance Office by 3:15pm Monday, March 10, 2025.

Student: All application materials including letters of recommendation need to be in the Guidance Office by 3:15pm Monday, March 10, 2025.

DEA Child Scholarship Application

1) Personal Information

Name:

Address:

Telephone #:

Cell Phone #:

E-Mail Address:

Name of Parent:

Profession of Parent in the Deerfield School District:

2) Educational Plans

College/University Attending:

Major:

Minor:

3) Complete the Following Requirements

A) On a separate sheet of paper, describe what you have done academically and personally (i.e. extracurricular activities, volunteer activities, work experience) to prepare yourself for college.

B) Describe why receiving this scholarship is important to you.

C) Attach your two letters of recommendation.

D) Return all application materials to the Deerfield High School Guidance Office by Monday, March 10, 2025.

Criteria for DEA Child Scholarship

- 1) The children of DEA members (or former members retired from the Deerfield School District) are eligible to apply for a scholarship in the amount of \$300.
- 2) A student will be eligible to apply for this scholarship during his/her senior year in high school only. They will be eligible for the scholarship award one time only.
- 3) To be eligible for this scholarship, the student must be attending either a 2 or 4 year college or more.
- 4) A high school transcript must be provided by the student, with a GPA of 3.00 or higher, any time after the end of the first semester of his/her senior year in high school.
- 5) The application must be filled out by the student and returned by April 8 of his/her senior year. No application will be considered after that date.
- 6) All applications must be typed and edited in a professional manner.
- 7) Two letters of recommendation must accompany the application. One letter must be from a teacher, counselor, or administrator employed by the school you attend. The other must be from a member of your community who is not employed by any school district. Neither letter of recommendation may be from a family member.
- 8) After the first semester/grading period of college, the student must provide a transcript indicating a 2.75 GPA, or higher, to receive the scholarship. The student must also provide verification of enrollment for the second semester. (These two items must be provided by March 15 or the scholarship will be void.) The scholarship will be paid after the completion of these requirements.
- 9) This scholarship is available to all students who meet the criteria. All applications will be reviewed and evaluated by the DEA Scholarship Committee. Only applications which meet all criteria will be considered for this scholarship.
- 10) If you want your scholarship to be presented at your schools awards program, it is your responsibility to notify the person in charge of that program, and to find a person to present the award for you.

DEERFIELD EDUCATION ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Deerfield Education Association values the future of education. Because of this, we are awarding **(1) \$500 scholarship** to a Deerfield High School graduate who is entering the field of education. The scholarship will be awarded in the second semester of the student's freshman year of college.

To apply for the award, the student must submit the following:

- 1) Complete the attached personal information sheet.
- 2) Letters of recommendation from each of the following (three total):
 - a. a teacher.
 - b. a community member.
 - c. a volunteer or work experience supervisor.
- 3) High School Transcript with a 3.00 GPA or higher.
- 4) A written essay explaining why you are pursuing a career in education.
- 5) Participate in an interview with the Scholarship Committee of the D.E.A.

This application is due in the Guidance Office by 3:15pm Monday, March 10, 2025.

Requirements to collect the scholarship are:

- 1) Transcript showing a GPA of 2.75 or higher during the first semester of college.
- 2) Proof of registration for the second semester of college.
- 3) A written statement requesting the award, including a current address to where the scholarship money should be sent, submitted to the Guidance Office by March 1 of their freshmen year in college.

DEA EDUCATION **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

1) Personal Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Telephone #: _____ Cell Phone#: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Name of Parent(s) _____

2) Education Plans

College/University Attending: _____

Anticipated Major: _____

Anticipated Minor: _____

Deerfield Lions Club Continuing Education Scholarships

The Deerfield Lions Club will be offering **four \$1,000 scholarships**. These scholarships are to be used the school year following high school graduation. The recipient of each scholarship will receive the award after the following conditions have been met:

1. Successful completion (as a full-time student) of one semester of college with a minimum of 2.5 GPA.
2. Proof of registration for a second semester of college (as a full-time student).

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3. If you are participating in a training program associated with the trades, and can provide documentation for costs associated with that program.

Complete the **general application for local scholarships**.

On a separate sheet of paper, **answer the following question**:

What community service activities have you been involved with and explain how the community benefited from these activities?

Include **one letter of reference**, supporting your application for the Lions Club Scholarship. (See attached reference sheet that could be given to the writer when you ask them to write your letter.)

This application, essay response answer, and letter of recommendation are due in the Guidance Office by 3:15pm Monday, March 10, 2025.

To Reference Letter Writer – Lions Club Scholarship

The Lions Club is offering **a \$1,000 scholarship**. You are being asked to write a letter of recommendation which will accompany his/her application. The Lions Club would appreciate your observation as to the character, abilities and performance of this individual as they relate to your association with the student.

Reference Writers: You may return your letter to the student or to the Deerfield High School Guidance Office by 3:15pm Monday, March 10, 2025.

Student: All application materials including letter of recommendation need to be received in the Guidance Office by 3:15pm Monday, March 10, 2025.

DEERFIELD EDUCATION FOUNDATION **SCHOLARSHIP**

There are **(4) \$1,060.50 scholarships** to be given out to three seniors who are planning to attend college in the fall. All seniors are eligible to apply.

Qualifications:

- Complete the **general application for local scholarships**.
- Deerfield senior in the Class of 2025.
- Two letters of recommendation.
- Applicants need not be honor students.

This application is due in the Guidance Office by 3:15pm Monday, March 10, 2025.

Helping Hands Scholarship



This scholarship fund will be offering:

- **Eight (8) \$500 scholarships**
- Students attending a **two year technical college** or a **four year college or university**

The recipients of this scholarship will receive the award after the following two criteria have been met:

1. Successful completion (as a full-time student) of one semester
2. Proof of registration for a second semester (as a full-time student)

The recipients should submit verification of the two criteria to the Guidance Office at the beginning of second semester to request payment of award.

Scholarship Background

South Africans share a philosophy known as Ubuntu-“I am because we are”. The Ubuntu philosophy recognizes that who we are as individuals is because of who we are as a community. This is similar to another African proverb: “It takes a village to raise a child.” When we help and care for each other, everyone benefits, especially children.

The Deerfield community has long been known for supporting young people. We have numerous youth programs which have been made possible through the generosity of local organizations and community members. These programs provide students with opportunities to participate on teams, explore the fine arts, go on trips, attend summer camps and much more. Many people donate their time and talents to be coaches, troop leaders, mentors, chaperones, organizers and

volunteers. Many “helping hands” make our community a great place for kids to learn and grow.

Application Process

1. Complete the General Application for Local Scholarships found on Guidance website.
2. Respond to the following two questions: (response should be typed, double-spaced, one page maximum)
 - a. “What community-supported activities did you participate in growing up and how have they helped you?” (this can be a community outside of Deerfield)
 - b. “As you become an adult what skills or talents could you give back to a community where you live to offer a ‘helping hand’ to younger children?”

This application is due in the Guidance Office by 3:15pm Monday, March 10, 2025.

Noll Family Scholarship

Formerly the James and Dolores Noll Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship was established to honor our parents and their commitment to education and community service. Upon Barb Noll Callahan's retirement from Deerfield Schools it was decided by the family to establish this scholarship for Deerfield High School graduating seniors, who have committed to service in their community and continuing education.

A \$1,000 scholarship is being offered.

Students must be attending either a 2 or 4 year college in the fall. All seniors are eligible to apply.

Qualifications:

- Complete the **general application for local scholarships**.
- Complete one page essay, answering the following questions:
 1. What did you learn from your step-it-up project?
 2. Why are you deserving of this scholarship?
- Deerfield senior in the Class of 2025.
- Two letters of recommendation - one from a Deerfield High School employee and one from a community organization member.
- Applicants should be attending a 2 or 4 year school in the fall after graduation and need not be honor students.

This application is due in the Guidance Office by 3:15pm Monday, March 10, 2025.

Wings Over Wisconsin Scholarship

Seniors attending an approved post secondary school next year are eligible to apply. Seniors entering the following areas of study might have an advantage over others:

Education
Agriculture

Veterinary Science
Agriculture Business

Forestry
Conservation

This is a **\$500 scholarship** and will be awarded after successful completion of the first semester of post high school work as a full-time student.

Application Requirements:

(Respond to the following on separate sheets of paper)

1. **High School Activities and Honors** (list them and include year involved and if appropriate, positions held) **NOTE: Make sure you are completing the fillable Wings Over Wisconsin Application, as it asks for Hours Per Year for work experience.**
2. **Community Activities and Honors** (list activities and please list participation as how many hours per year you were involved in activities)
3. **Have you ever been involved in a family agriculture?**
4. **Where are you planning to attend college? What is your planned major?**
NOTE: If you have done the general scholarship application, this requirement has been met.
5. **What are your plans for the future, and how will you utilize the degree you are looking to pursue?**

This scholarship is due in the Guidance Office by 3:15pm Monday, March 10, 2025.

The John Polzin Memorial **Scholarship**

The John Polzin family is offering **(2) \$500 scholarships** to high school seniors to be used for post-secondary education. The scholarship will be selected by the Deerfield High School Scholarship Committee and awarded in the second semester of the student's freshman year.

All seniors who have participated in or been a manager of at least 2 sports each of the four years of high school are encouraged to apply. Lettering in the sport is not necessary.

Please submit the following:

- 1) The general application for local scholarships
- 2) On a separate sheet of paper, answer the following question:

"What will your legacy be?"

NOTE: The recipients of this scholarship will receive the award after the following two criteria have been met:

1. Successful completion (as a full-time student) of one semester
2. Proof of registration for a second semester (as a full-time student)

The recipients should submit verification of the two criteria to the Guidance Office at the beginning of second semester to request payment of award.

This application and essay are due in the Guidance Office by 3:15pm Monday, March 10, 2025.

FIRST STEP FORWARD 4-YEAR DEGREE S.T.E.M SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship will award one student, pursuing a Degree in a S.T.E.M major with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher and a STEM GPA of 3.5 or higher, an award of **a \$1,000 scholarship.** Student should be pursuing any STEM Major including science, computer science, math, engineering. The scholarship will be awarded in two awards of \$500.

To apply for the award, the student must submit the following:

- 1) Complete the general application.
- 2) Submit two letters recommendation, with at least one of them from a DHS instructor.
- 3) High School Transcript with a 3.00 GPA or higher and a 3.5 GPA or higher in STEM Classes.
- 4) Submit a written essay answering “What have I done in the past that makes me qualified to receive this scholarship?” Include a statement of purpose for receiving the scholarship including examples, personal goals and career aspirations.

This application is due in the Guidance Office by 3:15pm Monday, March 10, 2025.

FIRST STEP FORWARD ASSOCIATE DEGREE SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship will award one student, pursuing a 2 year Associate Degree with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher, an award of a **\$1,000 scholarship.** The scholarship will be awarded in two awards of \$500.

To apply for the award, the student must submit the following:

- 1) Complete the general application.
- 2) Submit two letters of recommendation, with at least one of them from a DHS instructor.
- 3) High School Transcript with a 2.00 GPA or higher.
- 4) Submit a written essay answering “What have I done in the past that makes me qualified to receive this scholarship?” (Must include examples and goals)

This application is due in the Guidance Office by 3:15pm Monday, March 10, 2025.

Requirements to collect the scholarship are:

- 1) Proof of registration for the first semester of school. (Will receive \$500)
- 2) Proof of completion of first semester classes and registration for a second term. (Will receive remaining \$500)
- 3) A written statement requesting the award, including a current address to where the scholarship money should be sent, submitted to the Guidance Office.

BCP TRANSPORTATION SCHOLARSHIP

BCP is offering a \$300.00 scholarship to a graduating senior. All seniors who meet the listed qualifications are encouraged to apply.

Qualifications:

- Complete the **general application for local scholarships**.
- Deerfield senior in the Class of 2025.
- Two letters of recommendation.
- Applicants should be seeking a job or further education in the trades (non-four year post-secondary) and need not be honor students.

This application is due in the Guidance Office by 3:15pm Monday, March 10, 2025.

Kindness Matters Scholarship

This is the 6th year that this scholarship will be awarded.

Each night we watch the news and amongst the controversies and sadness there are many stories of hope and people doing great things for others. It reminds us that one person can truly make a difference.

DHS Staff will be asked to submit their choice for this award based on witnessing students helping others, supporting fellow classmates or just being kind to people. They will be asked to submit one name to honor a senior who fits and lives the “kindness matters” lifestyle. The senior who receives the most recommendations, will receive a monetary scholarship as well as their name on a plaque.

There will be nothing for you to physically apply for, just continue to do good things and be genuinely kind to others around you.

WALLY DRAEGER JR. SCHOLARSHIP

The Wally Draeger Jr. Scholarship is being offered in memory of Wally Draeger Jr., a graduate of Deerfield High School, by Howard Dutcher who was Wally's roommate at UW Madison before they both left college to serve in the armed forces during the Vietnam War. Two \$1,000 scholarships are offered to DHS seniors who will be attending either a two or four year college/university. The scholarship will be awarded in the second semester of the student's freshman year of college.

Qualifications:

- Complete the **general application for local scholarships**.
- Deerfield senior in the Class of 2025.
- Two letters of recommendation.
- Applicants need not be honor students.

This application is due in the Guidance Office by 3:15pm Monday, March 10, 2025.

Requirements to collect the scholarship are:

- 1) Transcript showing successful completion of first semester of college.
- 2) Proof of registration for the second semester of college.
- 3) A written statement requesting the award, including a current address to where the scholarship money should be sent, submitted to the Guidance Office by March 1 of their freshman year in college.

Deerfield Volunteer Fire Department Scholarship

The Deerfield Volunteer Fire Department is currently offering a \$500.00 scholarship to any graduating Deerfield High School Senior who will be attending a two or four year post high school institute in the pursuit of a degree in firefighting, law enforcement or EMS. The scholarship is also open to any current fire fighter's graduating child who has volunteered their time in some meaningful way to the fire department over the last two years. The eligible candidate is required to submit a one-page essay describing why they felt drawn to this career choice or what they learned from volunteering with the fire department. The candidates should submit their essay by March 31st to the DVFD Scholarship Committee c/o of Dennis Wardell (dlwsmw4@charter.net).

Dennis Wardell

DVFD

Deerfield Music Boosters

2025 Scholarship Opportunity

The Deerfield Music Boosters are offering a \$500.00 scholarship opportunity this year to encourage and support the love of music so many of our Deerfield kids have. Our hope is that they continue to find positive experiences through music education and participation and can pass that on to future generations. Scholarship will be awarded to someone that is either 1) pursuing a music related degree at a post-secondary school or 2) will be participating in school sponsored music based extracurricular activities (i.e. marching band, choir, jazz band etc) while attending a post-secondary school. Along with completing the local scholarship application, please submit a short essay describing how the Deerfield music program has benefited you and what your music education/participation plans are at your chosen college.

In order to receive the scholarship, please submit proof of successful completion of your first semester and enrollment in second semester along with verification of your commitment to a music degree or activity, to Deerfield Music Boosters at jjlees1@frontier.com.

Congratulations to all!

The Jim Birkrem Memorial Scholarship

The Jim Birkrem Memorial Scholarship is donating a \$1000 scholarship to one student graduating in 2025 in memory of Jim Birkrem who passed away unexpectedly last July from a stroke. Jim was a wonderful person always willing to help others. He absolutely loved teaching the younger generation. He specifically enjoyed teaching automotive repair to interested youth. Over the years, Jim mentored students at his shop.

The chosen student will be one who is interested, specifically in the Trades. Jim was passionate about the automotive industry and a firm believer schools should be encouraging students to go into the trades. There will be no grade point minimum, all applicants will be considered.

Qualifications:

- Complete the **general application for local scholarships**.
- Deerfield senior in the Class of 2025.
- Two letters of recommendation.

This application is due in the Guidance Office by 3:15pm Monday, March 10, 2025.