



TO: SCHOLARSHIP OFFICE
FROM: Shelley Despotakis, President
DATE: February 29, 2016
SUBJECT: 2016 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Danville Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce a scholarship program for local students. The 2016 funding comes from dollars donated from the membership body of the DACC. The DACC will continue this program on an annual basis.

Our deadline to receive all completed applications is 5:00 pm, Friday, April 8. The recipients will be notified the week of April 27. We hope these dates work with your school schedule and with your graduation programs.

Attached is one master application. The first page outlines the program and tells about the requirements. The second page is the actual application. To be eligible, students must live in Danville, Alamo, Blackhawk or Diablo or have a parent who works for a business which is a member of the Danville Area Chamber. They need to complete the application form, write two essays (about their community involvement, future goals and possible financial need) and send those along with copies of transcripts of grades for the past two years.

You may make as many copies of the enclosed application as you wish, or students may receive one by contacting the Chamber at ceo@danvilleareachamber.com, or by calling 925-837-4400. Applications are also posted on our website www.danvilleareachamber.com.

PLEASE – send me the name and email of the person at your school who is in charge of scholarship information so we can inform you of any recipients from your school: send to ceo@danvilleareachamber.com.



2016 SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION Danville Area Chamber of Commerce

PURPOSE

The Danville Area Chamber of Commerce is an organization dedicated to contributing time and programs to the economic growth of local businesses. Toward this end, the Chamber is launching an annual program to give two \$1,000 scholarships to exemplary high school students, young citizens who will potentially be a part of the business community.

ELIGIBILITY

1. High school seniors who are planning to enroll full time in the fall of 2016 in an accredited trade or business school, community college, college or university are eligible.
2. Students must either live in Danville, Alamo, Blackhawk or Diablo or have a parent/guardian who works for a business which is a member of the Danville Area Chamber of Commerce.
3. These students display positive character and leadership skills, demonstrated by community involvement, extracurricular activities and their commitment to further their formal education to enter a trade, public service or the business world.
4. Students must have performed at least 40 hours of community service or volunteer work in the past two years with a non-profit, with seniors, children, religious organization, etc.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

- ▶ Danville Area Chamber scholarships will be given annually in amounts of \$1,000.
- ▶ Financial need is considered, but is not a necessary requirement.
- ▶ Scholarships may be used at the university, college, community college or trade school of the student's choice.
- ▶ A scholarship check will be mailed directly to student finalists in July after graduation.
- ▶ Applications are available at the Chamber office and in high school college guidance centers.

TIMELINE:

Friday, April 10, 5:00 p.m.	Deadline for submitting applications and essays
Week of April 13	Scholarship Committee will review all applications
Week of April 20	Scholarship Committee will interview selected applicants
Week of April 27	Recipients will be selected and all applicants notified

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Danville Area CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

(Please Print Clearly)

NAME: _____
Last First Middle Initial

ADDRESS*: _____
Street Address City Zip Code

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

SCHOOL NOW ATTENDING: _____

GPA FOR PAST TWO YEARS: _____

Application must include a copy of transcripts/report cards showing two years of grades and credits.

WHAT COLLEGE, COMMUNITY COLLEGE, TRADE, OR SPECIALTY SCHOOL DO YOU PLAN TO ATTEND? _____

PLANNED DATE OF FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT: _____

WHAT CAREER FIELD DO YOU PLAN TO ENTER? _____

**If you are not a Danville, Alamo, Blackhawk or Diablo resident, please tell us what company your parent works for that is a current member of the Danville Area Chamber of Commerce:*

Parent's Name(s) _____

Company _____

Submit this Application Form and your transcripts, along with the following two essays (no more than two typed pages each) answering the following questions:

ONE

- What are your academic and career plans for the future? How do you plan to achieve them?
- If appropriate, describe your situation and need for financial assistance in pursuing your educational goals.

TWO

- List examples of any leadership roles you have held in community service, school, team sports, church, work, etc.
- Tell how these leadership roles have influenced you in your development as a person.

IMPORTANT: All materials must arrive in one package at the Danville Area Chamber of Commerce office, 117 E Town & Country Drive no later than 5 p.m. Friday, April 8, 2016.