



D.A.R.E. America National Scholarship Award

The D.A.R.E. America Board of Directors is pleased to offer a **\$20,000 scholarship** to recognize academic excellence and reward students who remain true to the goals of the D.A.R.E. program.

This scholarship is awarded annually to a qualified 12th grade student to attend the university or college of their choice. Payment will be made directly to the educational institution over a period of four academic years, not to exceed \$5,000 per year.

The requirements for eligibility are as follows:

- Must be a U.S. citizen
- Must have completed junior year of high school at time of application
- Must have a minimum GPA of 3.0
- Must not be related to a current D.A.R.E. officer/administrator
- Must apply only to an accredited institution (4 years) in the U.S.
- Must lead a lifestyle consistent with the goals and objectives of D.A.R.E.
- Must be a member of the D.A.R.E. America Youth Advisory Board

Applicants must submit a portfolio that includes the following:

- D.A.R.E. Scholarship Application Form
- Scholarship Tracking Form
- An essay, 500-word maximum, addressing the topic “*D.A.R.E.: How it has impacted my life; how I will use these skills to contribute to society.*”
- Written summary documenting academic achievements and extracurricular activities that reflect the spirit and goals of D.A.R.E.
- Written summary documenting current role with the Youth Advisory Board
- Official sealed transcript of grades and scholastic scores
- A letter of recommendation from a school administrator/educator
- A letter of recommendation for outstanding achievement in community service from a source other than school administrators/educators or law enforcement officials

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Applicant must submit their scholarship application portfolio to their D.A.R.E. officer by **March 11, 2016**. The application should be submitted through the student’s last D.A.R.E. officer or an active D.A.R.E. officer of the department in their community.
2. D.A.R.E. officer must complete *Section A* of the Scholarship Tracking Form.
3. D.A.R.E. officer must forward the scholarship application, accompanied by a completed Scholarship Tracking Form, to their respective D.A.R.E. State President or Coordinator by **March 25, 2016**.
4. D.A.R.E. State President or Coordinator must review and approve application, and submit no later than **April 15, 2016** to:

D.A.R.E. America
Attn: YAB Scholarship
9800 La Cienega Blvd, Suite 401
Inglewood, CA 90301
(800) 223-3273

The D.A.R.E. America Scholarship Committee will review all applications and make a final selection by **May 13, 2016**. The award recipient will be notified by a D.A.R.E. America representative. The selected student will be required to sign a letter of award and agreement.

Invitations will be extended to the award recipient, a parent/guardian, and/or the D.A.R.E. Officer to attend the Annual D.A.R.E. International Training Conference on July 19-21, 2016 in Atlanta, GA, where a formal presentation of the award will be made during the Opening Ceremonies.

Questions regarding the scholarship application should be directed to Jacqueline Ho at (800) 223-3273 ext. 235 or jacqueline.ho@dare.org.

2016 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION TIMELINE

March 11	Student submits scholarship application to your D.A.R.E. Officer
March 25	D.A.R.E. Officer forwards application with tracking form to State D.A.R.E. President / Coordinator
April 15	State D.A.R.E. President / Coordinator forwards application and tracking form to D.A.R.E. America
May 13	Scholarship Committee reviews and makes selection
July 19	Formal presentation of Scholarship Award during the D.A.R.E. Conference in Atlanta, GA

D.A.R.E. AMERICA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

CONTACT INFORMATION

Full Name (First, MI, Last):		
Mailing Address:		
City, State, Zip:		
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	Date of Birth:
Email:		
Graduating High School & Address:		

D.A.R.E. PROGRAM INVOLVEMENT

Name of D.A.R.E. Officer:		
D.A.R.E. Officer's Agency / Department:		
School(s) at which you participated in D.A.R.E. program components:		
	SCHOOL	YEAR
Elementary	_____	_____
Middle School / Junior High	_____	_____
High School	_____	_____

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Grade Point Average (inclusive of all high school semesters completed): _____

Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) Score: _____

American College Test (ACT) Score, if available: _____

List four colleges/universities that you have applied to for admission:

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| 1. _____ | 3. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 4. _____ |

List other scholarships and amounts that you have been awarded:

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| 1. _____ | \$ _____ |
| 2. _____ | \$ _____ |
| 3. _____ | \$ _____ |

I certify that the information provided herein, and the contents of my portfolio are true, and that I meet all eligibility requirements stated within the Scholarship Information Sheet. I give D.A.R.E. America permission to use my name and photo for publicity should I be the recipient of the scholarship.

Signature

Date

SCHOLARSHIP TRACKING FORM

[Attach this form to the Scholarship Application Form]

SECTION A: D.A.R.E. OFFICER

Rank _____ First Name _____ Last Name _____

Agency/Department _____

Department Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

(_____) _____
Department Telephone

(_____) _____
Department Fax

I hereby certify that the scholarship application submitted herein is for a student who has completed either of the D.A.R.E. elementary, middle school, or high school programs and who is currently a member of the D.A.R.E. Youth Advisory Board. I also affirm that I am a certified D.A.R.E. officer, currently teaching D.A.R.E.

D.A.R.E. Officer Signature

SECTION B: STATE D.A.R.E. PRESIDENT AND/OR COORDINATOR

Rank/Title _____ First Name _____ Last Name _____

Agency/Department _____

(_____) _____
Department Telephone

(_____) _____
Department Fax

SECTION C: D.A.R.E. AMERICA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Date Reviewed: _____

Vote to award applicant: YES NO

Signature of Board Member: _____ Date: _____

Comments: _____
