

USS Delaware Scholarship



2023-2024 Scholarship Policy and Guidelines

To accept the USS Delaware Scholarship for 2023-2024, you must complete and return all required forms and supporting documents to Dolphin Scholarship Foundation.

Scholarship Payments

Payments will be mailed directly to the appropriate office of your college on August 1 (fall semester) and December 1 (spring semester) of each year. If your college requires payment prior to these dates, you must notify the DSF office in writing, including the date by which the check must be received. If there are changes in the scholarship amount, you will be notified in writing. Otherwise, the amount stated in the initial award letter will apply.

This scholarship must be credited towards your tuition and related college fees. Excess funds, if any, may be applied only toward room and board, but should be considered by you as taxable income. Scholars attending any Service Academy are **NOT** eligible for the USS Delaware Scholarship.

Scholars who also receive Post 9/11 GI Bill funds (Chapter 33). Due to the generous, all-encompassing nature of the Post 9/11 GI Bill, monies awarded by Dolphin Scholarship Foundation may only be applied to tuition and fees charges for scholars also receiving funds from this education benefit.

Please be advised that inappropriate or unauthorized use of scholarship funds may result in suspension or revocation of your USS Delaware Scholarship.

Change of Status

Change of College. You must notify DSF immediately in writing of any change in your choice of college or in your intent to continue your education.

Change in Financial Need. If your educational expenses are being fully met by other scholarships or grants, including the Post 9/11 GI Bill, please advise DSF immediately.

Enrollment Status. Dependent Children must maintain full-time enrollment status and a satisfactory academic record. Dependent Spouses and crew members must maintain a minimum part-time enrollment status (6 Credits per semester) and satisfactory academic record. If you do not maintain the required course load or if you are placed on academic probation or suspension, DSF may temporarily suspend your scholarship until good academic standing is regained. DSF may also revoke your scholarship at its sole discretion.

Leaves of Absence. Contact DSF in writing to request deferral of your scholarship during a leave of absence from college. An award may be deferred at the discretion of DSF.

Study Abroad. Requests to apply funds to study abroad must be made to DSF in advance. The study abroad program must be approved by your home institution and issue academic credits that are transferable to your college. Payment will only be issued to your home institution.

Withdrawal. If you withdraw from college, DSF must be notified immediately in writing. Any unused scholarship balance must be refunded to DSF. It is your responsibility to notify your school to return unused funds to DSF.

Cancellation

The DSF Board reserves the right to cancel any scholarship based upon the Board's determination, in its sole discretion, that cancellation is in the best interests of DSF.

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Contact Information

It is your responsibility to inform DSF immediately by letter or by email of any change in your home address, college address, email address and/or telephone number. Correspondence will be sent to the email address and home address on your acceptance forms, unless you specifically request we mail to another address.

Email is our primary means of communicating with you. Be sure DSF has your current email address.

Honor Policy

DSF expects our scholars to exemplify honorable conduct. To be eligible for a USS Delaware Scholarship, a scholar may not have been charged with violating the honor code, or displaying any other similar dishonorable conduct, at any current or former educational institutions (regardless of the outcome). If the scholar has been so charged, or is charged at any time after the submission of an application or the Acceptance Agreement, the scholar will provide DSF with a description of the violation, including any action taken by the institution, the date of the action, and a full explanation of the reasons for such action.

Publicity

DSF reserves the right to publish your name as a selected USS Delaware Scholar whether or not you accept the scholarship. We request recent photos for our files and to share with our donors. Quotes from your essay and communications with the Foundation may also be used to promote USS Delaware Scholarships.

We suggest you start a file now for your USS Delaware Scholarship and keep in it these *Scholarship Policy and Guidelines*, your original award letter and all other correspondence you receive from us.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the DSF Scholarship Administrator at (757) 671-3200 ext. 2, or scholarship@dolphinscholarship.org.

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