



School Year 2024-2025

The Senatorial and Presidential Scholarship Application

1. *Description of the scholarship:*

The Dunham House, located in Kempton, Indiana, has a long Indiana history of family involvement and ties to community life, including direct descendency to President Barack Obama. A community that truly believes in the importance of higher education is one that ensures the doors to postsecondary opportunity are open to all that have the potential, desire and willingness to work hard to succeed, regardless of economic background or lack of resources. In the spirit of the historical Dunham House community involvement, The Dunham House Educational Foundation provides funding to candidates with a career goal in any area of History who otherwise would not have the financial means to fulfill their educational goals and to aid in building that bridge for those in pursuit of attending the educational institution of their dream.

2. *Eligibility:*

The scholarship is a one-year scholarship. You must apply for the scholarship every year. Winning applicants are eligible to reapply every year and can receive a scholarship up to 4 times. Winning applicants will receive a scholarship with the check written to a post-secondary, accredited school of their choice. The scholarship application is open to all current Indiana high school seniors and/or post high school students with aspirations to attend a post-secondary accredited school the next full school year after the application. The application must be from a student in good standing with a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4-point system. Proof of GPA is required.

The student must pursue a degree in college in which history is an important component. Areas of study include but are not limited to: history, history education, ethnic studies, library science, political science, archaeology, African-American studies, Native American studies, anthropology, architecture,

art, economic, diplomatic, elementary education, social, cultural and historic preservation.

Financial need will be considered. The applicant must complete the free application for federal student aid (FAFSA) at <https://fafsa.ed.gov>. A copy of the Student Aid Report (SAR) must be submitted with your DHEF scholarship application.

3. ***Deadline:***

Applications will only be accepted after November 25, 2023 and the deadline for the application is midnight May 25, 2024 (received at DHEF office by this date). After May 25 deadline, an application will not be reviewed. Applications submitted by the application deadline without all the required supporting documentation will be deemed incomplete and will not be reviewed.

4. ***Essay:***

For first time applicants, a one-page essay is required on the topic of: “What made me interested in history and how I will use this interest in the future”.

For second time applicants a one-page essay is required on the topic of “If you could have dinner with one person in history who would that be & why”

For third time applicants a one-page essay is required on the topic of “How does history fit into today’s society for you and how can it improve the future”

For fourth time applicants a one-page essay is required on the topic of “How will you use history to better the future while maintaining the integrity of its past”

Format for all:

- Typewritten Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF file
- 12 point, times new roman style
- One page, single spaced
- One and one half inch margins on all side

5. ***Applicants Will:***

- Complete the online common DHEF scholarship form at <http://www.thedunhamhouse.org>
- Write and attach online to the DHEF application a one-page essay on required topic (Microsoft word or adobe PDF format)
- Complete your FASFA financial aid form (Student Aid Report-

SAR) and attach to online DHEF application (PDF format)

- Attach your high school transcript with SAT/ACT scores through your guidance department. (PDF format)
- Attach two teacher letters of reference (PDF format)
- **Be readily available by email or phone if contacted by the Selection Committee**

6. *Selection Process and Committee:*

Applications will be reviewed and decided upon by the Selection Committee for the merit of the applicant's academic achievement, essay, recommendations, and financial need. Academic achievement is first gauged by the university or high school GPA and then by other indicators of achievement. The academic transcript, essay, and recommendation information will be used to put the GPA into a broader context and provide a holistic view of the applicant.

A scored review process for each area is used; Grade Point Average, Family Income, Essay, History related Major or Minor, SAT/ACT Score, Extracurricular Activities, Awards/Honors, References, # of Siblings in College at Same Time, Applicant working at a Job the previous year. All decisions are final. Any specific large donor and the donor's family can be on the review committee, but they cannot be the majority of the voting members.

7. *Scholarship:*

The scholarship amount for the Senatorial and Presidential scholarship varies from year to year depending on the funds available. Scholarship amounts would be \$500 up to \$1000 for Senatorial and \$1000 up to \$2500 for Presidential. By completing the application, you are applying for both at the same time. It is a one-time payment directly to the post-secondary, accredited school of your choice. Scholarships available and the scholarship amount is determined annually by the Board of Directors.

8. *Questions:*

Any additional questions can be directed to DHEFoundation@gmail.com (the best way) or 317-344-9839.