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OPEN APPLICATION PROCESS

# THE 2012-2013 DANIELS SCHOLARSHIP

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2012 Class of Daniels Scholars

In establishing the Daniels Scholarship, Bill Daniels wanted to find outstanding young people from Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming who possess tremendous strength of character, the passion to succeed, a willingness to work hard, and a commitment to actively engage in their communities.

Each year, 250 new Daniels Scholars are selected from among thousands who apply. They go through a rigorous application, interview, and selection process. The reward of being selected for the program is the opportunity to obtain a 4-year college education at a nonprofit college or university in the United States, complete with financial and personal support throughout the college journey.

The Daniels Scholarship Program offers our students resources, encouragement, and inspiration far beyond financial assistance provided to help them earn a college degree. Our goal is not only to help Daniels Scholars succeed in college, but to ensure that they thrive beyond their years in college.

The Daniels Scholarship Program is both exciting and challenging, and we encourage you to read on to see if a Daniels Scholarship might be right for you.

**Daniels Scholarship Application Deadline: Thursday, November 29, 2012 4:00 p.m.**

## NEW THIS YEAR — OPEN APPLICATION PROCESS

Starting with the 2012-2013 academic year, the Daniels Scholarship will have an “open application process”. This approach will provide greater access to students interested in applying for the Daniels Scholarship. This will also allow students to initiate the scholarship application themselves, and will streamline the process to make it easier for students to complete and submit their applications.

Students will have access to the 2012-2013 online scholarship application via the Daniels Fund website. The application will launch on September 17, 2012, and will close at 4 p.m. on November 29, 2012.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible to apply for a Daniels Scholarship, students must satisfy the following requirements:

- Be a senior graduating this academic year from any high school in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, or Wyoming
- Be a resident of Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, or Wyoming
- Be a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident of the United States
- Demonstrate financial need
- Earn an ACT composite score of 17 or higher or an SAT combined math and critical reading score of 830 or higher (tests must be taken no later than October 31st)

## HOW ARE DANIELS SCHOLARS SELECTED?

Daniels Scholars are selected through a community-based process. After completing the application on the Daniels Fund website, scholarship applicants are screened and semifinalists selected. Semifinalists will then participate in an interview conducted by volunteers in local communities across our four-state region. Candidates are evaluated based on how they demonstrate:

- Willingness to give back to the community
- Leadership potential
- Academic performance or promise
- Strength of character
- Well-rounded personality

## FINANCIAL NEED

One of the eligibility criteria established by Bill Daniels for the Daniels Scholarship is financial need. In general, a family of four, with one child in college, and a family income of up to \$50,000 has a reasonable chance to be financially eligible for the Daniels Scholarship. Alternatively, a family earning more than \$75,000 is probably not financially eligible. While these are general rules, the Daniels Fund evaluates all applicants on an individual basis.

## ASSESSING FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY

The Daniels Fund assesses financial need by evaluating a number of factors, especially the Expected Family Contribution (EFC). The EFC is an estimate of the parents’ and/or student’s ability to contribute to college expenses.

The Daniels Fund utilizes the College Board, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping students achieve success in college, to calculate the EFC for our applicants. The College Board offers a calculator to assist families in estimating their EFC. Before beginning their application, we encourage applicants to use the calculator to determine if they are likely to be financially eligible for the Daniels Scholarship.

In general, a family with an EFC between \$0 and \$6,000 is likely to be financially eligible for the Daniels Scholarship. However, the Daniels Fund reserves the right to examine a number of factors in making the final determination of an applicant’s financial eligibility.

The College Board calculator may be accessed at:  
[http://apps.CollegeBoard.com/fincalc/efc\\_welcome.jsp](http://apps.CollegeBoard.com/fincalc/efc_welcome.jsp)

## TIPS FOR USING THE COLLEGE BOARD EFC CALCULATOR:

- Have parents’ and applicants’ (if applicable) previous year tax returns available
- The Calculator navigation tools are at the bottom of each page
- When you come to the step prompting you to “Pick a Formula” select Institutional Methodology formula (IM)
- Completing the EFC Calculator should take approximately 15 minutes.
- Keep this information for your personal records— this is not something the Daniels Fund will request from you.

More information on financial eligibility is available on the Daniels Fund website, [www.DanielsFund.org](http://www.DanielsFund.org)

## HOW DO I APPLY?

**Apply online** – After confirming they meet the Eligibility Criteria, students may complete the Daniels Scholarship application on the Daniels Fund website -- [www.DanielsFund.org](http://www.DanielsFund.org) – between September 17, 2012 and 4 p.m. on November 29, 2012.

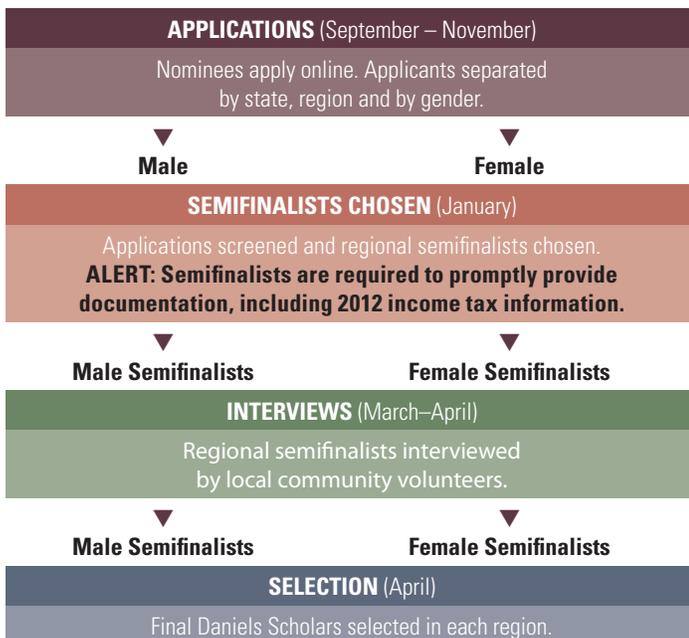
It is important to understand that the application takes time to complete and also includes several short answer questions. You will also be required to obtain two recommendations from individuals who know you well. Do not wait until the last minute to apply. You are not required to complete the online application all at once, but no changes will be accepted past the November 29<sup>th</sup> deadline.

## IF YOU ARE SELECTED AS A SEMIFINALIST

After applications are received and evaluated, semifinalists will be selected in January. If you are selected as a semifinalist, you will be invited to participate in an interview by a group of community volunteers from your area. You will also be asked to provide additional documentation by mid-February including official copies of academic transcripts, ACT/SAT exam results, copies of **2012** income tax information (including W-2 forms, IRS tax forms, etc.), and a copy of your U.S. birth certificate, passport, or other certified documentation showing you are a citizen or permanent resident in the U.S.

## FINAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Final scholarship awards will be announced in April 2013.



## FAST FACTS ABOUT THE DANIELS SCHOLARSHIP

- Daniels Scholarships may be used at any two- or four-year, not-for-profit accredited college or university in the U.S. Students must intend to complete a bachelor's degree.
- The Daniels Fund strongly encourages students to apply to college by the end of December 2012. Please note that the Daniels Scholarship can only be used at one of the schools listed in the student's Daniels Scholarship application. In other words, students may not apply to a new school once they are awarded a Daniels Scholarship.
- Daniels Scholarships are not full-ride. Instead they cover the unmet needs of the student. The scholarship amount is determined after all other financial aid resources and an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) have been applied. Amounts are different for each student and can change from year to year.

### Example Scholarship Scenario

Cost of Attendance	<b>\$25,000</b>
Expected Family Contribution (EFC)	<b>\$4,000</b>
Other Scholarships and Financial Aid	<b>\$10,000</b>
Daniels Scholarship	<b>\$11,000</b>

- Daniels Scholarships pay toward all or part of a student's required college expenses (i.e., tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, and miscellaneous educational expenses).
- Daniels Scholarships are annually renewable up to a maximum of four academic years (8 semesters or 12 quarters) if the recipient: 1) is making satisfactory academic progress as verified by college transcripts, and 2) complies with the terms and conditions of the scholarship.
- Daniels Scholars are required to hold jobs during the school year to continue receiving their scholarships. The minimum work requirement is 125 hours during the first year and 250 hours during each of the other years.
- While in college, Daniels Scholars participate in the Daniels Scholar Enrichment Program, a series of workshops led by local and national experts on topics including Ethics, Character, Patriotism, Civics, Free Enterprise, Entrepreneurism, Leadership, Critical Thinking, and Etiquette.



## COLLEGE CHOICE

Whether or not you receive a Daniels Scholarship your final college choice should be thoughtfully considered by you and your parent/ adult supporters. Here are just a few areas you should think about as you make your final decision:

### Academics

- Does the school offer the major you are most interested in studying?
- Does the school offer 1 or 2 alternative majors that interest you in case you change your major?
- What type of academic and career advising does the school provide?
- Do you know the difference between the core/ general education requirements and the requirements for your major in order to graduate?

### Affordability

- Does the school's financial aid award offer sufficient financial support?
- Would you be able to attend and afford this school if you were not ultimately selected as a Daniels Scholar?

### General

- Is the school located in an area that provides access to various types of public transportation?
- Does the campus and surrounding community offer sufficient employment opportunities for students?
- Does the campus or surrounding community have some of the organizations or establishments (such as your church denomination) that may help ensure your success?
- Does the campus offer housing options during holiday breaks or summer vacation?
- Does the school offer health insurance?

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### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Additional information about the Daniels Scholarship is available at [www.DanielsFund.org](http://www.DanielsFund.org).

If you have questions about the Daniels Scholarship Program, or need help with the application process, please contact the Daniels Fund at:

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