



The Long Journey Scholarship for Immigrant and DACamented Students

The Desert Southwest Conference, in partnership with the Desert Southwest United Methodist Foundation is happy to offer this opportunity for the **Long Journey Scholarship**. This scholarship program recognizes students who have demonstrated exceptional leadership potential, are active in their community and/or within their local United Methodist Church, and who are pursuing a higher education. The scholarships assist students with the common financial challenge that they face while attending school. Multiple scholarships up to \$1,000 may be awarded annually.

Qualified applicants must submit an application, a response to essay questions, an official transcript, and two (2) letters of recommendation prior to the June 30th or December 31st deadlines.

All scholars and applicants shall be notified of the award decision within 60 days of the application deadline. Scholarship funds shall be paid directly to their school, for the benefit of the scholars. The scholarship amounts may vary annually relative to the funds available.

Direct any questions to the Foundation office 602-798-8202 or foundation@dsumf.org



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Application

Please complete the following information and return by **JUNE 30 OR DECEMBER 31 DEADLINE**, to:

foundation@dsumf.org or
Desert Southwest United Methodist Foundation
1300 S. Litchfield Road, Suite 220-O
Goodyear, AZ 85338

Name	
Address	
City/State/Zip	Phone
Marital Status ____ Single ____ Married ____ Divorced	Number of Dependents
Name and Address of School Attending	
Degree Pursuing	Cumulative GPA
During the 2025-2026 academic year, I intend to be enrolled: ____ Full-Time ____ Part-Time Credit hours per semester _____	
Estimated Annual Expenses: (Note: Include total household expenses. If married or dependents are living with you, include those related expenses.)	
Tuition & Books:	Housing:
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Transportation:	Child Care:
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Food:	Insurance:
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Medical:	Clothing:
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Annual Debt Repayment:	Other Personal:
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Other (specify):	Going Out/Travel/Fitness/Entertainment:
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Estimated Annual Income:

(Note: Include total household income, less taxes. If married or dependents are living with you, include their income, if any.)

Net Wages/Salary/Work Study:

Other Grants/Scholarships:

529 Plan Contributions/Financial Gifts:

Other (specify):

Household Debt:

(Note: Include total household debt. If married or dependents are living with you, include their debt, if any.)

Undergraduate Student Loans:

Graduate School Student Loans:

Credit Card Debt:

Medical Debt:

Mortgage:

Other (specify):

I attest to the following (please initial and sign by hand):

____ I am enrolled as a part-time or full-time student and currently attend an institution of higher learning or a trade school.

____ My cumulative GPA is 3.00 or higher.

____ The information in this application is accurate, truthful, and complete.

Signature

Date

Print Name

Email

On a separate page, please provide your thoughtful response to the following:
(word count limit 250 per question)

1. How has your immigration journey impacted your goal of attending a university, community college or trade school?
2. What are your career aspirations?
3. Who is your role model?
4. Why did you choose this school or program?
5. What has been one of your greatest achievements?

Letters of Recommendation: (To be provided directly from the recommender)

Provide (2) letters of recommendation. These letters should specifically address the writers' perception of 1) your gifts and skills, 2) your involvement in community and/or organizational leadership and contributions to your church, if applicable, and 3) your capacity to learn and grow and become a leader in your chosen field.

Note: The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) prohibits an educational institution from releasing confidential, non-directory information about a student without a student's consent. You may waive this right for faculty and staff when you ask them to write a letter of recommendation for this scholarship application process. It is your responsibility to provide this consent and to follow the appropriate protocol of your school.

Reminder: In order for your application to be considered, the following must be received by December 31 or June 30. It is your responsibility to verify all information has been received in our office by the due date.

- Completed Application
- Response to Essay Questions
- Official Transcript
- Two (2) Letters of Recommendation