



**DARIEN CHAMBER CHARITABLE FOUNDATION, INC.  
COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

High school seniors, college students, and graduate students are eligible to apply for one of two merit-based scholarships if they or an immediate family member/legal guardian work for a business that is a member of the Darien Chamber of Commerce.

Please indicate which scholarship you are applying for:

**\_\_\_ General Education Scholarship (\$2,500)**

Is awarded to a student pursuing any field of study. This award is open to students from diverse academic backgrounds, including the arts, humanities, social sciences, business, and more.

**\_\_\_ Penny Glassmeyer STEM Scholarship (\$2,500)**

Is awarded to a student planning to major in STEM fields (Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics). It honors Penny Glassmeyer, a longtime Chamber supporter and Darien resident, whose dedication and vision have significantly impacted our community.

Scholarship recipients will receive a one-time award of \$2,500, payable directly to the institution they attend. The scholarship check must be issued before December 15, 2026.

Complete applications must be emailed to [excdirector@darienctchamber.com](mailto:excdirector@darienctchamber.com) by **April 15, 2026**. **All required documents must be included in a single email**, except for recommendation/character reference letters, which may be submitted separately. Typed applications, submitted by the applicant him/herself are preferred.

The scholarship recipient will be announced in May. A photo with some Board members of the Darien Chamber of Commerce is required.

All applications will be kept confidential and reviewed solely by the Chamber's scholarship committee.



**Darien Chamber Charitable Foundation, Inc. Scholarship Application Form**

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**PERSONAL DATA**

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_
2. Present Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_
3. Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_
4. Current school \_\_\_\_\_
5. College Attending \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**ACADEMIC STATUS**

1. Expected Date of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_
2. If in a graduate program, indicate the number of graduate credit hours earned thus far: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Area of concentration: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

**ELIGIBILITY**

1. How are you related to the Chamber member? Check one:  
 A member of my family is employed by a Chamber member business.  
 I am employed by a Chamber member business.
2. Name of relative employed by a Chamber member (can state "myself"):  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Business \_\_\_\_\_  
Position held \_\_\_\_\_

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Father's/Guardian's name and address:

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Mother/Guardian's name and address:

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Names and ages of brothers and sisters:

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Are you now studying under any scholarship grants?

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Will you be attending as a full-time or part-time student?

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**SHORT ANSWER**

On a separate piece of paper, we encourage you to submit a thoughtful response that highlights your personal achievements, community involvement, and future aspirations. Please explain:

*How has your involvement in your local community shaped your personal growth and influenced your educational and career goals?*

Or

*How do you plan to use your education to give back to your community in the future?*

**Please see that the following documents are all included in one email, along with your application. All must be received on time to process the application.**

1. A transcript of your grades (past 4 years high school and/or college, as applicable).
2. A letter of recommendation from a member of the school staff or faculty who is familiar with your academic ability and character. *This may be sent under separate cover to [execdirector@darienctchamber.com](mailto:execdirector@darienctchamber.com).*
3. A letter of character reference from someone who is not a relative. *This may be sent under separate cover to [execdirector@darienctchamber.com](mailto:execdirector@darienctchamber.com).*
4. A statement from your employer or a family member's employer, who is a Chamber member, verifying your eligibility.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND DOCUMENTS:  
EMAILED BY April 15, 2025.**

***All data received will be treated as confidential by the committee***

**A helpful check list. Again, please attach all documents in one email and send by 4-15-25 to [execdirector@darienctchamber.com](mailto:execdirector@darienctchamber.com)**

- Front page of application indicating General Education or STEM scholarship
- Signed application
- Short answer
- Transcript
- One letter of recommendation (may be sent separately by April 15<sup>th</sup>)
- One character reference (may be sent separately by April 15<sup>th</sup>)
- Employer Statement