

Avon Dollars for SCHOLARS®



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Dear Scholarship Applicant:

The Avon Chapter of the Dollars for Scholars was founded in 1978 as a non-profit organization. Scholarships are provided to selected eligible applicants for post-high school education or training.

Over the years our criteria for awarding scholarships has evolved. We now have three types of awards. Some are based only on financial needs and some are based only on merit, while most are based on a combination of need and merit.

The contributions made by individuals, businesses and civic organizations to Dollars for Scholars are outright gifts. Conditions or restrictions obligating repayment have never been imposed by any donation. No gift will be solicited or accepted which requires repayment by the recipient.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be high school seniors (this includes mid-year graduates) and, in most cases, bona fide Avon residents. Avon residents who are seniors at public, private, or parochial schools may apply. In addition, non-resident students at Avon High School who are participating in an academic program approved by the Avon Board of Education may also apply. Applicants must anticipate enrolling full-time at a university or college, junior college, technical institute, trade school, school of nursing or other recognized training facility which provides post-high school education. Scholarship funds will be disbursed upon actual enrollment.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Scholarships Based On a Combination of Financial Need and Merit (Recommended)

1. Complete the attached Dollars for Scholars Application.
2. If you filed a paper copy of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form, attach to your application a copy of Step Four (Page 5) from the FAFSA. Please blank-out names and Social Security Numbers.

c/o Farmington Bank, 427 West Avon Road, Avon, CT 06001
www.avondfs.org

3. If you filed your FAFSA over the Internet, attach to your application a copy of Step Four (questions 59-84). Please blank-out names and Social Security numbers.
4. If you did not complete a FAFSA, forms are available from the Avon High School Guidance office or over the Internet at www.fafsa.ed.gov.
5. Attach to your application a resume that lists your extracurricular and community service activities. Please do not include your name or Social Security number.

Scholarships Based Only On Financial Need

1. Complete the attached Dollars for Scholars application.
2. Attach to your application a copy of Step Four of your completed FAFSA mentioned in 2. or 3. above.

Scholarships Based Only On Merit

1. Complete Sections I and II of the attached Dollars for Scholars application.
2. Attach a list of your extracurricular and community service activities.

Submission of Application and Attachments

Mail your application and attachments to: Avon Dollars for Scholars
Jodie G. Lemeris, Treasurer
Farmington Bank
427 W. Avon Rd
Avon, CT 06001

Your application package must be postmarked by Monday, May 3, 2010. This deadline is important and cannot be extended.

Evaluation of Applications

The Awards Committee of Dollars for Scholars is responsible for selecting all scholarship recipients. Members will evaluate each application without knowledge of the applicant's name. This "blind" process will be coordinated by the Chairman of the Selection Committee.

Any financial information you provide in your application package will be used to compare your financial circumstances with those of other local applicants. The system of comparison is based on a formula developed in part by the College Scholarship Service, a subdivision of the College Entrance Examination Board. All financial information will be kept strictly confidential.

Announcement of Recipients

Recipients will be invited to attend the annual Avon Dollars for Scholars Awards Night.

PLEASE CALL MS. JANE ELLEN PEREGRIN, GUIDANCE DIRECTOR FOR AVON HIGH SCHOOL, AT 404-4750 IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROCEDURES.

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STUDENT APPLICATION FORM

SECTION II

PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. STUDENT'S PRESENT YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL: _____

2. NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL: _____

3. STUDENT LIVES WITH: (check any that apply)

Father ___ Stepmother ___ Guardians ___ Father deceased ___ Parents separated ___

Mother ___ Stepmother ___ Relative ___ Mother deceased ___ Parents divorced ___

4. STUDENT:

Maintains own residence ___ Helps support family ___ Supports self ___

ACADEMIC PLANS

1. NAME OF SCHOOL STUDENT WILL ATTEND (Include technical/vocational schools):

Town

State

Zip

2. EXPECTED ACADEMIC MAJOR, MINOR OR CAREER GOAL

- Animal Science
- Banking
- Business
- Criminal Justice (includes Law)
- Engineering
- Finance (includes Accounting, Economics, Investments)
- Healthcare (includes Medicine, Nursing, Dentistry, Sports)
- Environmental
- Music
- Science (includes nutrition, pharmacy)
- Teaching
- Other (please specify):

ACTIVITIES PARTICIPATED IN PRIOR TO AND INCLUDING HIGH SCHOOL

(Check Category)

Boy Scouts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Number of Years: _____
Girl Scouts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Number of Years: _____
Little League	<input type="checkbox"/>	Number of Years: _____
Travel Basketball	<input type="checkbox"/>	Number of Years: _____
Travel Soccer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Number of Years: _____
Other (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Number of Years: _____

NOTE: IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR A SCHOLARSHIP BASED ONLY ON MERIT, YOU SHOULD END YOUR APPLICATION HERE. PLEASE ATTACH A LIST OF YOUR EXTRACURRICULAR AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES.

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SECTION III

FINANCIAL PLANS

1. TOTAL ESTIMATED COST FOR THE SCHOOL YOU WILL ATTEND IF YOU WILL BE A RESIDENT STUDENT:

Tuition and Fees: _____

Room and Board: _____

Total Cost: _____

2. TOTAL COST FOR THE SCHOOL YOU WILL ATTEND IF YOU WILL BE A COMMUTING STUDENT:

Tuition and Fees: _____

NOTE: Cost estimates for most schools are available in the College Board publication The College Cost Book. A copy is available in the Avon High School Guidance Office. You may also obtain this information from the school's catalog.

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3. FINANCIAL AID RECEIVED TO DATE:

A. Financial Aid Received From the School You Will Attend:

Grants/Scholarships: _____

Work/Study Programs: _____

Loans: _____

Total: _____

B. Financial Aid Received From Other Sources:

Grants/Scholarships: _____

Loans: _____

Other: _____

Total: _____

NOTE: Financial aid awards from the school you will attend may not have been made at the time you complete this application. In that event, you should complete the above using N/A. We will, however, require this information before scholarships are awarded. Upon receipt of this information from the school, you should notify Ms. Peregrin.

4. BRIEFLY EXPLAIN YOUR PLANS FOR MEETING YOUR EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES. INCLUDE COMMENTS ON YOUR EMPLOYMENT PLANS (INCLUDE TYPE OF WORK AND EXPECTED NUMBER OF HOURS PER WEEK):

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5. DESCRIBE ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT IS PERTINENT TO YOUR OR YOUR PARENTS' ABILITY TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THE COST OF YOUR EDUCATION. INCLUDE SUCH MATTERS AS CHRONIC ILLNESS, LOSS OF EMPLOYMENT, RECENT MOVES, ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW BUSINESS, UPCOMING RETIREMENT, ETC: (Attach separate sheet if necessary).

NOTE: PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF STEP FOUR FROM THE FAFSA FORM THAT YOU SUBMITTED TO COLLEGES. IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR A SCHOLARSHIP BASED ON A COMBINATION OF FINANCIAL NEED AND MERIT. ALSO, ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR EXTRACURRICULAR AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES.