

# DWSOC Recommendation Survey

## - Senior Scholarship Award

### Program 2021

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The Democratic Women of South Orange County is a chartered club under the Democratic Party of Orange County. We work to get local Democrats elected to office and are committed to social and economic equality, environmental protection, affordable health care, a high-quality public education and promoting a diverse culture.

One of the ways DWSOC seeks to promote lasting change in our community is by supporting, fostering and mentoring young Democrats. As Benjamin Disraeli wisely said, “The youth of a nation are the trustees of posterity”. We believe by encouraging and recognizing our local, young Democrats we are promoting and protecting Democratic ideals in our country and in the world – now and into the future.

You have been asked by a Senior High School Student to provide a Recommendation for an application to our 2021 Senior Scholarship Award. The following are the parameters of our Senior Student Scholarship Program:

#### Eligibility Requirements

- Graduating high school senior for the current 2021 academic year from one of the following schools:
  - Dana Hills High School, San Clemente High School and San Juan Hills High School
- Demonstrated community involvement consistent with promoting democracy and Democratic ideals
- Registered or pre-registered as a Democrat
- Completed application with three (3) detailed questions and one (1) Essay
- Completed Recommendation Survey (only 1) from a teacher/counselor/academic advisor/coach of the student

#### Award Details

- DWSOC will award a minimum of three (3) scholarships up to \$1,000. Graduating seniors from any of the following high schools are eligible: Dana Hills High School, San Clemente High School and San Juan Hills High School. Award Recipient Winners will be announced by each high school at its virtual Senior Awards Night event on Thursday, May 20, 2021.
- DWSOC reserves the right to award multiple scholarships to seniors at the same school if it so chooses. Scholarship awards will be based on how well the senior student demonstrates leadership, community involvement and concern for Democratic issues as well as other information submitted in the application.

#### Terms and Timing

- Students must submit application materials to us **no later than Sunday, April 11** to [scholarships@dwsoc.org](mailto:scholarships@dwsoc.org)
- Awards will be mailed directly to the student and notification made to each of the student’s respective Senior Awards Academic Advisor
- Decisions on Awardees/amounts will be made by the DWSOC Scholarship Committee and its Executive Board
- Recipients will be recognized by DWSOC via its website and through Press Releases to local media.

**To the Recommender:**

Thank you for taking the time to make a recommendation for this student. We would like to see a complete picture of this applicant by having your perspective on his/her commitment to promoting democratic ideals. Some information you may wish to include are the following: how you know the student, whether the student, in your opinion, is able to set goals and achieve action, why he/she would be an excellent recipient of the DWSOC scholarship, etc.

Please send this completed survey and/or letter of recommendation by **Sunday, April 11, 2021** to **scholarships@dwsoc.org**. Please include the name of the candidate and school in the subject line. Please be sure to send the survey from a work email account and include your contact information.

**A. Name of Student and High School**

Student Name	
High School	

**B. Please tell us how you know the student, and in what capacity you are providing us information on the student's qualification for our scholarship:**

**For the following ten (10) Survey Questions, please rate the student on a scale of 1 to 5, by circling the applicable number. 5 indicates you strongly agree with the statement and 1 indicates you strongly disagree with the statement. If the statement doesn't apply, or you don't have information, please leave the question blank.**

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**1. The student can set goals, create action and achieve results.**

Strongly Agree                  Somewhat Agree                  Neutral                  Somewhat Disagree                  Strongly Disagree  
5                                          4                                          3                                          2                                          1

Please provide additional detail (Optional)

**2. The student can express his/her opinion and is a good communicator.**

Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neutral	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree
5	4	3	2	1

Please provide additional detail (Optional)

**3. I see this person as a leader and/or this person has leadership potential.**

Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neutral	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree
5	4	3	2	1

Please provide additional detail (Optional)

**4. The student cares about Democratic Issues.**

Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neutral	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree
5	4	3	2	1

Please provide additional detail (Optional)

**5. The student is involved in and cares about the Community.**

Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neutral	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree
5	4	3	2	1

Please provide additional detail (Optional)

**6. The student is well-rounded and readily engages with those different from themselves.**

Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neutral	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree
5	4	3	2	1

Please provide additional detail (Optional)

**7. The student has high ethical standards and demonstrates them through actions and deeds.**

Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neutral	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree
5	4	3	2	1

Please provide additional detail (Optional)

**8. The student has a strong work ethic and is service-oriented.**

Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neutral	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree
5	4	3	2	1

Please provide additional detail (Optional)

**9. I believe this student would be a strong candidate for the DWSOC Scholarship.**

Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neutral	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree
5	4	3	2	1

Please provide additional detail (Optional)

**10. Anything else you would like to share about the student or elaborate on the above questions, please include below:**

Recommender, please sign this survey indicating the above statements reflect your sentiments about the student as true and correct and provide your contact information below:

<b>Recommender Name (printed)</b>	
<b>Recommender Signature (required)</b>	
<b>Date</b>	

### Contact Information

<b>Recommender Name</b>	
<b>Title and Workplace/Organization</b>	
<b>Work Phone</b>	
<b>Work E-Mail Address</b>	

Thank you for taking the time to provide more information about the student for our Scholarship Program 2020. **Again, please submit this Recommendation Survey by Sunday, April 11, 2021 to [scholarships@dwsoc.org](mailto:scholarships@dwsoc.org) from a work email account.** Please be sure to include **your contact information above and include the name of the candidate and high school in the subject line of the email.**

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact our **Scholarship Co-Chair** at [scholarships@dwsoc.org](mailto:scholarships@dwsoc.org) or **Trudy Podobas** at **(949) 230.4661**.

**This Recommendation Survey and Letter can also be mailed directly to the DWSOC at its address as follows:**

*Democratic Women of South Orange County*

*P.O. Box 383*

*San Clemente, CA 92674*