

DWSOC 2021 Scholarship Application



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 healthcare, a high-quality public education and the promotion of 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.

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 four (4) questions, and an Essay (choice of one (1) of three Essay questions)
- Completed Recommendation Survey (only 1 recommendation please) from a teacher/counselor/academic advisor/coach of the student, sent to DWSOC under separate cover and confidential

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 school at its virtual Senior Awards 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 the Application **no later than Sunday, April 11, 2021** to scholarships@dwsoc.org
- Awards will be mailed directly to the student and notification made to each of the student’s respective Senior Awards Academic Advisors in time for the school’s Senior Award Event on May 20, 2021.
- Decisions on awardees/amounts will be made by the DWSOC Scholarship Committee & Executive Board
- Recipients will be recognized by DWSOC via its website and through our local media Press Releases.

Student Contact Information

Name	
Street Address	
City, State, Zip Code	
Home Phone	
Cell Phone	
E-Mail Address	

Student Name

Education and Interests

1. Graduating High School (Check only one)

Dana Hills

San Clemente

San Juan Hills

2. What Democratic issues are you most concerned about and how will you demonstrate this in your community? (200 words or less) (attach a PDF if space below is not adequate for your answer)

3. What are your plans after graduation? For example, do you plan to attend college or trade school, join the military or similar service, travel, etc. (200 words or less) (attach a PDF if space below is not adequate)

4. Anything else you would like us to consider in your application? For example, honors, recognitions, awards, extra-curricular activities, leadership roles, etc. (attach a PDF if more space needed)

Student Name

Essay

Please select **ONE** of the following three questions to answer. Answers should be 2-3 pages double-spaced. Please **include your name typed on the upper left corner of EACH page. Attach your Essay in a separate PDF document.**

1. What does democracy mean to you?
2. Gandhi said, "Be the change you wish to see in the world." How would you want to change the world?
3. If you could wave a magic wand, what changes would you make to our political system?

Recommendation

Please select a teacher, instructor, counselor, coach or other non-family member to complete the separate Recommendation Survey document. **ONLY one (1) Recommendation per Student is allowed to be submitted.** Please have the recommender email the survey from a work email account with his/her contact information to **scholarships@dwsoc.org by Sunday, April 11, 2021** or mail to: **DWSOC, P.O. Box 383, San Clemente, CA 92674.**

To the Recommender:

Please send the completed survey by **Sunday, April 11, 2021** to scholarships@dwsoc.org or by mail to **DWSOC, P.O. Box 383, San Clemente, CA 92674.** Please be sure to send the signed and dated survey from a work email account and include your contact information as well as the name of the student and his/her high school per the instructions on the form.

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 would be: 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.

Student Submission

Please submit this application and essay to **scholarships@dwsoc.org by Sunday, April 11, 2021.** Please ask your recommender to send the survey to us under separate cover also no later than **Sunday, April 10, 2021** to the email address above. All materials must be received by the due date to be considered complete and eligible.

By submitting this application, I affirm that the facts set forth in it are **true and complete.** I also agree to release to the DWSOC scholarship program data which includes, but is not limited to, the use of my name and picture in promotions, press releases, publications and fundraising activities.

Student Name (printed)	
Student Signature (required)	
Date	

This Application and your Essay can also be mailed to the DWSOC at the following address:

Democratic Women of South Orange County

P.O. Box 383

San Clemente, CA 92674

Should you have any questions, you may contact Scholarship Co-Chair Trudy Podobas at scholarships@dwsoc.org or call her directly at (949) 230.4661. Many thanks!