

DWSOC 2024 Ruth Clark Honorary Scholarship Recommendation Survey Information



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 2023-2024 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. All applicants will be required to provide proof of [Pre-Registration or Registration as a Democrat at the time of Application Submission.](#)
- Completed Application Form with three (3) 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, or work supervisor/manager of the student
 - ***The Recommendation Survey must be received by 11:59pm on Sunday, April 7, 2024. Please reach out to your recommender as soon as possible.***

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 Senior Awards Event in late April or early May.
- 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 Form & Essay **no later than 11:59pm on Sunday, April 7, 2024** to scholarships@dwsoc.org. The Recommendation Survey must also be received by the same deadline.
- Awards will be mailed directly to the student and notification made to each of the student’s respective Senior Awards Guidance Techs in time for the school’s Senior Award Night Event.
- Decisions on awardees/amounts will be made by the DWSOC Scholarship Committee & Executive Board.
- Recipients will be recognized by DWSOC on its website, through Social Media/local media Press Releases, and at our June 2024 General Meeting.

To the Recommender:

Thank you for taking the time to make a recommendation for this student. Your feedback is critical in helping us understand a full picture of the applicant and their commitment to promoting democratic ideals. We will rely on your recommendation as an important component of evaluating the student.

Please complete the Recommendation Survey [linked here](#) (or available at tinyurl.com/dwsoc2024) by no later than 11:59pm on Sunday, April 7, 2024. We will verify your submission via email during the week of April 7th.