

DWSOC 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 housing, 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.

Eligibility Requirements

- Graduating high school senior for the current 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 and supporting materials

Award

- DWSOC will award a minimum of three (3) scholarships up to \$1000. 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. Awards will be presented at the respective school’s Senior Awards Night ceremony. 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 no later than **Sunday, April 14th** to **scholarships@dwsoc.org**
- Awards will be paid directly to the student and presented at the Senior Awards Night ceremony at each respective school
- Decisions will be made by DWSOC Executive Board
- Recipients will be asked to attend DWSOC’s June meeting to be recognized by its members. Attendance at the meeting is not mandatory for receiving the award.

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)

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)

4. Anything else you would like us to consider in your application? For example, honors, recognitions, awards, extra-curricular activities, leadership roles, etc. (200 words or less)

Essay

Please select one of the following questions to answer, answers should be 2-3 pages double-spaced. Please include your name typed on the upper left corner of each page.

1. What does democracy mean to you?
2. Gandhi said, "Be the change you wish to see in the world." How do 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 attached recommendation survey. Please have the recommender email the survey from a work email account with his/her contact information to **scholarships@dwsog.org** by **Sunday, April 14, 2019**. Please only send one survey.

To the Recommender:

Please send the completed survey by **Sunday, April 14, 2019** to **scholarships@dwsoc.org**

Please be sure to send the 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 complete the picture of this applicant by getting your perspective on his/her commitment to promoting democratic ideals. Some information you may wish to include: 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.

Submission

Please submit this application and essay to **scholarships@dwsog.org** by **Sunday, April 14, 2019**. Please ask your recommender to send the survey no later than **Sunday, April 14, 2019** 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 DWSOC scholarship program 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	
Date	

Recommendation Survey

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Thank you for taking the time to make a recommendation for this student. We would like to complete the picture of this applicant by getting your perspective on his/her commitment to promoting democratic ideals. Some information you may wish to include: 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 the completed survey and/or letter of recommendation by **Sunday, April 14, 2019 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.

1. Name of Student and High School

Student Name	
High School	

2. Please tell us how you know the student:

Please rate the student on a scale of 1 to 5, 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.

3. 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)

4. 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)

5. 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)

6. 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)

7. 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)

Anything else you would like to share about the student or elaborate on the above questions please include here.

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.

Recommender Name (printed)	
Recommender Signature	
Date	

Contact Information

Recommender Name	
Title and Work Place	
Work Phone	
Work E-Mail Address	

Thank you for taking the time to provide more information about the student for our scholarship program. **Please submit this recommendation survey by Sunday, April 14, 2019 to 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.