

Dalmatian Club of America Scholarship Award

The DCA will offer one or more \$500 scholarships each year in which the DCA Junior Showmanship Committee feels there is a qualified and deserving applicant. No scholarship must be awarded if the DCA Junior Showmanship Committee does not feel that there is a qualified and deserving applicant. (If there should be more than one deserving applicant, the DCA Board of Governors will decide if more than one scholarship can be provided that given year.)

Scholarship criteria

- 1) The scholarship will be open to both twelfth grade students graduating from high school and students already enrolled in college.
- 2) Applicants must have been DCA members for at least two years.
- 3) The college or university must be accredited institution of higher learning (2-4 year school).
- 4) The high school aged applicant must have a grade point average of 3.2 or higher upon graduation (eighth semester). The college-aged applicant must carry a current grade point average of 3.0.

Application process

The applicant must complete and return three (3) copies of the application and supporting documentation.

- 1) An official complete four-year transcript from the high school, showing the grade point average and class rank. The college student must supply a currently college transcript to date.
- 2) A letter of recommendation written by a member of DCA who is not the student's family member.
- 3) A personal essay that describes the student's experience with DCA and the Dalmatian, as well as plans for future involvement with the breed.
- 4) A past recipient of the scholarship may reapply for consideration in subsequent years.

Selection Committee

The president of the DCA and the members of the DCA Junior Showmanship Committee will serve as Selection Committee for scholarship. Their decision will be final and will be supported by the Board of Governors. Should the Selection Committee wish to support a second candidate that it finds worth, such a recommendation will be made to the Board, which will then ratify the decision of the committee. Members of the Selection Committee cannot write recommendations for scholarship applicants.

Deadline for applications: Applications must be received by the Chairman of the DCA Junior Showmanship Committee on June 1st of each year. Postmarks will not be considered.

Notification: July 15th of each year. The DCA Treasurer will then mail the stipend to the student's college registrar to be applied to the student's tuition account. It is the recipient's responsibility to notify the Treasurer of the exact access and references to accomplish this transfer. This notification must be made prior to the beginning of the fall semester of the year of the award.

Report Back to JS Committee: If an individual accepts this scholarship, it is strictly understood on January 1st of the following year the award of the scholarship, each recipient will provide a report detailing how the scholarship stipend has been used and the effect that the award has had toward their education. The report should be 400 words and cite specifics.

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APPLICATION FORM

Please type or print clearly in black or blue ink, answering all questions, and submitting all requested supported documentation. Deadline JUNE 1st of every year.

1) **PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Name: _____
 First Middle Initial Last

Social Security Number: _____

Gender: M F Date of Birth: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

2) **ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

Class level for 2019 2020 (circle one)
High School or College: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Cumulative grade point average at the end of the Fall 2015
semester: _____
(Please submit an official transcript with this application)

When is your anticipated graduation date: _____
(Please give semester and year)

3) **EXTRA-CURRICULAR AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

List all school and community activities, especially dog related activities. Please state positions held (i.e. Member, President, etc.) And contact person's name and telephone number. You may attach this information on a separate sheet if you prefer.

4) **PERSONAL ESSAY**

Please provide a typed personal essay, no more than two pages in length that describes the following:

- your background and involvement with Dalmatians to date
- what you foresee your future involvement in the breed to be
- your educational and career aspirations

5) **LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**

Please provide a letter of recommendation from a DCA member in good standing, other than a family member.

6) **COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCE (For High School Students Only)**

Please enclose a copy of college and or university acceptance date. If you have not decided which college or university you are attending, then copies of all acceptance letters to date.

7) I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, all information and statements are correct and accurate. I further understand that this application, my personal essay, references and certification of my cumulative grade point average may be given to the scholarship committee members for their review.

By signing this application, I agree that should I receive any scholarship monies, they will be used for the purpose stated.

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____