



**DARIEN CHAMBER CHARITABLE FOUNDATION, INC.
COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

High school seniors, college students, and graduate students are eligible to apply for one of two merit-based scholarships if they or an immediate family member/legal guardian work for a business that is a member of the Darien Chamber of Commerce.

Please indicate which scholarship you are applying for:

___ **General Education Scholarship (\$2,500)**

Is awarded to a student pursuing any field of study. This award is open to students from diverse academic backgrounds, including the arts, humanities, social sciences, business, and more.

___ **Penny Glassmeyer STEM Scholarship (\$2,500)**

Is awarded to a student planning to major in STEM fields (Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics). It honors Penny Glassmeyer, a longtime Chamber supporter and Darien resident, whose dedication and vision have significantly impacted our community.

Scholarship recipients will receive a one-time award of \$2,500, payable directly to the institution they attend. The scholarship check must be issued before December 15, 2025.

Complete applications must be emailed to excdirector@darienctchamber.com by **April 15, 2025**. **All required documents must be included in a single email**, except for recommendation/character reference letters, which may be submitted separately. Typed applications, submitted by the applicant him/herself are preferred.

The scholarship recipient will be announced in May. A photo with the Executive Director, the Chairman of The Darien Chamber Charitable Foundation, and the Chairman of the Darien Chamber of Commerce is required.

All applications will be kept confidential and reviewed solely by the Chamber's scholarship committee.



Darien Chamber Charitable Foundation, Inc. Scholarship Application Form

PERSONAL DATA

1. Name _____
2. Present Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Cell _____
Email _____
3. Date of Birth _____
4. Current school _____
5. College Attending _____
Address _____ Zip _____

ACADEMIC STATUS

1. Expected Date of Graduation _____
2. If in a graduate program, indicate the number of graduate credit hours earned thus far: _____
3. Area of concentration: _____
4. Current GPA: _____

ELIGIBILITY

1. How are you related to the Chamber member? Check one:
 A member of my family is employed by a Chamber member business.
 I am employed by a Chamber member business.
2. Name of relative employed by a Chamber member (can state "myself"):
Name _____ Relationship _____
Name of Business _____
Position held _____

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Father's/Guardian's name and address:

Mother/Guardian's name and address:

Names and ages of brothers and sisters: _____

Are you now studying under any scholarship grants? _____

Will you be attending as a full-time or part-time student? _____

SHORT ANSWER

On a separate piece of paper, we encourage you to submit a thoughtful response that highlights your personal achievements, community involvement, and future aspirations. Please explain:

How has your involvement in your local community shaped your personal growth and influenced your educational and career goals?

Or

How do you plan to use your education to give back to your community in the future?

Please see that the following documents are all included in one email, along with your application. All must be received on time to process the application.

1. A transcript of your grades (past 4 years high school and/or college, as applicable).
2. A letter of recommendation from a member of the school staff or faculty who is familiar with your academic ability and character. *This may be sent under separate cover to execdirector@darienctchamber.com.*
3. A letter of character reference from someone who is not a relative. *This may be sent under separate cover to execdirector@darienctchamber.com.*
4. A statement from your employer or a family member's employer, who is a Chamber member, verifying your eligibility.

Date: _____ Signature of Applicant: _____

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND DOCUMENTS:
EMAILED BY April 15, 2025.**

All data received will be treated as confidential by the committee

A helpful check list. Again, please attach all documents in one email and send by 4-15-25 to execdirector@darienctchamber.com

- Front page of application indicating General Education or STEM scholarship
- Signed application
- Short answer
- Transcript
- One letter of recommendation (may be sent separately by April 15th)
- One character reference (may be sent separately by April 15th)
- Employer Statement