Tasks and Deadlines to Complete your Dorrance Scholarship Application

Phase I – Online application, transcript and test scores deadline February 7th:

- You must meet ALL of the following minimum eligibility requirements or your application will NOT be considered:
  - Current seniors who will graduate from an accredited Arizona high school and enter the university as a college freshman
  - First generation to attend college (neither parent/stepparent or legal guardian holds a four year degree)
  - Minimum cumulative 3.00 GPA (weighted or unweighted)
  - Minimum combined SAT score of 1120 or composite ACT score of 22 (excluding writing score in both instances)
  - Admitted to one of Arizona’s three residential public universities (ASU-Tempe, NAU-Flagstaff, UA-Tucson)
  - Demonstrated financial need as determined by the FAFSA (http://fafsa.ed.gov).
  - Agree to participate in all aspects of the scholarship program (See Program At A Glance)
  - Reside on campus freshman and sophomore year and participate in the Summer Bridge Program

- Apply to the university of your choice and follow instructions to secure on-campus housing:
  - ASU: https://students.asu.edu/admission; https://housing.asu.edu/home
  - NAU: http://nau.edu/admissions/; http://nau.edu/Residence-Life/Apply-for-Housing/
  - UA: http://www.arizona.edu/future-students; https://housing.arizona.edu/

- Notify your counselor and a teacher from a core course that you are applying for the Dorrance Scholarship and may need a letter of recommendation. If you are selected as a Semi-Finalist, you will need a letter of recommendation from each submitted electronically by March 7th.

- Submit your FAFSA application by January 15th:
  - The 2018-2019 FAFSA opens October 1st, 2017

If the university does not have your FAFSA information on file by February 7th, you will be removed from the application process.

- Attach electronic copies to your application or mail to our office a high school transcript through the seventh semester, any transcripts from community colleges or other schools you attend, and verification of your ACT or SAT test scores (if not on your transcript). All documents must be RECEIVED by our office by 5pm on February 7th.

- Submit your online application by February 7th by 5pm. Be sure to check your email regularly as you will be notified about your application status electronically.

- You will be notified via email no later than February 26th if you were selected as a Semi-Finalist or not selected.

Phase II – Essay and Letters of Recommendation deadline March 7th:

- Return to your online application to submit your application essay due by 5pm on March 7th.

- Notify your counselor and the teacher you selected that you are a Semi-Finalist. They will need to submit by 5pm on March 7th a letter of recommendation electronically via the email they received when you submitted your application from SmarterSelect.

- You will be notified via email by April 2nd if were selected as a Finalist or not selected.

Phase III – Finalist Interviews:

- Finalists will be interviewed in Tempe by a committee on a date in April.

- Recipients will be selected by the interview committee and notified via email no later than May 1, 2018.

If selected to receive the Dorrance Scholarship, a mandatory Freshman Orientation will be held on a date TBD. Questions about your eligibility or completing this application should be directed to your high school counselor or the Dorrance Scholarship Programs staff at 480-405-2410.