

Tasks and Deadlines to Complete your Dorrance Scholarship Application

Phase I – Eligibility, online application, and required documents, deadline February 6th:

- You must meet ALL of the following eligibility requirements:
 - Current seniors who will graduate from an accredited Arizona high school and enter the university as a college freshmen
 - 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 for both)
 - 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 successfully complete the Summer Bridge Program
- Verify that the university you plan to attend offers the major you plan to pursue.
- 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/reslife/>
 - UA- <http://admissions.arizona.edu>; <https://housing.arizona.edu/>
- Notify your counselor and a teacher from a core subject that you are applying for the Dorrance Scholarship and may need a recommendation. If you are selected as a Semi-Finalist, you will need a recommendation from each of them submitted electronically by March 6th.
- Submit your FAFSA by the recommended submission date of **January 1st**:
 - The 2019-2020 FAFSA opens October 1st, 2018.
- Submit the following documents with your application. Electronic copies can be attached to your application or physical documents can be mailed to our office. All documents must be **RECEIVED** by our office by **5pm on February 6th**.
 - High school transcript **through the seventh semester**,
 - Transcripts from community colleges or other schools you attend,
 - Verification of your ACT or SAT test scores (if they are not listed on your transcript),
 - Student Aid Report (SAR) document summarizing FAFSA information to determine financial need.
- Submit your online application by **February 6th by 5pm**. Be sure to check your email regularly as you will be notified about your application status via email.
- You will be notified via email by **February 25th** if you are or are not selected as a Semi-Finalist.

Phase II – Essay, short answers, and recommendations, deadline March 6th:

- Return to your online application to submit your application short answers (5-6 short answer questions; 250-word max) and essay (1 essay; 500-800 words) due by **5pm on March 6th**.
- Notify your recommenders that you are a Semi-Finalist. They will need to submit a recommendation by **5pm on March 6th** via the email they received (from SmarterSelect) when you submitted your application.
- You will be notified via email by **April 1st** if you are or are not selected as a Finalist.

Phase III – Finalist interview:

- Finalists will be interviewed in Tempe by a committee on a date in **April**.
- You will be notified via email by **May 1st** if you are or are not selected as a Recipient.

Phase IV – DSP Orientation and Summer Bridge:

- Recipients are required to successfully complete the following meeting and program to receive this scholarship in the fall:
 - DSP Orientation on a Saturday in May (date TBD).
 - DSP Summer Bridge Program in Flagstaff Arizona. Please hold June and July 2019 for the program (specific dates TBD). All required Summer Bridge expenses will be covered.

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.