

**Illinois State Organization  
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DAR strongly supports the education of America's youth in a variety of ways. A major area of support is the awarding of scholarships. Each year the National Society awards multiple scholarships to students showing dedication to the pursuit of higher education in diverse areas of study. The Illinois State Organization awards eight \$1,000 scholarships annually. Information about the scholarships and the application process for scholarships offered by the Illinois State Organization can be found at [\*\*https://www.ildar.org/assets/pages/education.html\*\*](https://www.ildar.org/assets/pages/education.html) Scholarships provide an opportunity for higher education that can be the pathway to a brighter future. Help make a difference by sharing information with local schools, potential candidates, chapter members and the community.

**SCHOLARSHIPS ADMINISTERED BY THE ILLINOIS STATE ORGANIZATION**

**General Scholarships**

- Each DAR District will offer one \$1,000 scholarship. If no eligible or qualified applicant is received from a district, the judges may select a winner from another district.
- DAR chapter sponsorship of an applicant is required. Each DAR chapter may sponsor ONE new applicant for a state general scholarship. A previous year's winner may apply for a renewal.
- Applicants for Illinois DAR general scholarships must attend a college or university in Illinois.
- Scholarship application instructions and forms are available on the Illinois DAR public website at [\*\*https://www.ildar.org/assets/pages/education.html\*\*](https://www.ildar.org/assets/pages/education.html)
- **Applications must be submitted to the chapter no later than February 1, 2026. The application chosen for sponsorship must be received by this chair no later than February 20, 2026.**

**General Henry Dearborn American History Scholarship**

- The Illinois State Organization NSDAR will award one \$1,000 scholarship to a student who is an Illinois resident planning to major in American history
- DAR chapter sponsorship of an applicant is required. Each DAR chapter may sponsor ONE new applicant for this scholarship. A previous year's winner may also apply for a renewal.
- Scholarship application instructions and forms are available on the Illinois DAR public website at [\*\*https://www.ildar.org/assets/pages/education.html\*\*](https://www.ildar.org/assets/pages/education.html)
- **Applications must be submitted to the chapter no later than February 1, 2026. The application chosen for sponsorship must be received by this chair no later than February 20, 2026.**

**SCHOLARSHIPS ADMINISTERED BY THE NATIONAL SOCIETY**

- 26 different national scholarships are offered for graduating high school seniors, and college, graduate and medical students.
- Information on specific scholarships and application requirements may be found on the Scholarship pages of the DAR public website ([\*\*https://www.dar.org/national-society/scholarships\*\*](https://www.dar.org/national-society/scholarships)).
- **Applications must be submitted using the online Application Submission Portal (<http://dar.academicworks.com/scholarships>). The portal opens November 1, 2025, and closes January 31, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. (Hawaii time). Neither e-mailed nor mailed applications will be accepted.**
- DAR chapter sponsorship is not required for NSDAR scholarships; however, applicants may want to contact a DAR chapter in their area for help with their applications.