



DREAMer Scholarship Fund

Guidelines

1. This special non-budget fund was established in 2012 to help Mennonites who qualified for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program to pay the application fee. Due to the political uncertainty for undocumented immigrants in the U.S., this fund has not been utilized fully. In acknowledgement of the spirit in which these contributions were given, we are expanding this fund to provide a \$500 to \$1500 scholarship to go towards college or trade school tuition for young adult Mennonites who are undocumented immigrants.
2. The Executive Board's director of transformative peacemaking will supervise the operation of the fund, joined by a Mennonite Church USA Scholarship Administrative Committee to be composed of the chief operating officer and Executive Board finance staff.

Persons eligible to receive support from the special fund include all undocumented immigrant young adults who are members of a Mennonite Church USA congregation OR who are members of an other-than-Mennonite congregation but attend a Mennonite college or university. All applicants must meet the following criteria:

- The applicant must have entered the United States prior to his/her 16th birthday.
 - The applicant must have been in the United States for at least five consecutive years.
 - The applicant must have graduated from high school, have obtained a GED or currently be enrolled in college or trade school.
 - The applicant must be 35 or younger at the time he/she is applying.
 - The applicant must have good moral standing (no previous or current convictions).
3. Funds will be allocated as follows:
 - a. Students who are members in good standing in a Mennonite Church USA congregation will have priority and can apply for:
 - A \$1,500 scholarship per school year if attending a Mennonite college/university.
 - A \$1,000 scholarship per school year if attending an other-than-Mennonite college/university.
 - A \$500 scholarship if attending a trade school.
 - b. Students who are members in good standing of a congregation that is not part of Mennonite Church USA but who attend a Mennonite college/university can apply for:
 - A \$1,000 scholarship per school year if attending a Mennonite college/university.
 4. Mennonite Church USA will provide staff time for the administration of the fund. These administrative costs will be deducted from the total contributions received each year.
 5. Recipients and their congregations will be expected to promote this fund by setting aside one Sunday once a year for a special offering toward this fund.

6. Fund distribution dates:
 - a. Requests for funds should be received by September 30; January 30; March 30; and June 30.
 - b. Funds will be distributed between 4 and 6 weeks after the deadline dates.
7. If the need for this fund should cease and undistributed funds remain, the remaining balance will be disbursed by determination of the Mennonite Church USA Scholarship Administrative Committee for use in harmony with the purpose of this fund.
8. Changes to these guidelines will be the responsibility of the director of transformative peacemaking.

Please send contributions to:

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DREAMer Scholarship Fund
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