



## **Richard J. Debelak Scholarship Criteria**

***One or more scholarship recipient(s) will be chosen annually from Iron Mountain High School. The recipient(s) shall receive either a one-time or a renewable scholarship award in an amount to be determined annually based upon the earned income of the fund.***

### **Criteria:**

1. The scholarship is available to graduating seniors of Iron Mountain High School. In addition to seniors, any exceptionally gifted student who will be proceeding directly to college/university in the subsequent academic year without graduating from high school is eligible to apply for this scholarship.
2. Depending upon the fund's earnings, the scholarship will be either a one-time award or may be extended to be renewable up to a maximum of four years of undergraduate study. If and when the fund's earnings allow, the scholarship may be extended to be renewed for up to 4 years of post-graduate study.
3. The applicant must be entering a degree-granting program at a four-year post-secondary institution of higher learning. Applications from students pursuing degrees in education, math, or science related fields shall be given preference, however, students entering any field of study are eligible to apply and will be considered in the overall selection process. The Debelak Scholarship Committee shall make the final determination regarding recipient(s) and has the option to ignore field of study preferences if they determine it would be appropriate and would best fulfill the intent and spirit of the Debelak Scholarship Award.
4. Applicants must have a 3.0 or greater GPA in high school and have demonstrated the ability to do college-level coursework.
5. Applicants must submit a reference letter from a teacher who has known the applicant for a minimum of one year. The reference letter must address the teacher's personal perception of the student's capabilities and skills to succeed in their chosen field of study.
6. Applicants must write and attach a one-page, double-spaced essay stating how they prepared themselves through high school for the field of study they are entering and how this field of study will fit into their future plans once they are finished with college.
7. All applicants must adhere to Guidance Counselor deadlines. Failure to turn in a completed application by the due date will result in the student being

ineligible for this scholarship. Guidance Counselors, all completed applications must be returned to DACF by March 15<sup>th</sup>.

8. A transcript of the student's high school records must be provided.
9. The financial need of the applicant shall be a factor in the selection of students for the Scholarship, but not the sole factor, as outstanding academic achievement shall also be considered a major factor in student selection.
10. To remain eligible for the renewable Richard J. Debelak Scholarship award, the recipient must be a full-time student (12 or more credit hours per semester or the equivalent) and maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5. The recipient must submit their official college transcript to Dickinson Area Community Foundation (DACF) each year in accordance with the Foundation's established policies for renewing scholarships to confirm eligibility prior to award disbursement.
11. In the event the Scholarship Selection Committee does not feel applicants for a particular year warrant the scholarship, then no award shall be given out and eligible funds shall remain in the scholarship fund account.
12. A scholarship award may be revoked by the DACF Board of Trustees because of:
  - Criminal or anti-social conduct of recipient.
  - Filing false information on application.
  - Scholastic inadequacy of a recipient.
  - Failure to provide the Dickinson Area Community Foundation with documents and verification as specified in the Foundation's established policies for renewing scholarships.
  - For such other good cause as the DACF Board may, in its sole discretion, determine.

Revocation shall be by the action of a majority of the members of the DACF Board of Trustees, and upon such revocation, any and all funds still controlled by the Board of Trustees shall be withheld and disposed of at the discretion of the Board.



## Richard J. Debelak Scholarship

<b>Date</b>			
<b>Full Name</b>			
<b>Street Address</b>			
<b>City ST ZIP Code</b>			
<b>Phone</b>			
<b>Email Address</b>			
<b>High School Attended</b>			
<b>GPA</b>			
<b>What extra-curricular and community service activities did you participate in? Include in-school activities and activities outside of school. List position held, if applicable.</b>			
<b>Did you work during the school year?</b>		<b>If yes, how many hours/week:</b>	
<b>Name of college or university you plan to attend:</b>			
<b>Have you applied for admission?</b>			
<b>Have you been accepted?</b>			
<b>Intended field of study:</b>			
<b>Have you applied for other scholarships?</b>			
<b>Have you been granted a scholarship? If so, name of scholarship and amount:</b>			

**Please include the following with the application:**

1. A reference letter from a teacher who has known you for a minimum of one year. The letter must address the teacher's personal perception of your capabilities and skills to succeed in your chosen field of study.
2. Attach a one-page, double-spaced, 12 pt. font essay stating how you prepared yourself through high school for the field of study you are entering and how this field of study will fit into your future plans once you are finished with college.
3. A transcript of your high school records.

**Application Deadline**

**All applicants must adhere to the Guidance Counselor deadlines.** Guidance counselors must forward applications to Dickinson Area Community Foundation by March 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Applicant Agreement and Signature**

By submitting this application, I affirm that the facts set forth in it are true and complete. I understand any false statements, omissions, or other misrepresentations made by me on this application may result in rejection of this application.

Name (printed)	
Signature	
Date	

**Parent/Guardian Application Form**

Name of parent or guardian completing this form:	
Home address:	
Phone:	

**Do you have any other dependents or extenuating circumstances that should be considered? If yes, please explain:**

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**Please note here any additional information which may assist the scholarship selection committee in consideration of the applicant:**

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**Parent/Guardian Agreement and Signature:**

I affirm that the statements above are true and complete. I understand any false statements, omissions, or other misrepresentations made by me on this application may result in rejection of this application.

Signature of parent or guardian:

Date:

**RELEASE OF INFORMATION**

I hereby certify that any information needed regarding my scholarship requirements be made available to the Director of the Dickinson Area Community Foundation and the Richard J. Debelak Scholarship Committee.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_