



# COMMUNITY IMPACT SCHOLARSHIP

The De Soto Days Community Impact Scholarship recognizes a graduating senior who demonstrates a strong commitment to improving their community through volunteerism, servant leadership, and academic responsibility. This scholarship aims to honor students who give their time, energy, and heart to making De Soto a better place.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be considered, applicant must be a graduating senior at De Soto High School and meet the following requirements:

### 1. Community Service / Volunteer Involvement

- Must have a proven history of volunteerism or community engagement.
- Activities may include school-sponsored service, nonprofit involvement, church-service projects, city events, youth programs, festival support, or other community-based efforts.

### 2. Academic Standing

- Must be a graduating high school senior in good academic standing.
- Minimum GPA requirement 2.75

### 3. Letter of Recommendation

- Applicant must submit one letter of recommendation from an adult who directly oversees or can verify their volunteer work. (e.g. nonprofit coordinator, teacher, coach, pastor, event organizer, or community leader)

### 4. Short Essay

- Applicant must include a brief (two paragraph) written response answering:  
*“Why is volunteering for your local community important?”*

## APPLY

Before you apply make sure you have: Letter of Recommendation, Short Essay, and Transcript or grade verification.

Complete the application online at [www.desotodays.com/scholarship](http://www.desotodays.com/scholarship) **Application deadline is April 20, 2026**

## AWARD

\$500 scholarship, awarded at the DHS Senior Awards Ceremony.