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DCBF COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FAQ's

Dear Applicants:

We understand you may have questions concerning our Scholarship Competition. We encourage you to view the scholarship letter that outlines most details concerning DCBF's scholarship criteria and eligibility requirements. In addition, we have prepared the following responses to the most asked questions:

- 1. Can I submit my application electronically?** Electronic submissions will not be considered. All applications and supporting materials must be postmarked by Jan 31, 2025.
- 2. Do I have to provide recommendation letters and references?** Applicants are asked to list (3) references on the application and (2) recommendation letters. Recommendation letters should be included in your application package.
- 3. I have not applied to college, or I do not expect to receive my acceptance letters before the scholarship due date. Can I apply and send the acceptance letter afterwards?** All applications and supporting materials must be postmarked by January 31, 2025. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- 4. I am a homeschooled student. Can I still apply for the scholarship?** Homeschool students are welcome to apply for the DCBF scholarship. Scholarship criteria can be found on our website under the Scholarship page in the scholarship letter.
- 5. How do I submit my scholarship application?** All applications and supporting materials must be postmarked by January 31, 2025, and should be sent to the address listed above.
- 6. What are the scholarship requirements?** DCBF's scholarship criteria can be found on our website under the Scholarship page in the scholarship letter.
- 7. If I am a permanent resident, can I apply for the scholarship?** Currently, the scholarship is open to U.S. and naturalized citizens.
- 8. Why are applicants required to submit a birth certificate?** Currently, the scholarship is open to U.S. and naturalized citizens. Birth certificates and naturalized citizen documents provide proof of citizenship.
- 9. What are the types of DCBF activities scholarship winners are expected to participate in?** In terms of service hours to DCBF, students that are selected to receive the scholarship must agree via the Memo of Stipulation that they will participate in (4) hours of service in DCBF activities, including things like peer mentoring, scholarship fundraising, volunteering at a DCBF event or

promoting the Foundation via social media. These service hours must be completed within one year of the date the scholarship is awarded.

- 10. What is the Memo of Stipulation? Do I create it on my own?** The Memo of Stipulation (MOS) is a document DCBF sends to the scholarship applicants who have been selected to receive the scholarship. It stipulates the volunteer requirements that DCBF Scholarship winners must perform as a condition of their receiving the DCBF Scholarship.
- 11. Are semi-finalists eligible for any scholarship monies?** Currently, only scholarship finalists receive monetary awards.
- 12. Do community service hours performed for other organizations count towards the (4) hour service requirement?** While an applicant's current volunteer activities should be listed on their application, these activities do not count towards the hours required if an applicant is selected to receive the scholarship.
- 13. What does the scholarship interview process consist of?** Once all the applications have been reviewed, the Scholarship Committee will determine which applicants will advance to the next round to be granted an interview. These interviews are normally coordinated with the applicant's high school counselor and conducted at the applicant's high school. If that cannot be arranged, interviews are conducted via conference call or video call.
- 14. When will the scholarship winners be announced?** DCBF will announce the selected scholarship winners by April 4, 2025. Go to www.dcbfoundation.org for more information.
- 15. Does 'liking' The Darin C. Banks Foundation Facebook page or following DCBF on X (formerly known as Twitter) or Instagram increase my chances of winning a scholarship?** We encourage applicants and others to engage with us via social media networks, however, this has no bearing on which applicants are awarded a scholarship.

About The Darin C. Banks Foundation: In loving memory and to continue his legacy of service to others, Michelle D. Banks, wife of Darin C. Banks, established The Darin C. Banks Foundation (DCBF). DCBF seeks to afford college bound students with educational opportunities by awarding college scholarships. In addition, the Foundation coordinates mentoring programs designed to encourage students to explore potential career paths, build character, and promote volunteer service. To find out more about us, please visit www.dcbfoundation.org or contact DCBF at (415) 324-8488.

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