Scholarships

Contact the Financial Aid Office for more scholarship information.

Dixie State University is fortunate to have a number of scholarship programs available to students. Each scholarship requires a separate application. DSU and affiliate scholarships and waivers cannot be combined to exceed the cost of tuition and fees.

Some of the DSU scholarships currently available include academic, student leadership, alumni leadership, talent-based scholarships (athletic, fine arts), departmental, diversity/multicultural, community/local, and program-based.

Academic scholarships at various funding levels are available for freshmen students who have graduated from a Utah high school in the current year. Academic scholarships are based on a combination of ACT test scores and high school GPA. To be considered for an academic scholarship, a student must be fully admitted by March 1st.

To continue receiving a DSU or affiliate scholarship after the first semester, a student must enroll in and pass a minimum number of credits and maintain a minimum college GPA. Academic Scholarships: Presidential and Chancellor - 3.5 GPA and 15 credits per semester. All others - 3.2 GPA and 15 credits per semester. All other scholarships: 2.0-3.0 GPA and 12 credits per semester.

Information about specific scholarships is available at http://dixie.edu/financial/scholarships/index.php.

Resident Scholarship Program

1. **Scholarship Deadline is March 1st:** To be considered for a scholarship, the student applicant must be a Utah resident who has completed the full DSU application process. Once admitted, students will automatically be considered for scholarships. Application, admission fee, high school transcripts, and ACT or SAT scores must be received by March 1st for scholarship consideration.

2. **Basis for Awards:** Dixie State University awards academic scholarships based on high school GPA and ACT/SAT scores. Students must submit ACT or SAT scores prior to the March 1 deadline to be considered for a scholarship.

3. **Acceptable Test Scores:** Placement tests other than the ACT or SAT are not accepted. Students are encouraged to take the ACT through their high school or on one of six national testing days. The DSU Testing Center offers the ACT Residual Test. For information, dates, cost, and exclusions, go to testcenter@dixie.edu, or check the Testing Center section of this catalog.

4. **More Information:** Scholarship information, eligibility and deadlines can be found at: http://dixie.edu/financial/scholarships.

Non-Resident Waiver/Scholarship Programs

DSU offers a number of waiver programs to help reduce the cost of non-resident tuition for eligible non-resident students. Non-resident waivers are limited in number and awards are subject to availability of funds. In order to be considered for a non-resident waiver/scholarship program:

- Applicant must be fully admitted to DSU prior to being considered for any waiver/scholarships.
- Applicant must meet academic requirements as outlined below.
- Applicant may not have previously earned a baccalaureate or higher degree.

**Good Neighbor Waiver**

- Resident tuition plus a per credit hour surcharge.
- For residents of Lincoln and Clark counties in Nevada and Mohave and Coconino counties in Arizona.
- Student must be admitted to DSU as an undergraduate in a degree program.
- Application required
- Applicants must have a minimum 2.4 high school/college GPA or a minimum test score: ACT 22, SAT 1530, or equivalent.
- Surcharge is calculated as a percentage of current tuition and is subject to change.
- Waiver may be discontinued at any time based on available funding.
- Students must maintain eligibility by maintaining required GPA and credit hours as specified in award letter.

**Border Waiver (S.B. 20)**

- Need-based award for student from Nevada and Arizona who live within approximately 100 miles of DSU and do not meet academic requirement for Good Neighbor Waiver.
- Approximately 35% of non-resident tuition is waived.
- Students must maintain eligibility by maintaining required GPA and credit hours as specified in award letter.
- May not be combined with Good Neighbor Waiver.

**Legacy Scholarship**

For non-resident students who have at least one parent who graduated from DSU and have never attended any Utah System of Higher Education institution. Amount and number of awards varies with funding.

- Level I - 100% of non-resident portion of tuition is waived; student pays resident tuition. Entering freshmen must have minimum 3.0 GPA and ACT score 21. Transfer students from a non-Utah school must have minimum 3.0 college GPA and 24 transfer semester credit hours.
- Level II - 67% of non-resident tuition is waived; student pays resident tuition and remaining non-resident tuition. Entering freshman must have a minimum 2.5 high school GPA to be eligible. Transfer students from a non-Utah school must have a 2.5 transfer GPA and 24 transfer credit hours.
- Students must maintain eligibility by maintaining required GPA and credit hours as specified in award letter.
Non-resident waivers cannot be combined or stacked. Any combination of waivers that exceed tuition will be reduced and/or canceled. Students with bachelors' degrees are not eligible for scholarship or waiver programs at DSU. Non-resident waivers are limited in number and awards are subject to availability of funds.

1. **Priority Deadline is March 1st:** To be considered, students must first be fully admitted to Dixie State University.

2. **Non-Resident Tuition Waiver/Scholarship Application:** Non-residents who wish to apply for a tuition waiver/scholarship must complete an additional application located at www.dixie.edu/financial/scholarships/.

**Scholarship Deferment and Reinstatement**

1. **Deferred Admission / Leave of Absence:** Students requesting a scholarship deferment must submit a request for either an Admission Deferment or Leave of Absence. Forms are available at http://www.dixie.edu/registration/?page=Forms.

2. **Academic Scholarship Deferment:** Academic Scholarships may be deferred up to seven (7) semesters (including summers) with a written request. Deferment request forms are available at http://www.dixie.edu/financial/scholarships. Students must be in academic good standing at the time of the deferment request by meeting the requirements for GPA and credit hours as set forth in the award letter. Acceptable reasons for scholarship deferments include:
   - Serving a humanitarian or religious mission
   - Medical problems
   - Financial or employment-related issues
   - Military service
   - Family responsibilities

3. **Transfer:** A student may not request a scholarship deferment to attend another post-secondary institution, including any university, college, or technical/vocational school. Students who leave Dixie State University to attend another institution forfeit their scholarships.

4. **Non-Academic Scholarship Deferment:** Talent and Performing Arts Scholarships, Athletic Scholarships, and Endowment Scholarships are not deferrable and will require a new application upon a student’s return to Dixie State University.

5. **Scholarship Reinstatement:** Upon return to Dixie State University, students must contact Sue Perschon, Scholarship Coordinator, at sperschon@dixie.edu. Students must provide full name, student ID number and the semester s/he plans to return. Scholarships will be reinstated based on the timeline of the request and academic grades.