

COLLEGE. IT'S POSSIBLE.



THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF INTELLIGENT, HARD-WORKING STUDENTS IN DENVER FACING THE MOST INTIMIDATING BARRIER TO COLLEGE OF ALL - THEY THINK IT JUST ISN'T POSSIBLE.

The Denver Scholarship Foundation is changing that. We're making a postsecondary degree possible for Denver's students. **OUR UNIQUE, 3 PART PROGRAM FOR COLLEGE SUCCESS HAS BEEN NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED FOR ITS EFFECTIVENESS.**

FUTURE CENTERS:

Advising and other college access services in all of the large DPS high schools with outreach to over 14,000 students

SCHOLARSHIPS:

Needs-based financial support to graduates attending college or technical school in Colorado

COLLEGE PARTNERSHIPS:

Extra financial aid and ongoing support for scholars throughout their college career

"My parents always told me that I had to go to college to set an example for my family. I just didn't know how until I visited the Future Center at my school."

- ChukwuFumnanya Egbune
George Washington Alum
DSF Scholar Graduate

THERE IS STRONG EVIDENCE THAT THE DENVER SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION'S SERVICES AND SCHOLARSHIP ARE IMPROVING THE EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES FOR PARTICIPANTS. SINCE IT WAS FOUNDED IN 2006:

DSF has awarded over
\$33 in SCHOLARSHIPS
to MORE THAN
5,651
STUDENTS
MILLION

Since 2010, **75%**
of DSF Scholars have
graduated or continue to
SUCCEED IN COLLEGE
OR TECHNICAL SCHOOL

Over **1,600**
scholars
have
graduated
FROM COLLEGE

DSF's need-based scholarship awards to a student can total as much as

\$16,000

over four years. This is critical in Colorado where the student share in post-secondary tuition and expenses is fourth highest in the country.

THE DENVER SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION'S ACTIVITIES REPRESENT A SIGNIFICANT, INNOVATIVE INVESTMENT IN THE EDUCATIONAL AND ECONOMIC FUTURE OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER.

The college enrollment rate for students who attend a Denver Public Schools' school with a DSF Future Center, exceeds the overall district rate.

DSF graduates will be better represented in higher paying occupations, as jobs that require more education generally pay more.

In federal, state and local taxes paid, the average DSF investment in a graduate returns \$9.59 for every \$1.00 in scholarship.

DSF graduates are expected to, in part, help meet the demand for workers in the fastest growing and in-demand occupational fields in Denver.

"When I was in college my supervisor at work asked me about the debt I am graduating with. I looked him in the eye and said, "Zero." It was then that I realized the value of my education and the tremendous gift I had received from the Denver Scholarship Foundation."

- Jackelyn Nguyen
Abraham Lincoln Alum
DSF Scholar Graduate

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Our Mission

The Denver Scholarship Foundation inspires and empowers Denver Public Schools' students to enroll in and graduate from postsecondary institutions of higher education, by providing the tools, knowledge, and financial resources essential for success.

Scholarships

In addition to our College Access and Success Programs, every year the Denver Scholarship Foundation awards thousands of scholarships to qualifying DPS graduates who attend one of our eligible colleges in Colorado. DSF Scholarships are renewable for up to four years, and new applicants can receive as much as \$4,000 in the 2017-18 academic year (for the 2017 Cohort). DSF depends on donations from the community to pay for its scholarships, and award amounts can vary from year to year, potentially increasing in the future. **Applications are due on April 1.**

Eligibility

To qualify for a DSF Scholarship, students must meet these requirements within first year of high school graduation:

- **Complete the DSF Application by April 1st**, including apply for three additional scholarships or two additional scholarships and a collegiate support service, and fulfill other required steps on time;
- **Graduate with a 2.0 Grade Point Average (GPA)** from a DPS high school, where DSF will scholarship technical certificate and AAS Programs, and academic associates and bachelors programs at or above a 2.75 high school GPA;
- **Attend a DPS high school for four years** (being included in each October count) before graduation;
- **Have an expected family contribution (EFC) of less than 1.5 times the federal Pell Grant limit** (and submit FAFSA by April 1), **or confirm lawful presence in the U.S. and qualify for Free/Reduced Lunch**;
- **Students who qualify as a DSF Scholar attend a DSF partner college enrolled Full-time**, where DSF maintains a formal MOU to support scholars attending at least 12 credit hours per semester, and fulfill other defined Student Success Requirements (SSRs)

Scholarship amounts

Scholarship amounts depend on the following:

- **Financial need.** Students who are eligible for federal student aid must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to determine financial need. Financial need for students who are ineligible for federal student aid and can confirm their lawful presence in the U.S. must show their qualification for free or reduced price lunch in high school.
- **Program of study.** Students also qualify for varying award amounts based on the type of educational pathway being completed. Students can receive a DSF for: one year at a Technical or Community College for a technical Certificate, two years at a Community College for an Associate's Degree, or four years at a Four-year College for a Bachelor's Degree.
- **Course load.** Beginning with the new 2017 Cohort, larger awards will be possible if taking 15 or more credit hours per semester:

Annual DSF Scholarship Award Amounts			
	EFC Pell Eligible	EFC Pell limit to 1.5xPell Limit & Lawful Presence	2017 New Cohort 15+ Credit Hrs per Semester
4-Year College	\$2,800	\$3,400	\$4,000
Community College	\$1,400	\$1,700	\$2,200
Technical College	\$1,700	\$1,700	N/A

Complete list of deadlines & requirements:

www.denverscholarship.org/newchecklist

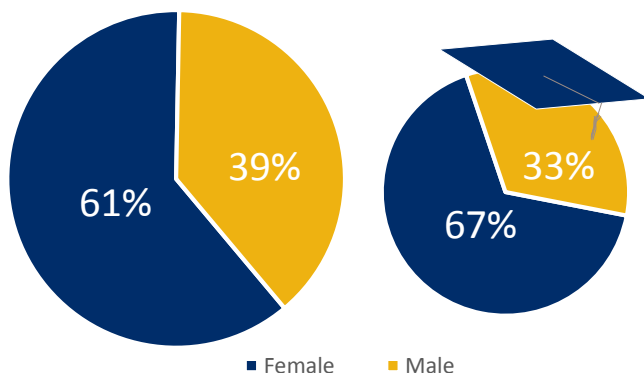


The Denver Scholarship Foundation at a Glance

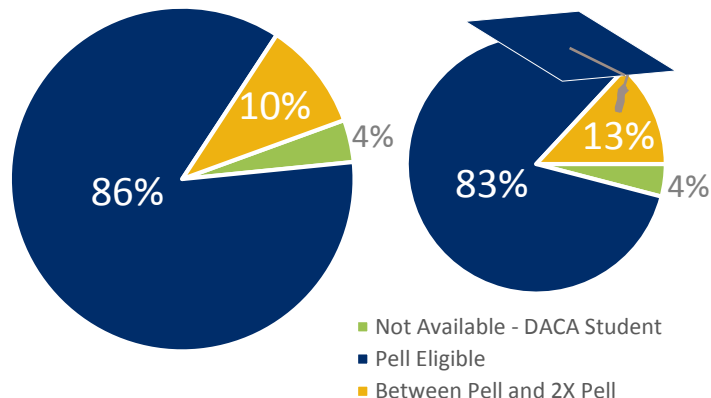
Summary of Services

DPS 9 th -11 th grade students and families offered college-going assistance in 2016-17	9,750
Seniors who received direct support throughout the college-going process in 2016-17 (October count at Future Center High Schools provided by DPS)	2,794
% Scholars who were enrolled in college or graduated in 2016-17	75%

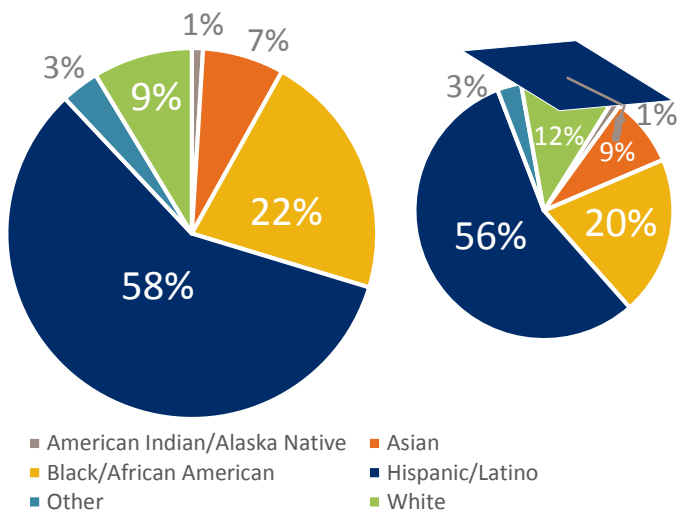
All DSF Scholars & Graduates
by Gender



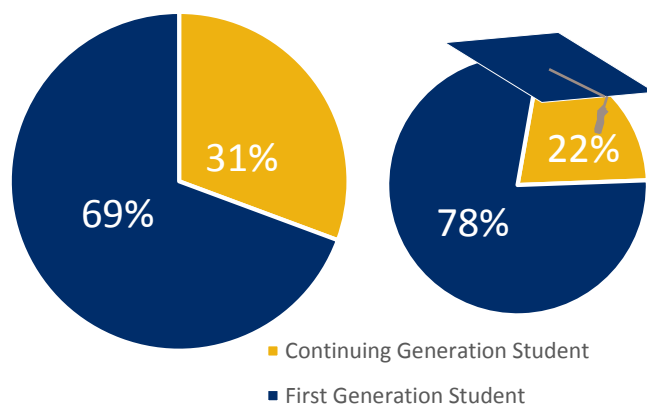
All DSF Scholars & Graduates
by Pell Eligibility



All DSF Scholars & Graduates
by Ethnicity



All DSF Scholars & Graduates
by Generation to College



Since its founding in 2007, DSF has served 5,651 Scholars, including 1,845 graduates.

**Since 2011 DSF has served 3,617 Scholars, including 864 Graduates*

"Scholars" includes those in cohorts 2011-2016 who have received a scholarship payment from DSF.

"Graduates" includes those scholars in cohorts 2011-2016 who have completed a certificate, associate, and/or bachelor's degree.