

DSF Application Terms & Conditions and Authorization to Release Information

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Introduction

Your electronic signature and, if you are under 18 years old, the electronic signature of your parent (or legal guardian) are required below. Without the required signature(s), your application is not complete and it cannot be processed by Denver Scholarship Foundation (including its employees, agents, and representatives, "DSF").

This release explains how DSF will manage and share information from your educational and financial aid record, including with the Denver Public Schools and DSF college partners. This release also requests your consent to share information with government agencies, DSF community partners, and DSF donors. DSF shares this information to determine your scholarship eligibility, administer the scholarship program, and connect you with opportunities offered by our partners.

Terms and Conditions

I, the undersigned applicant, hereby certify that the information provided in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct. I certify that I have not knowingly withheld any facts or circumstances that could jeopardize consideration of this application. I am aware that any knowing misstatement, false representation, or other inaccuracy could result in rejection of this application and subject me to penalties, including repayment of any scholarship assistance.

I understand it is my responsibility to provide DSF with updated contact information if it changes at any time. If I do not provide my updated contact information in a timely manner, I am at fault for not receiving important DSF communications.

By signing this application, I agree that upon receipt of any initial scholarship assistance from DSF, I will have met and will continue to meet all conditions and restrictions relating to such assistance as may be imposed by DSF and that I will meet all requirements and restrictions as may be imposed by DSF for renewal of scholarship assistance. I further agree and acknowledge that any conditions and restrictions imposed by DSF on any scholarship assistance provided by DSF may change in the future and that any changes will apply in

full to all scholarship assistance I may receive. For complete details regarding the DSF Scholarship Policy, visit www.denverscholarship.org/scholarship-policy.

Possible Tax Consequences

There may be federal, state, or local tax consequences that arise for recipients of scholarship assistance. I hereby acknowledge that the determination of liability for any federal, state, or local taxes that may arise as a result of an award of scholarship assistance, and the payment of any such tax liability, shall be solely my responsibility (or the responsibility of my parent(s) or my legal guardian(s), as applicable under the relevant tax laws). However, should federal, state, or local law impose any tax reporting or filing obligations on DSF arising out of an award of scholarship assistance, I agree to provide, in a timely manner, DSF with any information that may be requested by DSF to comply with any such reporting or filing obligations, and consent to the disclosure by DSF of any such information to the extent required by law. In addition, should federal, state, or local law impose any tax withholding obligation on DSF with respect to an award of scholarship assistance, I agree to such withholding and shall, in a timely manner, provide any information to DSF as may be requested by DSF to accomplish such withholding.

Authorization to Release Information

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) is a federal law designed to protect the privacy of aspects of a student's educational record that are not considered "directory" information. Educational records include financial aid and student account records which are considered confidential and will not be released to third parties such as DSF without written consent from the student, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. The Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA), as amended, places additional limits on the information that can be disclosed from your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), if applicable. Pursuant to Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 [Public Law 115-141; 20 U.S.C. 1098h(c)] and with explicit written consent from the student, colleges and universities may share Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) information with a scholarship-granting organization or tribal organization. For these reasons, DSF requests your permission to release the following information to DSF's partners and for DSF's partners to release your information to DSF.

In compliance with FERPA and the HEA, DSF will not share your confidential information, including financial aid information, FAFSA information, and other FERPA-protected information, with any other parties, except with DSF's partners or related parties when authorized by you (as described in detail below), or as required by law.

How DSF and Its Partners Use the Information Covered by this Authorization and Release

This section summarizes how DSF and its partners will share and use certain information about you. The following sections provide details about what information will be shared and identifies the DSF partners that will provide and/or receive the information.

The information described in this form and provided by the organizations listed below ("Scholarship Information"), will be used by DSF and/or its agents or partners for purposes of determining your eligibility for DSF scholarship assistance, programming, and support services, to assist you in applying for and receiving financial assistance for the costs of attendance at DSF College Partners (including assistance with completing FAFSA or CASFA or

following up on any financial aid requirements), to administer and award the DSF Scholarship, to evaluate the economic impact of the DSF scholarship and support services on career and workforce outcomes, and other purposes consistent with DSF's mission.

DSF and/or its agents may also provide Scholarship Information (or similar information it may obtain from other sources), as needed, to your high school and/or DPS, the Colorado Department of Higher Education and/or the Colorado Department of Education, Prosperity Denver Fund, and any other organizations that have established a partnership with DSF, including DSF's College Partners.

DSF may also use the de-identified information of individual students or aggregated Scholarship Information of groups of students to evaluate the effectiveness of its scholarship, programs and services, and for use in fundraising, stakeholder reporting, or for other purposes consistent with DSF's mission.

View DSF's Privacy Policy here: denverscholarship.org/privacy/

Release of Information to and from Denver Public Schools

To determine your eligibility for DSF Scholarship assistance and to assist you in applying for and receiving financial assistance for the costs of college attendance, DSF will request that your high school and/or the Denver Public Schools (DPS) central office provide relevant information regarding:

- Your grade point average,
- Your history of DPS enrollment,
- Your courses,
- Your college entrance and placement exams,
- Your address and Denver residency while enrolled in DPS,
- Your high school graduation or other end status information,
- If applicable, information pertaining to your FAFSA, Colorado Application for State Financial Aid (CASFA), or other financial aid application, such as the date your FAFSA/CASFA was submitted and your Student Aid Index (SAI), and
- Other similar matters.

In addition, to increase college access and college completion rates, DSF may provide your high school and/or the DPS central office with your relevant information as described above.

By signing this application, you and, if applicable, your parent (or your legal guardian), hereby authorize your high school and/or DPS to provide such information as may be requested by DSF.

Release of Information to and from DSF College Partners

To determine your eligibility for DSF Scholarship assistance, programming and services, to assist you in applying for and receiving financial assistance for the costs of attendance at DSF College Partners (including assistance with completing FAFSA or CASFA or following up on any financial aid requirements), and to administer and award the DSF Scholarship, DSF needs information about you from one or more of DSF's College Partners (www.denverscholarship.org/colleges). Based on the college choice(s) that you indicated on this application or may indicate later by changing your college choice on the DSF Student Portal, your signature on this application authorizes DSF College Partners that you have selected to release the following information to us:

- Your application for admission, including your acceptance and/or enrollment,
- Your student ID number,

- Your cost of attendance,
- If applicable, data collected from your FAFSA, CASFA, CSS Profile, and/or other financial aid application, including the date of submission and Student Aid Index (SAI), SAI range, or equivalent calculation. The information disclosed will not include Federal Tax Information (FTI) pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 6103(l)(3) Your Financial Aid information (including, but not limited to, your family's expected or actual contribution toward your cost of attendance; your institutional aid application, if applicable; financial aid award offers and notifications; grants; scholarships; other awards; student employment/work study; loans; disbursements; your Satisfactory Academic Progress standing);
- Your application and eligibility for the Colorado College Opportunity Fund (COF) and related ID number;
- Your qualification for Colorado in-state tuition classification and/or application for Colorado state aid, including your ASSET application, if applicable,
- Your unmet financial need, if any,
- Your student account information (bills, statements, charges, credits, balances, payments, past due amounts, collection activity),
- Your academic standing,
- Your application to and participation in required and optional programs or services,
- Your educational information (courses, GPA, academic progress, registration, enrollment status, attendance, completion, credit hours, and grades),
- Communications with advisors or other college staff, and
- Other similar matters.

By signing this application, you and, if applicable, your parent (or your legal guardian) hereby consent, request, and authorize the college(s) you indicate(d) you have attended or may attend in the future to provide such information as may be requested by DSF relating to your educational or financial aid record pursuant to [20 U.S.C. 1098h\(c\)](#), as amended. This release of information to and from DSF college partners is effective as of the date this application is signed and will remain in effect until you notify DSF in writing to revoke it. Read [below](#) for further details about revocation of this release. Contact DSF through the DSF Student Portal or at denverscholarship.org/contactus to initiate a revocation request and for information on how revocation of this release will impact your scholarship eligibility.

In addition, to increase college access and college completion rates, DSF may provide DSF College Partners with your relevant information as described above. This may include providing lists of DSF applicants to DSF College Partners so that they can evaluate adjustments to financial aid awards for DSF applicants. By signing this application, you and, if applicable, your parent or legal guardian, hereby authorize DSF to provide your relevant information to DSF College Partners, as requested.

Release of Information to and from the Colorado Department of Higher Education and Colorado Department of Education

The Colorado Department of Higher Education (CDHE) and/or the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) may also provide DSF with information pertaining to your FAFSA (if applicable) and/or CASFA, your application for the Colorado College Opportunity Fund (COF), college enrollment, retention, completion, course work, credit hours, grades, and similar matters, in order to assist you in applying for and receiving aid towards the cost of college attendance and to determine your eligibility for DSF Scholarship assistance, programming and services. By signing this application, you and, if applicable, your parent (or your legal guardian) hereby authorize DSF to provide to CDHE and CDE such information as they may request, and for CDHE and/or CDE to provide such information to DSF as it may request.

Release of Information to and from Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative

In order to increase college access and college completion rates and to provide scholarship assistance, DSF partners with the [Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative](#) (COSI) and COSI affiliated college partners. COSI is a program of CDHE. By signing this application, you and, if applicable, your parent (or your legal guardian) hereby authorize DSF to provide your relevant information (including your name and other personally identifying information) to COSI and COSI affiliated college partners, as requested, and for COSI and the COSI affiliated college partners to provide your relevant information to DSF. This release of information to and from COSI and COSI affiliated college partners is effective as of the date this application is signed and **shall remain in effect for as long as you receive services through the COSI program**, unless you notify DSF in writing to revoke it. Your relevant information will be retained by COSI and CDHE for ten (10) years after you are no longer receiving services through the COSI program.

Release of Information to and from Other Colorado State Agencies

To evaluate the impact of the DSF Scholarship and support programs on the workforce outcomes and economic mobility of DSF Scholars, DSF may share your full name and date of birth with the Colorado Department of Motor Vehicles, the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, the Colorado Governor's Office of Information Technology, and/or the Colorado Data Trust in order to receive aggregate employment and income data. By signing this application, you and, if applicable, your parent or your legal guardian hereby authorize DSF to provide your relevant information to these Colorado state agencies and for the agencies to provide your relevant information to DSF.

Release of Information to and from National Student Clearinghouse

To confirm your post-secondary enrollment and graduation status and to obtain employment data, DSF will securely submit your Social Security Number (SSN) (if applicable) to the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC). NSC will match your identifying information against their records and will return your post-secondary enrollment and graduation data, if available. NSC does not retain any information provided by DSF once they have provided the enrollment and graduation data.

Release of Information to and from [Prosperity Denver Fund](#)

In order to increase college enrollment and completion for Denver residents, DSF is eligible to seek reimbursement for scholarship funds and support services provided to you (if applicable). By signing this application, you and, if applicable, your parent or your legal guardian hereby authorize DSF to provide your relevant information to the Prosperity Denver Fund (PDF) (formerly Denver College Success Corporation) (as provided in Section 11-34, Denver Revised Municipal Code), and for PDF to provide your relevant information to DSF. PDF may use your information as provided by DSF to determine the reimbursement eligibility of other scholarship providers who have provided scholarship funds and/or support services to you (if applicable).

The information to be provided to PDF may include the following:

- Your contact information (including your name, current address, email address, and phone number);
- Your DPS ID number;
- If applicable, your parent(s)'s contact information (including your parent(s)'s email address and phone number);

- Your date of birth;
- Gender;
- Race/ethnicity;
- Your high school enrollment history;
- Your eligibility for in-state tuition classification in Colorado;
- The college(s) you attended in the most recent academic year;
- If applicable, your Student Aid Index (SAI) range or equivalent determination of financial need collected from your FAFSA, CASFA, CSS Profile, and/or other financial aid application,;
- If applicable, eligibility status information from your Free and Reduced Priced Meals Application at any point during your high school career;
- Your Satisfactory Academic Progress standing at your college;
- Your expected graduation date and any degree/certificate(s) earned;
- Your DSF scholarship award amount for the academic year for which reimbursement is sought; and
- Other similar information.

Release of Information to and from Community Partners

DSF and/or its agents may also furnish certain Scholarship Information to, and collect similar information from, other college access, scholarship, and college success organizations working with DPS and/or DSF College Partners for the purposes of identifying students associated with both DSF and the college access, scholarship, or college success organization and facilitating collaborative provision of student services. The information shared with college access, scholarship, and college success organizations may affect your status with those organizations. By signing this application, you and, if applicable, your parent or your legal guardian, hereby authorize DSF to provide your relevant information to such other organizations.

In order to increase college access and college completion rates and to provide scholarship assistance, DSF partners with college access, scholarship, and college success organizations working with DPS and/or DSF College Partners, including but not limited to the organizations listed below. If you are participating or have participated in services provided by any DSF partner organizations, you and, if applicable, your parent or legal guardian, hereby authorize DSF to provide information about your eligibility to apply for the DSF scholarship, your DSF scholarship status, and your college enrollment to the organization(s).

Consent for DSF to Share Information with Your Parent/Guardian

Students who are 18 years of age or older, and students who have been admitted to an institution of higher education (college) regardless of age, have the right to confidentiality of their educational record. This includes Scholarship Information (as defined above) that is retained in your DSF record.

In order for DSF to discuss this information with your parent(s) over the phone, by email, or through any other form of communication, you must consent in writing to the release of the information.

DSF will not discuss your scholarship application or any information about your scholarship status with your parent(s)/guardian(s) unless authorized here or in writing.

Release of Limited Information to DSF Donors

DSF depends on generous donations from individuals and organizations in our community to fund our college access, scholarships, and college success programs. If you receive scholarship assistance from DSF, you may be selected to participate in a Named Scholarship Program funded by a specific donor.

If you are selected for the Named Scholarship Program, DSF may provide limited Scholarship Information to donors or their representatives to provide information about the impact of their donation and to demonstrate that selected Scholars meet the donors' preferred criteria.

The information to be provided to Named Scholarship donors may include the following:

- Your name
- The last high school you attended;
- The college you are attending;
- Your degree program;
- Your major;
- Your desired occupation;
- Gender (if provided);
- Race/ethnicity (if provided); and
- First-generation status.

Acknowledgment of Active Participation

If you receive a DSF Scholarship award, you agree to provide a thank you note to the donor who funded your DSF Scholarship award and be actively involved in any Donor & Scholar events such as the annual Gathering of Gratitude Breakfast and Meet and Greet(s) suggested by your scholarship donor, to the extent reasonably requested by DSF.

Your agreement to Active Participation does NOT guarantee that you will receive a DSF scholarship award. If you qualify for a DSF scholarship award and are selected to participate in the Named Scholarship Program, your award will be the standard DSF award amount and may be funded by a specific donor. You must be eligible to receive a DSF scholarship award during the 2025-26 academic year to participate in any programs or events offered through the DSF Named Scholarship Program, such as events, mentoring, internships, or networking opportunities.

Consent to Use of Photographs and/or Video Recordings

By submitting this application, you, and if applicable, your parent (or legal guardian), hereby grant DSF and/or its agents a perpetual license to use your name, image, likeness, and voice in any and all media, in original or altered form, for any informational, advertising, or promotional purposes (including on DSF's website, social media sites, and at any DSF press-related or media event) and release DSF and/or its agents and any entity acting on behalf of DSF from any liability relating to such use, including but not limited to, any and all claims for payment related to any use of your name, image, likeness, and voice.

I agree and acknowledge that this release is **irrevocable** with respect to information relating to my application for a DSF Scholarship submitted in 2025 and all prior years once my Scholarship Information has been shared with or by DSF as described above. This release is effective as of the date this application is signed and shall, with respect to all other information, remain in effect **unless I notify DSF in writing to revoke it**. Except as otherwise

indicated above in the COSI section, this release applies to all relevant information that currently exists and is created through the end of the 2025-26 academic year.

By signing this application, I give DSF permission to use my Scholarship Information for the purposes described above.

Except as otherwise set forth herein, DSF and/or its agents will not share Scholarship Information with any other party without your prior written consent, unless otherwise required by law.

By signing below, I agree that DSF and the other parties identified above may provide the information described above from my education record. This approval will remain in my record, and will allow DSF to release the information I have authorized, even when I am no longer a DSF Scholarship Applicant, unless I revoke this permission in writing.

If you used or will use a Social Security Number (SSN) or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) on your FAFSA or CASFA, or other aid application you must use it here so DSF can confirm your continued enrollment and college completion. Unable to provide an SSN? No worries, you can provide your College Opportunity Fund (COF) ID.

☐ I am unable to provide a SSN/ITIN *[prompted to enter COF ID instead of SSN/ITIN]*

* What is your SSN/ITIN?

* Please confirm your SSN/ITIN

* Do you consent to allow your parent(s)/guardian(s) listed on this application to have access to information contained in your DSF record?

Yes

No

* I agree to the terms and conditions as described above.

* I authorize the release of my Scholarship Information to and by DSF as described above.

Parent/Guardian Agreement

* I agree to the terms and conditions as described above.

* I authorize the release of my student's Scholarship Information to and by DSF as described above.