



**2023 DENVER
SMITH
MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION**

**DUE DATE:
AUGUST 1, 2023**

**CONTACT INFORMATION:
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Founded in 2019, the Denver Smith Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization committed to honoring the life and legacy of Denver Smith. The foundation strives to provide equitable educational opportunities and resources for students from vulnerable communities.

Tragically, Denver Smith lost his life on November 16, 1972, on the Southern University campus in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, due to an inexplicable act of aggression by a sheriff. At that time, Mr. Smith was a highly respected Computer Science junior. Southern University has since paid tribute to him across campus and awarded him a posthumous degree in 2017. His life and abrupt passing continue to impact many.

In memory of Mr. Smith, the Denver Smith Foundation offers scholarships focused on social justice work for students facing significant barriers in pursuing higher education.

The 2023 Fall Denver Smith Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to high school seniors and/or current college students who best meet the Scholarship Committee's criteria. Scholarships are limited to covering tuition and fees and will be paid directly to the educational institution in the student's name.

The Scholarship Committee has the discretion to determine award amounts.

The Selection Committee will evaluate and score all submitted applications. They may contact applicants' references by phone and choose to conduct interviews with candidates. Scholarship recipients will be notified by August 15, 2023.



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GUIDELINES

Student applicants must meet the following guidelines:

- 1 Plan to attend, or currently attend an accredited college or university on a full-time basis.
- 2 Must have a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.
- 3 Must have acquired acceptance to, or be enrolled at the Historically Black College or University of his/ her choice and must be an enrolled full-time student for the fall semester of 2023.
- 4 Students must demonstrate an interest in a social or economic justice.

Student applicant should note if any special financial needs on their application form.

All applications and supporting documents must be received no later than August 1, 2023 .

Please advise your high school/ college registrar of the deadline for submission of transcripts and other supporting documentation. Student applicants that have completed one full academic year at a college/university do not need to submit High School transcripts.

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 All questions must be answered. Incomplete applications will be disqualified.
- 2 Applications must be typewritten or identically reproduced in computer form.
- 3 Applications must include the following:
 - Complete Application form, including essay. Attach additional sheets as needed in order to complete.
 - Three references with complete contact information for each (on application form)
 - A copy of your most recent high school and/ or college transcript (may be sent separately)
- 4 Applications must be received by August 1 , 2023 . THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.
- 5 Successful applicants will be notified on or before August 15 , 2021 . Applicants may be selected for an interview with the committee.

Note: Scholarship awards are limited to cover tuition and fees. Amounts awarded to successful candidates are at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee.

Student must deliver the completed application form and all requested documents to (email is preferred):

Denver Smith Foundation 13603 Woodmore Road, Bowie, Maryland 20721

Email: info@denversmithfoudation.org



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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Student's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

List the schools you have attended. Please include name, and your GPA.

Extracurricular Activities:

Community Activities:

Applicant's Brief Employment History:



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What college will you attend?

Have you been accepted by the college of your choice?

What is your degree are you planning to pursue AND why?

Anticipated date of Graduation: _____

Please supply three personal adult references- other than relatives (i.e., teachers, pastor, long time personal friends).

Name:	Relationship:	Phone:	Email:

ESSAY

Prepare and attach a one-page essay. Your essay should address the following questions: What are your goals and

- objectives in college?
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- What are your career plans after graduation?

How will your education support the progress of the African Diaspora, specifically in regards to Social or Economic

Applicant's Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____