

# THE CARSON SCHOLARS FUND

## 2025 SCHOLARSHIP SEASON



The Carson Scholars Program aims to recognize and reward outstanding students in the United States who exemplify academic excellence and humanitarian qualities. The goal of the program goes beyond instilling an interest in college early on and assisting with the costs of college.

**1 Carson Scholars are role models in their schools.** The impact of our program extends from individual students and families to schools and classrooms. Carson Scholars encourage other students in their schools to strive for excellence and serve as peer role models. Our research shows that 94% of our scholars feel that being named a Carson Scholar has helped them become role models in their schools.

**2 Carson Scholars are recognized by their schools.** As part of the Carson Scholars Program, schools are provided with a trophy to be proudly displayed. The aim is to reinforce academic achievements and to refocus the spotlight on education; too often athletic achievements are recognized more often than academic successes.

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Students must be enrolled in grades 4-11 at an accredited school in the United States.
- Students must have a minimum 3.75 GPA on a 4.0 scale for the current academic period. Visit our website to review how CSF calculates GPAs: <http://carsonscholars.org/gpa-calculation-rules-and-policies>.
- Students must display strong humanitarian qualities. We are looking for students who participate in community service above and beyond what is required in school.
- Students must not be a previous Carson Scholar award recipient.

## AWARD

- Scholarship winners named “Carson Scholars” will receive a \$1,000 scholarship invested towards a four-year college or university.
- An Olympic-sized medal and certificate of achievement.
- Scholar will be recognized with family, friends and educators for their efforts.
- Schools receive a trophy highlighting the student’s achievement.
- Once a student is named a “Carson Scholar” he/she is eligible to apply for Scholar Recognition in future years.



# SCHOLARSHIP SEASON TIMELINE

## NOMINATION FORM AVAILABLE:

October 21, 2024

## APPLICATION DEADLINE:

January 13, 2025



## NOMINATION DEADLINE:

December 18, 2024

## TEACHER/EDUCATOR RECOMMENDATION DEADLINE:

January 13, 2025

## NOTIFICATION:

March 2025

## APPLICATION PROCESS

### NOMINATION

- Unless otherwise told by CSF staff, only one student from each school can be nominated.
- Principals and educators will receive an email with a link to the online nomination form.
- Complete the nomination form by providing the nominee's contact information, GPA and email address (**application will be distributed to nominee via email**).
- The sooner a school nominates a student, the more time the student will have to complete the application.
- Deadline to nominate a student is 8:00 p.m. Eastern time (ET) on **Wednesday, December 18, 2024**.

### ONLINE APPLICATION

- Within 48 hours of nomination, the student will receive an email with a link to the online application.
- Students have until 8:00 p.m. ET on **Monday, January 13, 2025** to complete the online application.
- Application includes essay, description of community service activities, submission of report card, teacher recommendation and biographical information.
- Teacher recommendations are due by **Monday, January 13, 2025 by 8:00 p.m. ET**.

### NOTIFICATION

- All applicants and schools will be notified of their status via physical letter, followed by email correspondence in March 2025.
- Winners are invited to celebrate with family, friends and educators at a regional awards banquet.

### IMPORTANT NOTE

- We look forward to working with you in the 2025 scholarship season.
- **Our office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (ET).**
- Please note that support will not be available outside of office hours.

For more information, please visit our website:

[www.carsonscholars.org/scholarships](http://www.carsonscholars.org/scholarships)

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