



DEATH VALLEY '49ers

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The Death Valley '49ers Scholarship Program

General Information and Policy

The Death Valley '49ers Scholarship Program was initiated in 1976. We have awarded thirty-six scholarships through the year 2007.

The policy of the Scholarship Program is to award one scholarship each year to a graduating senior who has fulfilled these requirements:

Has been or is a Resident in the Death Valley Unified School District and/or Death Valley National Park for a minimum of two years and/or parent(s) are employed within the boundaries of Death Valley National Park and/or attended Death Valley Elementary School for a minimum of two years. Completes all the required subjects for high school graduation in their Junior and Senior academic years at Beatty, Pahrump, or Shoshone High Schools. Submits a Death Valley '49ers Scholarship Application to the Scholarship Committee by the application deadline in the Senior year of high school.

The Scholarship Application should provide information about the applicant's personal history, school and community activities, financial need, high school grades and a letter stating what he or she plans to achieve with a degree from an accredited college, university, trade or technical school.

Scholarships are awarded based on a four-year program and will be renewed each year based on the academic progress of the student. The Scholarship Committee will review academic progress at the end of each semester. If the student's grade point average complies with the committee's requirements, the scholarship award will be granted for the following semester.

For each 12-month academic year, the award is \$4,000. The award payments are made at the beginning of each term and mailed to the student's designated address. Scholarship payments will be disbursed based on the student's schedules for each academic year. Normally, the payments are in two checks of \$2000 each. One is for the fall term and one is for the spring term. If the student is on a quarter or trimester system, the payments may be modified accordingly.

Academic Requirements

Students must maintain 24 to 30 required units per academic year toward degree requirements.

Students must maintain the following GPAs for each academic year.

Freshman year	GPA - 2.5 points or letter grade C
Sophomore year	GPA-2.75 points or letter grade C+
Junior & Senior years	GPA 3.0 points or letter grade B-

If the student fails to attain the required minimum GPA above, the scholarship will be withheld for the current semester or quarter. If the student attains the minimum GPA at the end of the semester, the scholarship shall continue. If this goal has not been met, the student will be dropped from the Scholarship Program. In the event of an appeal, the Scholarship Committee will take under advisement scholastic results and extenuating circumstances before rendering a decision of reinstatement or termination, which shall be final.

The Scholarship Committee will monitor the student's academic performance with the following information:

The student may elect to receive their award in two payments at the beginning of each semester or as monthly payments for the months of August - January.

At the beginning of each semester, the Scholarship Committee Chairman must receive an official school statement of classes selected at registration.

At the end of each semester, the Chairman must receive an official school transcript of the student's grades for each subject.

As a matter of convenience, arrangements should be made with the school so this information will be sent automatically to the Chairman each semester or quarter.

Failure of the student to comply with this procedure may delay or stop scholarship payments.

The Scholarship Committee's selection of the recipient will be announced after the March meeting each year.

Please address any questions to the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee.

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