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The Deblinger Family Scholarship Fund was established to help low-income, single mothers who are Head of Household to return to college in order to improve the lives of their families, as well as motivate their children to excel. The goal is to provide the financial support to minimize the burden of additional out-of-pocket expenses resulting from having to work, support a family and attend college all at the same time. The Deblinger Family Foundation wants to enable these non-traditional students to focus on achieving their academic goals and performance, so that they can create a successful future.

Applicants must meet all the scholarship's eligibility criteria to be considered.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Single, female parents who are Head of Household.
- Currently enrolled, or have been enrolled in the past year, in a community college to obtain an associate degree, certificate or in a four-year college transfer program.
 - Students who already have an associate degree and are planning to transfer to a four-year college are also eligible.
 - Applicants must already be accepted into an accredited nonprofit school/program before applying for a scholarship.
 - Current residents of Alameda County, San Francisco County, San Mateo County, Santa Clara County, and Santa Cruz County. Preference given to applicants residing in Oakland, San Francisco, East Palo Alto, San Jose, and Watsonville.
- Minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale and in good academic standing.
- Demonstrated financial need.
- The successful applicant will have demonstrated academic promise, goal orientation, and a commitment to completing degree program.

Scholarship Amount: Up to \$10,000 annually.

Scholarship to be used for the "Self-Help" portion of Financial Aid.

Number of Awards: Up to Maximum two awards per year.

Scholarship Programs at Silicon Valley Community Foundation

For many individuals and organizations, providing scholarship to students to support their educational pursuits is a rewarding and effective way to meet their charitable objectives. SVCF's scholarship program is committed to providing opportunities for those interested in helping talented students pursue their dreams through a quality education. Scholarship funds at SVCF vary by size of endowment and in complexity of criteria; however, their common element is the charitable spirit of the donors who created them. In honoring loved ones or providing for a specific community, each scholarship expresses a deep belief in the power of education to help individuals achieve their dreams.

READ THROUGH THE DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY. Please print document and fill out completely. It is recommended you use these instructions as a checklist before submitting your application.

1. APPLICATION FORM

- Application must be complete in its entirety to be considered. Attach additional pages if necessary.
- Please explain any discrepancies in your documents that you want to highlight – e.g., financial information, number of children living with you, Head of Household status, etc.

2. TRANSCRIPTS OF GRADES (Request your official transcript as soon as possible to avoid delays.)

Please use your school's online transcript service to send your transcript directly to the DFSF Manager via a secure PDF. **Photocopies are unacceptable.**

No transcript is required for students who have been out of school for over 10 years.

3. PERSONAL STATEMENT (Include your name and date on each page of your personal statement)

Include a typed statement of at least 500 words, but no longer than 850 words (approximately 2-3 pages, double-spaced). In the statement, you should:

- Describe why you want to further your education and three personal attributes you think will help you succeed in college or a certificate program. Tell us about yourself and how challenges you have faced have shaped you and your goals.
- Please ensure your statement is well-written and contains no grammar, punctuation, or spelling errors. A high-quality personal statement is important to increase understanding of your experiences and goals.

4. FINANCIAL NEED

- Provide evidence of financial need. Qualified required financial need documentation includes: Your Student Aid Report (SAR) - including summary answers to the FAFSA and your EFC. (Updated information regarding FAFSA can be found online at <https://studentaid.gov/>).

AND

- Enclose a copy of the first two pages of your 2023 Tax Form 1040 to verify income and Head of Household (HOH) status. (Note: HOH may only be claimed if you are unmarried and pay more than 50% of the costs of keeping up a home for yourself and your dependents. For more information, see IRS Publication 501-Filing Status.)
- **Please black out all personal information** for yourself and your dependents. This includes bank account and social security numbers.

Completed applications must be mailed in one packet with all supporting documents in the order listed above.

Mail your completed application to:

DFSF Manager
P.O. Box 340
Hollister, CA 95024

Completed applications must be received by **5 p.m. on Friday, May 17, 2024.**

Late or incomplete applications will **not** be considered.

If you have questions, please contact DFSF Manager at dfsmanager@gmail.com.



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2024 Application Form

APPLICANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Applicant Name: _____

First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Permanent Address:

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email: _____ (email address you regularly access) Phone Number: _____ (please include a primary contact number)

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Gender: Male Female Head of Household: Yes No

U.S. Citizen: Yes No If no, are you a legal resident? Yes No

EDUCATION

High School Information:

High School Name: _____

High School Diploma/G.E.D.: Yes No Year Obtained: ____/____/____

Cumulative GPA (on a 4.0 scale): _____

No GPA is required for students who have been out of school for over 10 years.

SAT I Scores: _____ (If applicable) ACT Score: _____ (If applicable)

No SAT I Scores, or ACT Score are required for students who have been out of school for over 10 years.

College Information:

College Currently Attending: _____ (if applicable)

Major(s): _____ Minor(s): _____

Cumulative College GPA (on a 4.0 scale): _____ Degree Type: _____

Enrollment Status: Full-time Part-time

Current Class Level: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Graduate

Vocational/Technical Business School Student Other (please explain) _____



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APPLICANT EDUCATION

Applicant Name: _____

Education Institution you plan to attend in Fall 2024:

1) _____
(First Choice-Name)

Have you been accepted? Yes No

If no, when do you expect to be notified? ____/____/____

2) _____
(Second Choice-Name)

Have you been accepted? Yes No

If no, when do you expect to be notified? ____/____/____

Intended Major(s): _____

Intended Minor(s): _____

Enrollment Status: Full-time Part-time

Fall 2024 school level: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Graduate

Vocational/Technical Business School Student Other (please explain) _____

Where do you plan to live? On-campus Off-campus

Other (please explain): _____



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Applicant Name: _____

PREVIOUS HIGHER EDUCATION

List college(s) or other higher education institutions you have attended prior to the current school you are attending. Attach an additional sheet if necessary.

College(s)/School(s)	Dates Attended

AWARDS AND HONORS

List awards and honors you have received and briefly explain their significance. Attach an additional sheet if necessary.

Award/Honors Received	Significance	Date Received

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Beginning with your present or most recent job, list your employment history. Attach an additional sheet if necessary.

Activity	Position Held	Dates of Employment	Hours per Week

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Please list the principal community activities that have meant the most to you. Attach an additional sheet if necessary.

Activity	Position Held	Dates of Involvement	Hours per Month



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Applicant Name: _____

HOUSEHOLD/FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Round all figures to the nearest dollar; do not enter cent amounts. Use the most recent income tax information or estimated current year values. Do not leave lines blank.

Name of child/children with whom you reside: _____

\$	Annual cost of attendance (including tuition, fees, room & board, etc.) at the school you plan on attending
\$	Head of household's total gross income
\$	Head of household's total cash assets (cash, checking/savings account, stocks, home equity)
	Number in household you currently support financially (including applicant)
\$	Number in household in a college degree/certificate program for 2024 (including applicant)
\$	Amount you have saved to help finance your education
\$	Amount of scholarships you have already received for Fall 2024 Please List Names and Dollar Amounts:

Please describe any special circumstance that may affect your ability to pay for college (medical, divorce, unemployment, child support, other):

REQUIRED SIGNATURE

All the information I have provided in this application is accurate and is subject to verification by the Deblinger Family Scholarship Fund Selection Committee.

Student: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Notification will be emailed by July 10, 2024 to the email address provided. Should you be awarded, a scholarship check will be sent directly to your college financial aid office after Silicon Valley Community Foundation receives the scholarship recommendation. Scholarship recommendations will be submitted upon receipt of the Student Information Form and enrollment verification.