



John Durand Scholarship Program

Scholarship Funds Available for 2026-2027 Academic Year

Do you know a student who could use at least \$500 for school expenses? The John Durand Scholarship Program may be able to help. Any student admitted to or attending an accredited post-secondary academic program in the United States and Canada is eligible to apply.

For twenty-four years, the DHF newsletter has chronicled the story of these annual scholarship awards - **92 scholarships to date, totaling over \$43,000** - and the letters of appreciation from the students who received them. Thanks to the generosity of loyal DHF donors across the country, the John Durand Scholarship Program will continue its positive impact on the DHF family and the community-at-large. Please encourage the students in your family or community to apply.

But hurry! The application deadline is April 15, 2026.

About the John Durand Scholarship Program

Purpose

The John Durand Scholarship Program provides scholarship awards in two areas.

- 1) Academic Scholarship: financial assistance to students in or admitted to accredited academic programs.
- 2) Durand Family Research: financial assistance to individuals who research and write about Durand family history or events significant to Durand family history.

Program Background

The John Durand Scholarship Program was originally established in 2002 with memorial gifts and donations received by the family of John Adelard Durand after his untimely death at age 37.

John Clifford Durand (John Adelard Durand's father) died in 2020. This scholarship honors them both.

Each year the scholarship program makes five Scholarship Awards. Because of DHF's continued fundraising, cash donations, gifts, and bequests, the scholarship awards are now at least \$500 each unless otherwise determined by the DHF board.

Research Awards are available as funds permit and may be made at any time.

Administration

The John Durand Scholarship Program funds are managed in accounts separate from DHF operating funds. A committee manages the application process; evaluates the applications, and nominates the awardees to the DHF board which has final approval of the awards.

Eligibility

Awards are made without regard to race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, sexual orientation, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, military status or relationship to the Durand family. All applicants currently enrolled in or accepted into a post-secondary course of study in an accredited educational program in the United States and Canada are eligible. Preference is given to first time applicants but former awardees or applicants may also apply. The evaluation criteria is based on academic record, community involvement and personal statement of intention.

Any application, no matter how outstanding, is automatically eliminated if it is not complete.

Please check application carefully to insure that all required materials and information are included.

Application Procedures

Academic Scholarships: Application packets can be downloaded from the DHF website: www.durandfoundation.com. Click on the blue John Durand Scholarship Program bar on our homepage.

- 1) Applications must be postmarked no later than April 15, 2026. If submitted electronically, applications must be time-stamped before 11:59 pm April 15, 2026.
- 2) The awardees will be contacted by letter in May (John's birthday month). Scholarship funds awarded will be sent to successful applicants by July.
- 3) At the end of the academic year, Academic Scholarship Award recipients must provide to the Durand Heritage Foundation Scholarship Committee a brief report on their educational experience for the academic year.

Research Awards: Applicants may submit a letter of application at any time that includes:

- 1) A brief description of the proposed research and writing project.
 - 2) An explanation of how the project will enrich the Durand family history.
 - 3) Proposed time period for the research and writing project.
 - 4) The amount of funds requested (up to \$500) and the intended purposes for which the Research Award will be used.
- Recipient of a Research Award is expected to provide the Durand Heritage Foundation with a written copy of the completed project with the understanding that the results may be published in the DHF newsletter.

Where to mail Academic Scholarship applications and Research Award applications

Send applications and supplementary materials to:

Scholarship/Research Program
Peter Durand
5044 Fremont Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55419

Gifts and bequests to the John Durand Scholarship Program are tax-deductible to the extent allowable. Cash donations can be sent at any time to: Treasurer: Durand Heritage Foundation
6620 E 250th St
Elko New Market, MN 55020

THANK-YOU!

After 14 JohnnyRides, we have achieved our long-term goal. Our scholarship program is now self-sustaining. No more JohnnyRides to raise scholarship funds! The Durand Heritage Foundation can now award JohnnyRide scholarships every year, well into the future. Thank you all who donated time, work, and dollars!

You're the best!



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Application Guidelines for Scholarship Awards
2026-2027 Academic Year
Durand Heritage Foundation Scholarship Committee

Scholarship Awards of at least \$500 will be distributed for the 2026-2027 academic year. Academic Scholarship Awards are made without regard to race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, sexual orientation, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, military status or relationship to Durand family to applicants who are currently enrolled in or have been accepted into a post-secondary course of study in an accredited educational program in the United States and Canada. Priority is given to first time applicants.

- 1) Applicants must submit a **COMPLETE** Scholarship Application.
- 2) Applications must be postmarked no later than **April 15, 2026** to be eligible for an award.
- 3) Scholarship Awards will be announced in May, 2026.
- 4) Award checks will be mailed to awardees by July 1, 2026.
- 5) At the end of the 2026-2027 academic year, award recipients **must** provide a brief summary of the past year's educational experience to the Durand Heritage Foundation Scholarship Committee.

Application for Academic Scholarship Award
2026-2027 Academic Year
Durand Heritage Foundation Scholarship Committee

1. Date: _____
2. Applicant name: _____
3. Mailing address:
Street 1: _____

Street 2: _____

City: _____

State: _____

ZIP Code: _____
4. Phone number: () --
5. Email address: _____

6. My current status (circle year under a or b): Applicants currently enrolled in post-secondary study must include a copy of their most recent grade report

a. **I am currently enrolled** as a freshman sophomore junior senior other (If “other” please explain)

b. **I have been accepted for admission** as a : freshman sophomore junior senior other: (If “other” please explain) Applicants not currently enrolled must include a letter of acceptance from the academic institution they will attend.

7. My proposed field of study is: _____

8. Name and location of the academic institution I will attend:

9. On a separate page, please provide a brief statement of about 200 words describing yourself and your academic interests and plans. Please include the following information at the top of the page.

- 1) Your full name
- 2) The full names of your parents

10. Please sign and return the statement below with your application materials.

Check for completion!

I affirm

- 1) That the information I have provided on this application is true to the best of my knowledge.
- 2) That I will use funds received from my Academic Scholarship Award solely for expenses related to my proposed course of study .
- 3) That I will provide a brief written report on my educational experience for the academic year to the Durand Heritage Foundation Scholarship Committee .
- 4) That if I receive an Academic Scholarship Award I give permission to the Durand Heritage Foundation to use information I provide in my application to prepare and disseminate publicity materials related to the Scholarship Program.

Signature and date : _____