



The D.A.R.E. Mission

“Teaching students good decision-making skills to help them lead safe and healthy lives”

D.A.R.E. 2026 Scholarship/Career Grant High School Senior Scholarship Application Form

The requirements for eligibility are as follows:

- Must be a U.S. citizen
- Must be enrolled in a Mercer County School (Ohio) as their primary school or be a home-schooled student within the county
- Must have completed junior year of high school at time of application
- Must lead a lifestyle consistent with the goals and objectives of D.A.R.E.
- Must be a graduate of a certified D.A.R.E. Program before entering the 9th grade
- Fully complete this application form fully (if not, your essay will not be reviewed)
- Typed essay, in a 12 point font, 300-word maximum, addressing the topic *“As you complete your high school years, how has D.A.R.E. influenced your decision to remain alcohol and drug free? How has this decision affected you in your high school career?”*
- A letter of recommendation from a school administrator/educator
- A letter of recommendation (from a non-school related individual) for community service you have performed OR examples of how your commitment to the D.A.R.E. Pledge has impacted others (this could include parent, other relative, employer, or someone besides a peer who can attest to your character)
- All of these requirements must be met for your application to be considered

Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of applicant letter, essay and application quality, community service/activities, and letter of recommendations.

APPLICANT PERSONAL INFORMATION:

NAME

HIGH SCHOOL

DATE OF BIRTH

TELEPHONE NUMBER

E-MAIL ADDRESS

HOME ADDRESS

INTENDED COLLEGE/TRADE SCHOOL

MAJOR

D.A.R.E. PROGRAM INVOLVEMENT

NAME OF D.A.R.E. OFFICER (S): _____

SCHOOL(S) AT WHICH YOU PARTICIPATED IN D.A.R.E. PROGRAM:

SCHOOL

YEAR

ELEMENTARY: _____

Middle School / Junior High: _____

2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION TIMELINE

February 19th

Student submit scholarship application to your school counselor for delivery to D.A.R.E. organization. Home school students can scan applications to Laura Sanford, lauras@foundationsbhs.org
Late applications will not be accepted.

**AWARD
PRESENTATION**

To be announced

July 15th

To receive the award, the applicant(s) chosen must provide proper documentation (that will be handed out to scholarship winners) to the DARE Boosters by July 15 and a check will be written to the school the awardee will be attending to pay for their school expenses.

****Ten - \$500 scholarships will be awarded based on the requirements of eligibility.**

****We are pleased to announce that WSU-Lake Campus will match each of the ten \$500.00 scholarships for students attending WSU-Lake Campus this fall.**

D.A.R.E ESSAY INSTRUCTIONS

- Typed essay, in a 12 point font, 300-word maximum
- Attach essays to the application
- **SUBJECT:** *As you complete your high school years, how has D.A.R.E. influenced your decision to remain alcohol and drug free? How has this decision affected you in your high school career?*

APPLICANT PRINTED NAME

SIGNATURE

PARENT PRINTED NAME

SIGNATURE

PRINCIPAL PRINTED NAME

SIGNATURE

GUIDANCE COUNSELOR PRINTED NAME

SIGNATURE