

F.R.L.S.F., Inc. and the Darrin Reed Foundation, Inc. presents the Darrin Reed Memorial Scholarship

Application deadline: 5PM MST Fourth Friday in January (January 22, 2027)

The Darrin Reed Memorial Scholarship awards scholarships each year ranging from $1,500 up to $10,000 and covers the actual costs of course tuition, fees, required books, and equipment. At least five (5) scholarships will be awarded per year.

High school graduates of Arizona White Mountain school districts pursuing a degree of their choosing at any accredited institution or trade school in the U.S., who meet the scholarship criteria below are eligible to apply and re-apply for 5 years from graduation date. Scholarships are not selected on a financial need basis; however, that information is required. Scholarships are limited to a one-time award. Submit your application by 5PM MST Fourth Friday in January in one PDF file* to: DarrinReedScholarship@gmail.com. Download the fillable PDF at DarrinReedFoundation.org.

Criteria:

1. The recipient must have a minimum 3.0 GPA.
2. The recipient must be a high school graduate of an Arizona White Mountain school district.
3. Must have graduated within the previous five years or graduating in May of the current year.
4. The scholarship will be used to cover the cost of course tuition, fees, required books, equipment and expenses.
5. To apply for the scholarship, the recipient must submit all required criteria by the application deadline.
6. If the recipient fails to successfully complete the course(s) awarded by the scholarship, the recipient shall be responsible for paying back all monies awarded to the First Responders Legacy Scholarship Fund/Darrin Reed Foundation, Inc.

***Submit the following*:**

- ☐ Without using AI and in your own words, a Personal Essay of a maximum of two, (2) pages which cannot exceed 600 words answering the following questions: Why you "Dare to Live Your Dream", What are your current and five-year goals; What is the purpose of reaching your goals; How do you plan to accomplish your goals; Why do you feel that you should be the recipient of the scholarship; Provide an example of a time that you showed integrity in a decision-making process and the outcome and detail how you will use this scholarship.
- ☐ High school transcript showing GPA of 3.0 or higher and your graduation date
- ☐ Degree plan detailing courses required for your program of study from an accredited institution
- ☐ Completed and signed application form
- ☐ Letter of recommendation from a professional, that is not a relative or close friend, submitted with your packet. Please do not have the reference email this letter separately. This MUST be a part of your application.
- ☐ Signed Statement of Accuracy and Statement of Support (page 4 of the application packet).



Darrin Reed Memorial Scholarship Application

Please type or write your answers legibly. *Use an additional piece of paper if necessary*

1.	Last Name:	First Name, Middle Initial:
2.	Mailing Address Street: City: State: Zip:	
3.	Daytime telephone number: ( ) _____ Your Email address. One YOU check often:	
4.	Date of birth: Month Day Year	
5.	Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA): High School_____ College_____ (On a 4.0 scale)	
6.	Name and location of high school:	
7.	A. List any academic honors, awards and membership activities while in high school: B. List your hobbies, outside interests, extracurricular activities and school related volunteer activities: C. List your non-school sponsored volunteer activities in the community:	



8.	A. If you have decided on the college or trade school you will attend, please list the school's name: B. If not, list your top three (3) choices:
9.	Anticipated field of study:
10.	Number of years of residency in the White Mountains, AZ:
11.	Please list any other scholarships applied for and any awarded including FAFSA:
12.	Name & address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s): *(Include address if different than your own listed in Question 2.)* Name(s): Street: City: State: Zip: Home phone of parents or legal guardians: Work phone:
13.	If you are a child of a First Responder list your parents name, agency, and employment status. *(Active or retired.) Having parents in the field does not mean an automatic award or preference for the scholarship.*



STATEMENT OF ACCURACY FOR STUDENTS

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

If chosen as a scholarship winner I do hereby consent, release from all liability and grant permission to use my name, still photograph, motion picture footage, recording of my voice for publicity, advertising and news material, without compensation. (Winner may request to waive publicity due to unusual or compelling circumstances).

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, I will be present at the award ceremony and/or reception to receive my scholarship award. (Attendance may be waived due to unusual or compelling circumstances).

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, it is my responsibility to submit to the Darrin Reed Memorial Scholarship Fund, proof of registration and proof of enrollment at an accredited institution, which includes the student ID number and financial aid office address prior to the funding of the scholarship.

I hereby understand that a background and a personal reference check will be done on me.

I hereby understand I will not submit this application without all required attachments and supporting information. Incomplete applications or applications that do not meet eligibility criteria will not be considered for this scholarship.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of parent if a minor: _____ Date: _____

Submit all items listed in this checklist:

- ☐ Application packet filled out completely AND SIGNED
- ☐ Maximum 2-page Essay with no more than 600 words detailing the questions above
- ☐ Statement of Accuracy and Statement of Support (page 4 of app)
- ☐ Letter of recommendation from a professional attached as part of this application. Do not email separately
- ☐ Degree plan from the future college (printout from your college website is fine)

  Transcript(s) copy
- ☐ If selected, you will then be asked to submit a photo
- ☐ Your last name MUST be included first in the email SUBJECT line. Example: SMITH, Jane. DRF Scholarship 2027

If all items are not submitted correctly by the deadline, you will automatically be disqualified.



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EMAIL A SINGLE FILE PDF* OF THE COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKAGE INCLUDING ATTACHMENTS TO THE DARRIN REED MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND AT:

DarrinReedScholarship@gmail.com

The fillable and downloadable PDF application is located at DarrinReedFoundation.org

REMINDER:

Applications must be received by the Darrin Reed Memorial Scholarship Committee no later than:

5PM MST on the Fourth Friday in January

Review the checklist to ensure all items are included in the submission.

There will be no exceptions!

* There are online programs, both free and paid software that can combine multiple scanned pages into one PDF document. If all items are not included in a single PDF, the application will be declined.

Applicants will be notified by email and/or mail of the results in March.

DARRIN REED MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
ESSAY SCORING RUBRIC 2027

Criteria	21-30 Points	11-20 Points	6-10 Points	0-5 Points	Points Awarded
"Dare to Live Your Dream" Statement	Why the applicant "Dares to Live" their dream is crystal clear to the reader why	At least makes it pretty clear to the reader why the applicant "Dares to Live" their dream.	At least describing why the applicant "Dares to Live" their dream	The student does not convey why they do not "Dare to Live" their dream"	
	16-20 Points	**11-15 Points**	**6-10 Points**	**0-5 Points**	
Example of Integrity in Decision-Making, and the Outcome	The student provides detail of a time when they showed integrity in decision making. The student explains the outcome of their decision	The student describes a time when they demonstrated integrity, but does not explain the outcome of their decision	The student describes a situation that, while it may demonstrate good work ethic or sportsmanship, does not relate to or demonstrate integrity	The student does not clearly address the prompt	
	16-20 Points	**11-15 Points**	**6-10 Points**	**0-5 Points**	
Current and Five-Year Goals	The student describes their current and five-year goals in detail, including how they will reach both the current and five-year goal	The student describes their current and five-year goals, but information is lacking on how they will reach both goals.	The student describes their current OR five year goals, and information is lacking on how they will reach them.	The student does not describe current and/or five year goals.	

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Purpose of Reaching Goals	The student clearly describes the purpose of reaching both current and five-year goals, and what they will be able to do when their goals are accomplished. The purpose of the goals is tied to the plan to achieve the goals.	The student alludes to what the purpose of reaching current and five-year goals. The purpose of the goals is loosely tied to the plan to achieve the goals.	The student discusses the purpose of either current or five-year goals	The student does not address clearly the purpose of reaching goals	
	10 Points				
How Will You Use the Scholarship? **If addressed, 10 points will be given. If not addressed, 0 points will be given.**	The student explains how the scholarship will be used				
	16-20 Points	**11-15 Points**	**6-10 Points**	**0-5 Points**	
Why Should You Be the Recipient?	The student directly addresses the prompt, and ties why they should be the recipient to the previous prompts, including current and five-year goals.	The student addresses the prompt, but does not tie the response to the purpose of reaching their current or five-year goals.	The student states why they should be the recipient, but the statement is not tied to previous discussion of current or five-year goal attainment.	The student does not directly address the prompt, or makes a statement that they should be the recipient without providing rationale.	

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GPA	**4.0-3.75**	**3.74-3.5**	**3.49-3.25**	**3.24-3.0**	
	16-20 Points	**11-15 Points**	**6-10 Points**	**0-5 Points**	
Conventions/Mechanics	The essay is grammatically correct and free from errors in spelling and capitalization.	The essay contains five or fewer errors in grammar, spelling and capitalization.	The essay contains between six and ten errors in grammar, spelling and/or capitalization.	Multiple grammatical, spelling and/or capitalization errors render the essay difficult to read and understand.	
	21-30 Points	**11-20 Points**	**6-10 Points**	**0-5 Points**	
Mentions Darrin Reed Memorial Scholarship	Understands and explains clearly about the importance of DRMS and what it means to them.	Mentions DRMS but not clearly identifies its meaning	Mentions DRMS but not in context	No mention of DRMS	
					TOTAL POINTS