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CLASS OF 2027

Scholarship Application Packet

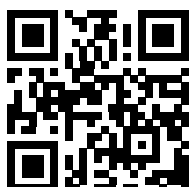
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For graduating seniors pursuing the social sciences

APPLICATIONS OPEN • OCTOBER 1, 2026

All required materials must be received by

JANUARY 31, 2027



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For graduating high school seniors planning to pursue a degree in the social sciences.

Application dates

Opens: October 1, 2026

All required materials must be received by: January 31, 2027

Honoring a legacy of learning and service

The Dori Bee Scholarship Foundation honors the life and legacy of Doris Cecile “Dori Bee” Blanchard. Through education and opportunity, the Foundation supports students who hope to improve lives, strengthen communities, and serve others.

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For school personnel

Dear Principal, Counselor, and School Personnel,

Thank you for helping students take the next step toward their futures. Please share the Dori Bee Scholarship Foundation's 2027 scholarship opportunity with graduating seniors who plan to study the social sciences.

The scholarship honors Doris Cecile "Dori Bee" Blanchard and her commitment to education, compassion, and service. We welcome applicants from any accredited high school who meet the requirements in this packet.

How your school can help

- Distribute pages 3–12 to interested students beginning October 1, 2026. The cover may also be included.
- Share the January 31, 2027 receipt deadline through senior announcements, counseling offices, and family communications.
- Help students request an official transcript showing cumulative GPA and identify two recommenders.
- Encourage students to begin early and allow time for school breaks, transcript processing, and mail delivery.
- Direct questions about eligibility, award amounts, number of awards, or submission assistance to the Foundation.

Planned scholarship calendar

October 1, 2026: Applications open

January 31, 2027: Application deadline

March 21–31, 2027: Planned finalist interviews

May 2027: Planned scholarship awards

Finalists will receive interview instructions from the Foundation. School personnel are not responsible for selecting recipients.

Email: doribeefoundation@gmail.com

Mail: DoriBee Scholarship Committee

200 Balboa Street, Lake Charles, LA 70615

Questions: (337) 362-2887

Eligibility requirements

Applicants must:

- ☐ Be a graduating high school senior in the Class of 2027.
- ☐ Attend an accredited high school.
- ☐ Have a minimum cumulative GPA of **2.75 on a 4.0 scale**. Ask your counselor to document the scale used by your school.
- ☐ Plan to pursue a social sciences major at an accredited college or university.
- ☐ Submit the completed application and all required supporting materials by **January 31, 2027**.

Eligible fields of study

Sociology • Psychology • Social Work • Criminal Justice
Political Science • Public Administration • Human Services
Education • Anthropology • Economics • Communications • History

If your intended major is related but is not listed, contact the Foundation before applying.

What the committee considers

Academic achievement, leadership, community service, educational goals, personal experiences, financial need or barriers, and recommendations. Your essay and video help the committee understand your goals and your commitment to making a difference.

Applications are reviewed for completeness and eligibility. The selection committee recommends recipients to the Foundation's Board for final approval. Applying does not guarantee an award.

Equal opportunity

The Foundation does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, age, or any other status protected by law.

Questions about the application process or assistance completing a requirement? Contact (337) 362-2887 or doribeefoundation@gmail.com.

Submission checklist

All materials must be received by January 31, 2027.

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. Plan ahead for school closures and mailing time.

- ☐ Completed student application, including the short answer and signatures (pages 5–6).
- ☐ Official high school transcript showing cumulative GPA. Page 10 is a request form, not a substitute for the transcript.
- ☐ Resume or completed activities, leadership, and service sheet (page 7).
- ☐ Original typed personal essay of **500–750 words** (page 8).
- ☐ Video of **no more than three minutes** and a working viewing link (page 9).
- ☐ **Two letters of recommendation** from two different people. Give one form on pages 11–12 to each recommender.
- ☐ Proof of college acceptance or enrollment, if available.

Where to submit

Email: doribeefoundation@gmail.com

Mail: Doribee Scholarship Committee

200 Balboa Street, Lake Charles, LA 70615

Questions: (337) 362-2887

Before sending

Type or print clearly. Put your full name and high school on every attachment. Email readable PDF scans of paper documents; use the subject line **2027 Scholarship Application - [Student Full Name]**. Include your video link in the email and on page 9.

If mailing, include the video-link page and also email the clickable link. Transcripts and recommendations may arrive separately; ask the sender to identify you by full name and high school. Keep a copy of your application and check with the Foundation that all items arrived.

Student application

1. Personal information

Full legal name (first, middle, last)

Mailing address, city, state, ZIP

Phone number Email address

Date of birth Parent/guardian name(s)

2. Academic information

High school name and city/state

Counselor name Counselor email or phone

Expected graduation month/year Cumulative GPA / scale

Class rank / class size (if available)

3. College and career plans

Intended college/university (write "undecided" if needed)

Intended major Career goal

Admission status: ___ Applied ___ Accepted ___ Planning to apply

Short answer and certification

Student name High school

4. Short answer - 150 words or fewer

Why are you pursuing a career in the social sciences, and how will this scholarship help you achieve your goals? You may attach a typed response with your name and school.

Your response

5. Financial need or circumstances (optional)

Describe educational costs, responsibilities, or barriers you would like the committee to consider. Do not include Social Security numbers, bank details, or tax documents.

You may attach a separate page.

6. Applicant certification

I certify that the information in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and that my essay and video reflect my own work and experiences. I understand that false information may result in disqualification or withdrawal of an award.

Applicant signature Date

Parent/guardian signature (if applicant is under 18) Date

Activities, leadership, and service

Student name High school

Include school, community, faith-based, employment, caregiving, or other meaningful experiences. A resume may replace this page. Attach another page if needed.

Activities and leadership

Organization/activity • role • dates or grade levels • contribution

Community service

Organization/project • service provided • dates • hours (if known) • impact

Employment, family responsibilities, honors, or awards

Describe your responsibilities or achievements and relevant dates.

Personal essay requirements

Essay prompt

“How do you plan to use your education in the social sciences to positively impact your community?”

Required format

- ☐ Write **500–750 words**.
- ☐ Type your essay and include your full name, high school, and word count.
- ☐ Submit your own original work.
- ☐ Attach the essay to your mailed packet or include it as a PDF with your emailed application.

Ideas to help you develop your response

Explain why your chosen field matters to you. Describe a community issue you care about and how your education could help you address it. Use specific examples from your life, leadership, service, or learning experiences.

Connect your experiences to your educational and career goals. Help the committee understand the difference you hope to make and the people you hope to serve.

Review before submitting

- ☐ I answered the prompt and used specific examples.
- ☐ My essay is 500–750 words and includes my name and school.
- ☐ I checked spelling, grammar, and clarity.
- ☐ The ideas and writing are my own.

Three-minute video requirements

Video prompt

“Why should I be selected as a Dori Bee Scholarship Foundation Scholar?”

Tell us about your personal story, career goals, community service, leadership experiences, why social sciences matter to you, and how this scholarship would help you achieve your goals.

Requirements

- ☐ Maximum length: **3 minutes**. The video must feature you speaking.
- ☐ Accepted video formats: MP4, MOV, or AVI.
- ☐ Provide a viewing link through YouTube, Google Drive, or Dropbox.
- ☐ Make sure the committee can open the link. Use an unlisted video or grant viewing access to doribeefoundation@gmail.com.
- ☐ Professional production is not required. Speak clearly in a quiet place and be yourself.

Video submission record

Student name High school

Video title Video length

Video viewing link (also paste the clickable link into your email)

- ☐ I tested the link and confirmed that the committee can view my video.

If you have trouble recording or sharing your video, contact the Foundation before the deadline for assistance.

Official transcript request

Dear Counselor or Registrar: Please provide an official high school transcript for this student's Dori Bee Scholarship Foundation application. All materials must be received by January 31, 2027.

Student full name Date of birth

High school Expected graduation date

Requested transcript information

Please include coursework, grades, cumulative GPA, and GPA scale. The minimum is 2.75 on a 4.0 scale. For a different scale, provide an explanation or equivalent when available.

Student authorization

I request that my school release my official transcript to the Dori Bee Scholarship Foundation for scholarship consideration. I understand that the school may require its own records-release form.

Student signature Date

Parent/guardian signature (if required by the school) Date

Delivery information

Email: doribeefoundation@gmail.com

Mail: DoriBee Scholarship Committee, 200 Balboa Street,
Lake Charles, LA 70615 • Questions: (337) 362-2887

Send directly to the Foundation or give the applicant a transcript in a sealed school envelope. Identify the student by full name and school.

School use

Staff member/title Date sent

Method: ☐ Email ☐ Mail ☐ Sealed envelope given to student

Recommendation 1 of 2

The student needs two letters from different individuals who know them well, such as a teacher, counselor, coach, mentor, employer, or community leader. Please attach a signed letter to this form.

Student full name High school

Recommender name Title/organization

Relationship to student How long have you known them?

Email address Phone number

Please address these points in your letter

- Character, reliability, and work ethic
- Leadership and service to others
- Readiness for college and future goals
- Specific examples of the student's strengths, growth, or community impact
- Why you recommend this student for the scholarship

Submission instructions

Return this form with your signed letter to the applicant, or send both directly to the Foundation. Include the student's full name and high school. **Both recommendations must be received by January 31, 2027.**

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Mail: DoriBee Scholarship Committee
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Questions: (337) 362-2887

Recommender signature Date

Suggested email subject: 2027 Scholarship Recommendation - [Student Full Name]

Recommendation 2 of 2

The student needs two letters from different individuals who know them well, such as a teacher, counselor, coach, mentor, employer, or community leader. Please attach a signed letter to this form.

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