

*Dollars for Scholars*  
*Application Instructions and Tips*  
**DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS OF WHITMAN AND HANSON**  
**P.O. Box 26**  
**Whitman, MA 02382**

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**Qualifications:**

To be eligible for a DFS Scholarship you must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 (unweighted). You must also live in Whitman or Hanson attending a private school, a vocational school or the regional high school.

- 1 This application puts you in front of ~90 different scholarships.**
- 2 Details are important.**
- 3 It is OK to shine – don't be modest.**
- 4 Please supply a current telephone number, in case we need additional information.**

Applications can be downloaded from our website: [www.dfsw.com](http://www.dfsw.com) or picked up in the Guidance Office at WHRHS. Return your completed application (with transcript attached) to:

*Guidance Office, Whitman Hanson Reg. H.S., Franklin St., Whitman, MA 02382*

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2010**

Note: If you have questions, please call Deirdre Wirzburger at 781-608-3534

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**Cover page:**

Remember to **sign** the application. DFS will fill in the Chapter Official signature and Chapter Name.

**Page One:**

**Applicant Data:**

Your personal data

**School data (your High School Data):**

Please be sure to tell us the College you plan to attend. We understand that you may still be reviewing your options, but it will help us to know where you plan to attend college. Also, what you plan to study will help because there are several scholarships that have specific requests for field of study (i.e. business, medical, music, etc.)

**Other Awards (if you know already):** This also helps us understand your future plans. Please let us know if you have received any recognition for your hard work.

**Page Two:**  
**Personal Data:**

**Work Experience:** Please be specific. When did you work (what years, how many weeks/years, etc.) and how many hours at each job. ***Only list jobs during your high school years.***

Examples:

- 1 Part-time job 10 hours a week at Stop & Shop for two years
- 2 Babysitting 3 hours a week for 4 years
- 3 Inventory job at Home Depot 3 hours (one time)

**Activities:** Be sure to list all school and community activities. ***Only list activities during your high school years.*** Give complete details. Did you play a sport – how many years? National Honor Society – how many years? Music – Stage Band, marching band, etc. and for how long? Church work, scholarship work, 4-H, Scouts, volunteer work – What kind of activities and for how long?

Examples:

- 1 Key Club and “No. of Years Participated” could be 1 or 2 or 3 or 4 years
- 2 Basketball and “No. of Years Participated” could be 1 or 2 or 3 or 4 years

**Statement of Educational Plans:** Be as specific as possible. Tell why you have selected your college, in what field you plan to major, and what your goals are. If you are uncertain, say so and explain your interests. Give us a sense of who you are and of who you hope to become with the help of a higher education. Please use additional paper if necessary, but keep in mind that it is *quality* of what you write, not *quantity*. **Be sure to answer the question asked. Do not attach your college essay or an English assignment.** THIS ITEM IS VERY IMPORTANT IN AWARDS PROCESSING! *This section is the one we find students cheat themselves on. We know your mother and father have told you to be modest, but in this section we want you to brag a bit.*

**Unusual Family or Personal Circumstances:** If you feel something unusual has impacted your ability to work hard in school or held you back from working or participating in school or community activities, tell us.

**Page Three:**

**Applicant appraisal:** The recommendation portion of the form does not necessarily have to be completed by a guidance counselor unless the counselor knows you well and is well aware of your aspirations. In some instances, an employer, teacher, member of the clergy, or any other person you would ask for a letter of recommendation from would be appropriate, someone who knows you well and can fairly evaluate you.

**Transcript information:** Your current Guidance Department will provide you with this information.

**Application Checklist:** Remember to get all required signatures, including yours on the front page.