

The Sierra Institute
Kenton Dornbush Memorial Scholarship
How to Apply

Currently, Scholarship applications are solicited **ONLY** from those who are applying to participate in the Spring and Summer *California Wilderness* program and have a verifiable financial need.

1. Prepare all Application Materials well in advance. The application and necessary documents **CANNOT BE ACCEPTED ELECTRONICALLY**, so plan ahead.

- Fill out the Dornbush Scholarship Application Form. Attach additional sheets if you run out of space.

- Compose a Personal Statement that will help selection committee members learn about your personal history, perspectives, goals and interests. Give information that demonstrates that you are the best candidate for a scholarship. Feel free to describe any experiences you consider important and relevant (e.g. community service/volunteer, , employment, hobbies, etc.).

- Complete the Financial Need Form. Both pages must be filled out entirely; any missing information may disqualify you. Do not leave any section blank.

- Complete the Statement of Financial Need.

- Request 2 or more Letters of Recommendation from Teachers, Supervisors, Colleagues or Community Members.

2. Compile the Application Packet. Please submit one **original**. Paper clip only! Do NOT staple and do not use folders, binders, covers, etc. Complete application packets include the following attachments in this order:

- Scholarship Cover Sheet

- Dornbush Scholarship Application Form

- Personal Statement

- Financial Need Form

- Financial Need Statement

- 2 letters of recommendation.

3. Deliver or Postmark this application Packet by the Sierra Institute program application due date. This date varies depending on whether you are applying for a spring or a summer California Wilderness program. If you are unsure about the date you should apply, contact the Sierra Institute Office (707-826-3731 or look online (www.sierrainstitute.org)). **Late applications will not be considered.**

Mail or deliver to:

**Dornbush Memorial Scholarship
Sierra Institute
Office of Extended Education
Humboldt State University
1 Harpst St.
Arcata, CA 95521-8299**

The Sierra Institute

Dornbush Scholarship Application Form

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Last name: _____ First name: _____

Current Mailing address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Telephone: _____ email: _____

Have you already applied for the Sierra Institute? YES () NO ()

If so, how did you submit your application? Electronically/online () Mailed it/hardcopy ()

What is your 1st choice Sierra Institute program? _____

What is your 2nd choice Sierra Institute program? _____

Are you currently, or have you ever been, enrolled in a college/university degree program? YES () NO ()

If you answered YES, please complete the College/University Information section (below).

If you answered NO, skip the College/University Information section. However, you are encouraged to describe previous academic experience and/or any future academic goals in your Personal Statement essay.

You do not need to have attended college to be eligible to apply for this scholarship.

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Name of institution currently attending: _____

Location: _____ Currently attending full-time (at least 12 units/term)? _____

Please specify degree seeking (e.g., Associates of Arts, BA/BS, MA/MS, etc.) _____

Major: _____ Minor/concentration: _____

Year in school: _____ Anticipated graduation date: _____

Names/locations of any previous colleges/universities attended and degree/s earned (if applicable): _____

Certification

I hereby affirm that the information provided in this scholarship application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Financial Need Form

Household Income and Other Financial Aid

Annual Gross Income of Your Family

Total the previous year's estimated income for you and parents (if you are dependent).

- \$100,000 and up
- \$75,000 – 99,000
- \$50,000 – 74,000
- \$45,000 – 49,000
- \$40,000 – 44,999
- \$35,000 – 39,999
- \$30,000 – 34,999
- \$20,000 – 29,999
- \$10,000 – 19,999
- Less than \$10,000

Estimated College Expenses for academic year

Total estimated expenses for you to attend college.

Tuition	\$
Room/Board	\$
Other	\$
Total expenses	\$

Estimated Income for current year

List all income you expect to receive from other sources, including federal financial aid.

Family:	\$
Personal (savings, earnings, etc.):	\$
Confirmed Scholarships:	\$
Confirmed Grants:	\$
Work Study:	\$
Student Loans:	\$
Other:	\$

Other Household and Educational Expenses

How many members in your household depend on the above income? _____

What is your total anticipated need for college expenses in the coming year? _____

Who will be responsible for financing your college education? _____

Expected Family Contribution

Have you filled out and submitted the **FAFSA**? Yes No

Have you received your **Student Aid Report (SAR)**? Yes No

According to your **SAR**, what is your **Expected Family Contribution**? \$ _____

If you have no **SAR**, you can compute your **Expected Family Contribution** to the cost of your education at one of the following sites on the internet using the **Federal Methodology**.

<http://www.finaid.org/calculators/finaidestimate.phtml>

<http://apps.collegeboard.com/fincalc/servlet/efcCalculatorServlet>

According to your calculations, what is your **Expected Family Contribution**? \$ _____

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Statement of Financial Need

Please include a brief statement describing your financial need. Be sure to describe any financial hardships endured by you and your family that will make it difficult to afford your education. Do you have family members who plan to contribute toward the cost of your education? Do you have other family members attending college simultaneously? List any extraordinary expenses you and your family may have.

I hereby affirm that the information provided on this financial need form is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Financial information provided by: _____

Relation to applicant: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____