



Foundation for Missouri DECA 2015 Scholarships

The Foundation for Missouri DECA provides scholarships for members of Missouri DECA who plan to continue their studies in marketing, finance, hospitality, management, entrepreneurship, business administration, or a related field at an accredited two or four year college or university. The official Missouri DECA Scholarship Application must be used to apply for scholarships for which one is eligible. Students are able to apply for multiple scholarships, if eligible. Please review the requirements for each scholarship. Completed applications must be postmarked by **Saturday, February 28, 2015**. Scholarship recipients will be announced at the State CDC Opening Session on March 15, 2015. All applicants must be graduating seniors.

Available Scholarships

Lester B. Kesterson Scholarship

\$1,000

This scholarship honors retired Director of Marketing and Cooperative Education and Missouri DECA State Advisor Lester B. Kesterson. Eligible applicants must be enrolled in a DESE-approved Marketing or Cooperative Career Education program, be an active DECA member, and must attend the State CDC as a competitive event participant. Funds for this award are provided by interested individuals and organizations, as well as the Foundation for Missouri DECA. A maximum of three students may receive this award annually. The criteria for awarding this scholarship are scholastic ability and demonstrated leadership.

Jim Shelenhamer Memorial President's Scholarship

\$1,000

This memorial scholarship honors past Missouri DECA State President, Jim Shelenhamer. The current Missouri DECA State President is eligible to apply for this scholarship. The criteria are that the applicant completes a successful Program of Activities during their officer term and represents Missouri DECA honorably.

Bud Hartley Memorial Scholarship

\$1,000

This scholarship is in memory of past Missouri DECA Board President and Waynesville DECA chapter advisor, Mr. Bud Hartley. Eligibility is based upon successfully participating in the internship component of a DESE-approved Marketing or Cooperative Career Education program and being an active DECA member. **This scholarship has the following additional requirements:** a letter of recommendation from the chapter advisor describing the nominee's participation in the internship and how it impacted the student *and* an essay prepared by the student describing how their involvement in DECA and the internship made a difference in their life. Each Missouri DECA chapter is eligible to submit **one** application.



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Kent McDaniel Memorial Scholarship

\$1,000

This scholarship is in memory of past Missouri DECA Board President and Springfield Parkview DECA chapter advisor, Mr. Kent McDaniel. The nominee should exemplify a student whose life has been positively impacted as a result of their involvement in Marketing or Cooperative Career Education and DECA. **This scholarship has the following additional requirements:** a letter of recommendation from the chapter advisor describing how the nominee has been impacted by membership in DECA's program and student organization *and* an essay prepared by the student about how involvement in DECA and the education program has made a difference in their life. Each Missouri DECA chapter is eligible to submit **one** application.

Lead a Legacy Scholarship

\$1,000

Missouri DECA members benefit greatly from the continued commitment and service provided by its alumni. This scholarship honors the tradition of giving back to continue the legacy of excellence. Nominees should exemplify qualities of servant leadership and a spirit of making a positive difference through community service. **This scholarship has the following additional requirements:** a letter of recommendation describing the nominee's character and service to others *and* an essay prepared by the student about their philosophy on giving back and their plans to help future Missouri DECA members.

Gary & Deborah Altrup Scholarship

\$1,000

Every scholar grows through guidance, support and opportunity. Deborah and the late Gary Altrup gave, and continue to give, their children all the love and guidance they could have asked for, while exposing them to a world of possibilities for the future. This scholarship was founded to continue their legacy by providing one exceptional scholar with the chance to continue their education and seize their own opportunity. **This nominee for this scholarship must also meet the following additional requirements:** minimum GPA of 3.5; hold or have held a DECA leadership position at the chapter or state level **AND/OR** have attended a state or national DECA Leadership Conference; have participated and placed in DECA competition at the state **AND/OR** national level during any year of DECA involvement, excluding 2015.



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First/Middle/Last Name:

Home Street:

Home City:

Home Zip Code:

Home Phone:

Email Address:

DECA Chapter:

Dates of DECA Membership:

Check the scholarship(s) for which you wish to be considered:

- Lester B. Kesterson Scholarship
- Jim Shelenhamer Memorial President's Scholarship
- Bud Hartley Memorial Scholarship
- Kent McDaniel Memorial Scholarship
- Lead a Legacy Scholarship
- Gary & Deborah Altrup Scholarship

Please provide the following information on attached sheets:

1. Describe your career plans and goals for the future. Explain how you will apply the knowledge, skills and attitudes you have gained through participation in DECA to achieve your goals.
2. List honors, awards and leadership positions through involvement in DECA and other school, work and community organizations.
3. List volunteer/community service activities in which you have participated.
4. Identify the college/university you plan to attend and your desired major. Explain why you've chosen this institution and your major.
5. Furnish an official copy of your high school transcripts and your score(s) on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or the American College Testing (ACT) exam.
6. Furnish three letters of recommendation.
7. The Hartley, McDaniel, Lead a Legacy, and Gary & Deborah Altrup scholarships have additional requirements which must be submitted. (Note: For the Gary & Deborah Altrup Scholarship, please detail (1) the DECA leadership position(s) and year(s) you held a chapter or state office AND/OR the year(s) you attended a state or national DECA leadership conference, AND (2) the year(s) and event(s) you participated and placed in DECA competition at the state and/or national level.)



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Signatures of Assurance

I certify that the information provided in this application is correct and accurate. Should I be awarded a scholarship, I agree to pay strict attention to my studies and to the regulations of the college or university.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

Signature of DECA Chapter Advisor

Date

Completed applications must be postmarked by **Saturday, February 28, 2015** to:

Foundation for Missouri DECA
Scholarship Committee
5829 Tholozan Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63109

Best of Luck!