

About the Drexel Liberty Scholars Program



The Drexel Liberty Scholars program was established to continue Drexel University's nearly 120-year tradition of providing quality education to Philadelphians without restrictions on religion, race, gender, or social class and to reaffirm our commitment to engaging with the communities that make up our city.

Beginning in the fall quarter of 2010, Drexel will provide 50 recent Philadelphia high school graduates with annually renewable scholarship awards covering 100 percent of tuition and fees. These Drexel Liberty Scholars will enjoy all of the benefits of a Drexel education as well as a mentorship program designed to ensure continued success at the college level.

Read on for answers to some frequently asked questions about eligibility, the application process, and program requirements. For more information and to access the application, visit www.drexel.edu/financialaid/libertyscholars.



Who is eligible?

Low-income students who have graduated from a public, private, parochial, charter, or preparatory high school within the Philadelphia city limits during the 2009–10 academic year are eligible to apply for the scholarship. City residents who were educated outside of the city, homeschooled, or who completed a GED will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

To receive the scholarship, the candidate must be accepted to Drexel and enroll as a new matriculated student in a full-time day, face-to-face undergraduate program of study at the University starting in the fall 2010–11 academic year.

How do I apply for the scholarship?

1. By February 15, have a complete admission application, including high school transcripts, two letters of recommendation, and SAT or ACT scores.
2. By March 1, complete the online scholarship application available at www.drexel.edu/financialaid/libertyscholars.
3. By March 1, applicants are also required to file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) available at www.fafsa.gov. Drexel's school code is 003256.
4. Final candidates will be required to participate in on-campus interviews.

When will final candidates be notified about an interview?

Final candidates will be contacted by mid-March regarding interview times.

When are scholarship decisions announced?

Drexel Liberty Scholars will be announced in early April 2010.

What is the scholarship worth?

The scholarship will cover 100 percent of annual tuition and fees.

How many scholarships will be awarded?

Fifty new Drexel Liberty Scholarships will be awarded each academic year.

Are there requirements for students who receive a Drexel Liberty Scholarship?

In order to benefit from the full campus experience, all recipients will be expected to live on campus. Students will live in a learning community. Exceptions will be made on a case-by-case basis.

All Drexel Liberty Scholars will be assigned a mentor with whom they are required to meet at least once per term. Scholarship renewal will require active participation in the program including attendance at a yearly luncheon for Drexel Liberty Scholars and active participation in at least one campus or community organization.

Is the award renewable?

Yes, the scholarship will be renewable for the four or five years required to complete the undergraduate degree providing the student continues enrollment in a full-time day undergraduate program, maintains a 2.75 cumulative grade point average at the end of each academic year, and files a renewal FAFSA by May 1. Students who remain in good standing but do not meet the minimum cumulative grade point average will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by a Scholarship Committee.

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