



# DREXEL LIBERTY SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Drexel University has been providing quality education for over 125 years, regardless of religion, race, gender, or social class. The Drexel Liberty Scholars program continues this tradition while also reaffirming our commitment to diversity, inclusion, and social justice.

Through the Liberty Scholars program, Drexel provides 65 recent high school graduates from across the nation with an annually renewable scholarship that covers 100 percent of tuition and general fees. Additionally, Liberty Scholars receive the added benefit of a dedicated faculty/staff mentor, a Living Learning Community, academic resources, and event programming.

See the back of this fact sheet for answers to some frequently asked questions about eligibility, the application process, and program requirements.

For more information, visit [drexel.edu/libertyscholars](https://drexel.edu/libertyscholars).

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

U.S. citizens or permanent residents with demonstrated financial need are eligible to apply for the scholarship. Final determination of financial eligibility is made when Drexel receives the information provided on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and CSS Profile. Applicants must also be high school students who will graduate from a public, private, parochial, charter, or preparatory high school during the academic year. Applicants who were homeschooled or who completed a GED will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

To receive the scholarship, the candidate must apply to Drexel as a new matriculated, first-year college student in a full-time day, on-campus undergraduate program of study at the University starting in the fall 2021–2022 academic year.

## HOW DO I APPLY FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP?

All candidates must complete an admission application, including the application fee or waiver, high school transcripts, and two letters of recommendation. The admission application deadlines vary depending on whether you choose to apply Early Decision, Early Action, or Regular Decision.

The Liberty Scholars application deadline is dependent on when you decide to apply. You can complete the Drexel Liberty Scholarship application and essay online via Discover Drexel at [discover.drexel.edu](https://discover.drexel.edu).

## WHAT FINANCIAL INFORMATION DO I NEED TO PROVIDE?

All Liberty Scholars applicants are required to complete the CSS Profile in order to be considered for the program. You must complete the CSS Profile by the respective deadlines based upon the admissions process you have chosen (Early Action, Early Decision, or Regular Decision). For more information about the CSS Profile, visit [drexel.edu/drexelcentral/cssprofile](https://drexel.edu/drexelcentral/cssprofile).

Students are also required to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

## WHAT ARE THE DEADLINES?

### Early Decision Applicants

Admission application and materials .....	November 1
Drexel Liberty Scholarship application .....	November 15
CSS Profile.....	November 15
FAFSA.....	February 15

### Early Action Applicants

Admission application and materials .....	November 1
CSS Profile.....	November 15
Drexel Liberty Scholarship application .....	February 1
FAFSA.....	February 15

### Regular Decision Applicants

Admission application and materials .....	January 15
Drexel Liberty Scholarship application .....	February 1
CSS Profile and FAFSA.....	February 15

## ARE FINAL CANDIDATES REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN ON-CAMPUS OR VIRTUAL INTERVIEWS?

Yes, each final candidate must take part in either an on-campus or virtual interview and will be contacted via email regarding interview times.

## WHEN ARE SCHOLARSHIP DECISIONS ANNOUNCED?

Drexel Liberty Scholar recipients will be announced in late December for Early Decision applicants and in early April for Early Action and Regular Decision applicants.

## HOW MUCH IS THE SCHOLARSHIP WORTH?

The scholarship will cover 100 percent of annual tuition and University fees. Federal and state grants, loans, and Work-Study may be offered to help cover room and board, books, and other costs to those applicants who have filed a FAFSA.

## HOW MANY SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE AWARDED?

A total of 65 new Drexel Liberty Scholarships will be awarded each academic year.

## ARE THERE REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS WHO RECEIVE A DREXEL LIBERTY SCHOLARSHIP?

Liberty Scholars are required to:

- Demonstrate a commitment to academic excellence, community service, and social justice
- Live on campus with other scholars in a learning community and remain in Drexel housing for the first two years of their undergraduate program in order to receive the full campus experience
- Meet with their assigned staff or faculty mentor at least once per quarter
- Attend all program events
- Participate in at least one University extracurricular activity
- Complete community service activities with the Lindy Center for Civic Engagement

## IS THE AWARD RENEWABLE?

Yes, the scholarship is renewable for the four or five years required to complete the undergraduate degree. In order to remain qualified, the student must continue to be enrolled full-time, maintain a 2.0 cumulative grade point average at the end of each academic year, and meet all program participation requirements annually.

Any additional questions may be addressed to [lbtytsch@drexel.edu](mailto:lbtytsch@drexel.edu).

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