

## Daniels Fund announces new open application process

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A new “open application” for the Daniels Scholarship was scheduled to go live on the Daniels Fund website Sept. 17. For the first time, the process will make it possible for students to initiate and submit their own applications online. The deadline to apply is Nov. 29.

The new approach gives students direct access to the scholarship application, rather than requiring them to be nominated before applying. It also offers an easy-to-use interface that streamlines the application process.

“In establishing the Daniels Scholarship, cable pioneer Bill Daniels wanted to seek out outstanding young people who possess tremendous strength of character, the passion to succeed, a willingness to work hard and a commitment to giving back to the community,” explained Linda Childears, president and CEO of the Daniels Fund.

“We believe the new open application process will provide even greater access to outstanding candidates who demonstrate the qualities Bill Daniels was looking for in Daniels Scholars,” she added.

Each year, approximately 250 new Daniels Scholars are selected from among thousands who apply. They go through a rigorous application, interview and selection process. The reward of being selected for the program is the opportunity to obtain a four-year college education at any nonprofit college or university in the United States, complete with financial and personal support throughout the college journey.

To be eligible to apply for a Daniels Scholarship students must be current high school seniors graduating during the 2012-2013 academic year from a high school in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah or Wyoming. They must be a current resident of one of those states and at the time of application be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident of the United States. They must also demonstrate financial need and other requirements of the scholarship.

The Daniels Scholarship is not “full ride” but is supplemental to all other financial aid resources, including Pell Grants, available to the student. After other financial resources have been applied, the Daniels Scholarship covers all required tuition and fees, room and board, books

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and supplies, and a variety of other miscellaneous expenses. Students also receive a laptop computer and a printer.

Visit [www.danielsfund.org](http://www.danielsfund.org) for more information.

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