**Annual Joseph R. Dufek Scholarship**

2025-2026

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Open Next Academic Year  |  Deadline: **May 31st, 2025,**  |  Residents of Dakota County and Scott County, Minnesota Only \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

You must either type or print all your answers neatly in ink. Application responses may be sent via email to [spcommunityresources@gmail.com](mailto:spcommunityresources@gmail.com) or mailed to South Metro Community Services, 1440 Duckwood Drive, Suite 500, Eagan, MN 55122. Applications and any supporting materials must be postmarked by April 30, 2025, to the address above. Alternatively, applications can be completed through the website: [SMCSMN.org](https://smcsmn.org/). For questions, call (952) 955-9399.

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_  
    Last First M.I.
2. Permanent mailing address\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
    Number and Street  
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   City State Zip Email  
   Phone:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_  
     
    Month Day Year
3. What year will you/did you graduate from high school (or get a GED): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
     
   Name of high school: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
     
   Latest high school GPA: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. College currently attending or planning to attend: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
   Major field of study (now or planned): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. Attach a 500-word (or less) essay on why you qualify for this scholarship. This should not be financial in nature but, instead, focus on your current life and educational situation and the reasons why this scholarship will assist you on your commitment to sobriety. Academic or community-based achievements are not relevant for this essay.
6. Attach two letters of reference from individuals of your choice. The theme of reference letters should support the applicant’s essay on why the applicant will benefit from this scholarship.

**\*Please submit completed applications by email through** [**info@smcsmn.org**](mailto:info@smcsmn.org)**\***