

Hello Class of 2026!

The application for the [Dollars for Scholars](#) Preferred scholarships is open! They are due no later than **April 26th**. Below are some instructions! Feel free to come in during lunches when the Career Center is open for help in starting or completing your application. You are also welcome to email me or stop in if you aren't here for lunches. NOTE: An interview is also required. There is a sign-up link at the end of these instructions.

**Dollars For Scholars Scholarships are for **everyone** pursuing education or training after high school including those going to: community college, career colleges, trade/tech school, 4-year colleges and apprenticeships! Yes, that includes education programs like Cosmetology schools, Welding schools, Commercial Driving Schools & more. (Any accredited program!)**

The short version of instructions to get started on the scholarship:

- Go to <http://www.yelm.dollarsforscholars.org> to get started.
- Click on the ["Students & Parents"](#) tab in the grey bar. Instructions and additional details are on that page.
- After reading directions, you can scroll to the bottom and click on **"Login."**
- On the next page, select **"Don't have an account yet? Create one here."** You will fill out some basic information and submit it.
- **Use a personal email address** since your school one won't accept emails from outside entities.
- You will receive an email with a temporary password.
- Go back to the [Student Login](#) to log in and start your application!

**More in-depth details:**

The first page you will see once logged in is your **"Dashboard."** You will need to click on **"Transcript Information"** as transcripts are required for the application. You will be taken to another page and will need to click on

the button labeled **"Add School Official."** Input my contact information : Nicole Mathis, Nicole\_Mathis@ycs.wednet.edu, 360-458-6413. This will send me a notification to upload transcripts for you. I will complete all transcript requests in March after all applications have been submitted.

After you complete the transcript request, you will need to work on your **profile**. You can access the profile page from your dashboard.

- Creating your profile is a multi-step process and you don't have to do it all at once. You will see that there are many different areas where you will input information such as: Academic information, Activities, Awards, Employment, etc., and yes, there is a short essay.
- You **DO NOT Need** to complete these sections: Class Rank, Test Scores, Documents, Financial Info, References (A Reference IS NOT needed and won't be considered).  
NOTE: You also do not need to fill out your GPA for every grade, just your cumulative GPA under the GPA section.
- The Goals Essay IS Required, the Unusual Circumstances Essay is optional.

NOTE: Be sure to carefully complete the Schools Section - your type of school (2-yr, 4-yr, tech, etc) is important! You should also list your top 3 intended colleges/programs and majors or areas of interest - this includes apprenticeships too!

### **How to submit your application:**

Once all of the sections are filled out to the best of your ability, you need to go back to your Dashboard and Click on the button that says **"Search for Scholarships."**

- This will take you to a pop up where you have to answer a few more yes/no questions. DO NOT COMPLETE THIS STEP UNTIL YOUR APPLICATION IS COMPLETED.
- After submitting those answers, it will take you to the **"Scholarship Applications Ready to Complete"** section. The **APPLY button** will be available for some scholarships immediately. For others you may

have to answer a few more questions first. If the **Questions Box** appears next to the scholarship, click on it. After you answer any more required questions, the APPLY Button should be ready to click! If you have matched to more than one scholarship, you can also use the **"Apply to all scholarships with a red Apply button"** link. This will let you submit all scholarships at once.

**Scholarship Applications Ready to Complete**

If Questions or References button is highlighted red, please click and follow instructions. You must do this step BEFORE you are able to click the Apply button. **The apply button must be clicked BEFORE the close date in order to be eligible.**

**NOTE:** If you see a button that reads "no longer eligible", then your profile or the scholarship requirements have changed and you are no longer eligible for that scholarship. To check this, click the "Verify Eligibility for all Scholarships" button at the top of this page.

| Scholarship                      | Close Date |                      |                           |                            |                       |
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| Yelm Dollars for Scholars - 2025 | 02/28/2025 | <a href="#">View</a> | <a href="#">Questions</a> | <a href="#">References</a> | <a href="#">Apply</a> |

NOTE!! If for some reason you don't see the APPLY button available in red, go to the top of the page and click on [Verify Eligibility for All Scholarships](#) & then proceed.

You must then **click on the "APPLY" button**. **If you don't complete this step, you will not be considered for scholarships!** There are also very detailed student instructions on the Yelm Dollars For Scholars website under the "Students and Parents" tab.

**An interview is also a required part of this application.**  
**They have been scheduled for April 28th, 29th & 30th.**  
**You can sign up using this link:**  
**[2026 DFS Interviews](#)**

See Mrs. Mathis in the YHS Career Center if you need assistance!