

The Lakes Employee Scholarship Fund

2024-2025 Scholarship Program Timeline

December

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) open for enrollment for students planning to attend college between July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025. This date has changed, and is few months later than usual. FAFSA launch could coincide with school breaks and holidays. Don't put off completing it until the new year. Some needs-based aid may be offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

January 1- April 7

Scholarship applications open. Application can be found at <https://www.desertscholarship.org/lakes> , or click the Apply Now button on the top menu and select The Lakes Employee Scholarship Fund.

April 8-10

Desert Scholarship Foundation (DSF) reviews all applications for completion and requests any required information not provided by the applicant. DSF confirms hire date is correct, confirms eligibility.

April 15-19

DSF provides applicant list to Lakes Scholarship Committee Members to review and approve following criteria guidelines.

April 24-28

Confirmation sent to each applicant, application accepted or denied based on eligibility and application completion. Applicants whom we plan to extend a scholarship will receive additional instruction on how to accept the scholarship and terms. Award amounts provided to students in August.

May 1- June 23

DSF's Scholarship Review Committee reviews and scores applications.

June 30

Deadline for recipients to complete scholarship acceptance. DSF begins to determine award amounts based on financial need, cost of attendance and application review and score.

July 15-19

DSF reviews recommendations with Lakes Scholarship Committee. DSF Board of Director's reviews award recommendations, suggests changes as needed, finalizes award details.

August 1

Scholarship funds sent to schools in the name of the student. Award recipients receive notification of award amount, and that funds have been sent to school for use. Final report of awards gifted sent to Scholarship Committee.

