



## 2026-2027 Academic Year Scholarship Timeline

**April:** Scholarship eligibility criteria reviewed annually and finalized for the upcoming academic year; changes made as needed. DSF creates scholarship announcement to distribute to employees, include in hire packages.

**May 15- September 6:** Scholarship applications open. Link to access application live. Application can be found at <https://desertscholarship.org/fund/crane-creek/>

**September 7-11:** Desert Scholarship Foundation (DSF) reviews all applications for completion and requests any required information not provided by the applicant. DSF confirms hire date and length is correct, confirms eligibility.

**September 14:** DSF provides applicant list to Crane Creek Employee Scholarship Committee to review and approve following criteria guidelines.

**September 17:** Confirmation sent to each applicant, application accepted or denied based on eligibility and application completion. Provide acceptance forms to all applicants the fund plans to extend a scholarship grant award.

**September 6-30:** DSF's Scholarship Review Committee reviews and scores applications.

**October 21:** 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.

**October 27:** DSF reviews recommendations with DSF Board of Directors review award recommendations and finalizes award details.

**November 6 (on or before):** 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.

