



2026-2027 Scholarship Program Timeline

December 2025

Scholarship eligibility and application reviewed annually; changes made as needed

January 1- March 31, 2026

Scholarship applications open. Link to access application live. 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 1- April 11, 2026

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 14-18, 2026

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

May 9, 2026

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, 2026

DSF's Scholarship Review Committee reviews and scores applications.

June 23, 2026

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

July 9-18, 2026

DSF reviews recommendations with Lakes Scholarship Committee. DSF Board of Directors review award recommendations, suggest changes as needed, finalize award details.

August 1, 2026

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. If any changes made, final report of awards gifted sent to Scholarship Committee.



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