



RANCHO LA QUINTA EDUCATION FUND 2026-2027 Scholarship Timeline

October/November 2025

Finalize Scholarship eligibility criteria. New employee orientation.

January 1- March 25, 2026

Scholarship applications open. Application can be found at <https://www.desertscholarship.org/rlq> or visit www.desertscholarship.org and select the Rancho La Quinta Education Fund button and select Apply Now in the top right corner.

March 25- March 30, 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 1, 2025

DSF provides applicant list for review.

May 1, 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 22, 2026

DSF's Scholarship Review Committee reviews and scores applications.

June 22, 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 1, 2026

DSF present award recommendations.

August 1, 2026

DSF Board of Directors review award recommendations and finalizes award details. 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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