DCU for Kids Scholarships

For over 20 years, DCU, through DCU for Kids, has provided a scholarship program designed to assist students in the pursuit of a higher education with over $1.7 million in scholarships being awarded. In 2022, DCU for Kids awarded 120 scholarships totaling $190,000 to graduating high school seniors. Recipients were chosen by an impartial panel of college educators who base their decisions on scholastic achievement, community involvement, leadership skills, character and integrity, recommendation letters, as well as an essay submitted by the student.

Congratulations to this year’s scholarship winners:

**2022 $2,500 DCU Scholarship Winners**
- Aaron V. Lewis
- Ananya Lertpradist
- Ashley Hanna Gonzalez Cruz
- Bailey Darbro
- Grace Shamley
- Isabelle Thissell
- Natasha D'Cunha
- Pranati Mary Yadlapalli
- Srijan Meesala
- Tyler Jack Bowman

**2022 $2,000 DCU Scholarship Winners**
- Ameera Mazen Asse
- Asim Adhikary
- Charles Wesley Tower
- Devan King
- Elizabeth Brunelle
- Ethan Johnson
- Jacqueline Pottle
- Maiko Utsumi
- Ojas Nilesh Phirke
- Ryan Guilmette

**2022 $1,500 DCU Scholarship Winners**
- Aditya Ariyur
- Alexandra Gonzalez
- Andrea Valeria Nelson
- Anika Purohit
- Christopher Ruiz
- Gemma Marie Ugorowski
- Janice Tran
- Joshua Haynes
- Malia I. Montalvo
- Mary Win
- Matthew Wittlich
- Norah Elizabeth Carter
- Sarina Jarrahi Horner
- Seviya Jordan Mast
- Siddharth Mehta
- Tania Panikanthara Binu
- Vineth Nareedy

**2022 $1,000 DCU Scholarship Winners**
- Ainsley Parks
- Ariana Ivet Guandique Reyes
- Benjamin Sloan Kahn
- Emily Faith Wells
- Esperanza Guizar
- Harshil Mayank Shah
- Iana Mignano
- Kade Williams
- Mariel Ann Gosamo Salomon
- Megan Patricia Mahoney
- Michelle Ho
- Ronak Saluja
- Shreya Jagan
- Simran Kaur
- Sreya Lakshmi Das
- Stephanie Xu
- Taylor Hodge
- Tristin Jantz
- Yana Batra

The Annual Scholarship Program will begin to accept applications starting in December of 2022 for the 2023 application process. Please visit [dcuforkids.org/scholarships](http://dcuforkids.org/scholarships) in mid-November for Official Rules and FAQ’s. All DCU employees, volunteers, subsidiaries, affiliates, and their immediate family members are ineligible to apply to the DCU Memorial Scholarship Program.
Fraud: It Can Happen to Anyone

Here are some common scams, and what you can do to avoid becoming a victim:

- **Impersonation/Technical Support Scams:** Fraudsters will pretend to be someone who is credible, such as; a law enforcement agent, a utility company worker, a technical support representative, or an employee of your financial institution. They will try to create a sense of panic and urgency stating that there is a problem and ask for your personal and account information.

  **How to avoid:** Request their name, ask for a phone number, and confirm the name of the organization they are representing. Look up the contact information for the organization yourself, if the phone number you were given does not match, it’s likely a scam.

- **Work From Home Scams:** Scammers will present individuals with cash offers for lucrative work from home positions.

  **How to avoid:** Request basic information about the company, such as; the business name, phone number, headquarters mailing address, business website address, etc. Take this information and call your local Secretary of State office, or conduct research with the Better Business Bureau to verify whether or not it is a legitimate business.

- **Romance and Elder Abuse Scams:** Scammers will typically contact individuals through social media and will take their time to get to know them and gain their trust. Once they feel they have formed a connection with their targets, the scammer will begin to request financial support. They will play on the emotions of their victims, saying that they need the money for help with a family problem, their debt, or medical expenses.

  **How to avoid:** Don’t believe that everyone is who they claim to be. If you don’t know someone personally and have no way to confirm if they really need financial assistance from you, do not give them access to your funds.

For more information on how you can protect yourself from different types of fraud and scams, please visit [dcu.org/fraud](http://dcu.org/fraud).

If you suspect any unauthorized activity on your DCU account, contact us immediately at **800.328.8797**.

DCU’s Financial Education Center

Have you seen the new Financial Education Center on [dcu.org](http://dcu.org)? It’s full of informative articles to help our members succeed in achieving their financial goals. Whether you’re looking to buy a car, finance an education, or refinance a mortgage – the Financial Education Center has articles that can help you make an informed decision. We’re always adding new articles, so you’ll always be up to date with the latest information.

Check it out today!

The DCU Way

DCU is devoted to making our local communities a better place to call home by supporting organizations that assist children and families, leading financial education programs, and sponsoring community events. For more information, visit [dcu.org/community](http://dcu.org/community).