

How to apply to & participate in the Distinguished Young Women of New Hampshire Scholarship Program

Requirements & Eligibility:

- Be available to participate in our day long, in person showcase [tentatively] on Sunday, January, 4, 2026
- Be a NH resident
- Be a senior in the graduating class of 2026
- Be able to participate in our five phases of competition:
 - **Scholastics** – partner with your counselor to complete and submit ahead of our state program
 - **In-person Interview** - A private, 10 minute interview between you & our panel of judges the day of our state showcase
 - **Self-Expression** – express yourself and share your opinions, on-stage answering a question you receive ahead of the show
 - **Fitness** – learn, and perform on-stage, a group aerobic fitness routine
 - **Talent** – demonstrate your talent live, on-stage in a 90 second presentation
- Be ready to represent the granite state at the national competition in Mobile, Alabama at the end of June if you win!

Application Process: Completed by December 1, 2025

1. Apply online at: www.distinguisheddyw.org
 - a. This gets your name on our list to receive information and to be able to start the official application for the NH state program.
2. Fill out the online application with information about your accomplishments, talents, and community service involvement
 - a. This will take approximately 20-30 minutes.
3. Work with your school counselor to fill out the ACADEMIC RECORD FORM & have your transcripts sent to the state chairperson
 - a. Your Academic record includes your:
 - i. Official transcript through your junior year of high school (*please wait to send transcripts until after Quarter 1 of your senior year ends*)
 - ii. Official Standardized Test Scores (ACT and/or SAT) that can be combined using highest scores for a "super score"
 - iii. Information about the Academic Extracurriculars you are a part of with a brief sheet explaining each you have listed
4. Turn in a signed state contract & health forms sent to you by the state chairperson

Get ready to participate and compete in our state showcase [tentatively] on Sunday, January, 4, 2026

This will be a daylong experience with Life Skills Workshops in the morning on Public Speaking, Interview Skills, & the Be Your Best Self National Program run by former Distinguished Young Women of New Hampshire. The day will also include on-stage rehearsals and the state showcase that your family and friends are invited to attend to see who will be the next Distinguished Young Woman of New Hampshire 2026.

Cash and tuition scholarships will be awarded at the conclusion of the state showcase.

The newly named Distinguished Young Woman of New Hampshire will advance to the national level in June of 2026 with the opportunity to earn over \$50,000 in additional cash scholarships and to participate in the national experience in Mobile, AL with the 49 other state representatives from across the country.

Have Questions?

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Confident, Intelligent, Strong, Ambitious, Self-driven Young Women

Our mission is to empower young women to reach their full potential by providing scholarship opportunities for college as well as personal development to become confident leaders.

Founded in 1958, Distinguished Young Women is a **free** program that encourages participants to reach their full individual potential. Our mission is to empower young women by providing over \$1 billion in scholarship opportunities, developing their self-confidence in a positive peer environment and participating in our Life Skills Workshops that prepare them for success after high school.

In addition to winning cash scholarships that can be used at any college or university in the United States, both state winners and participants have college-granted scholarships available for many colleges and universities in the country- including full, four year tuition scholarships and scholarships just for participating in our program!

Check out our recent state representatives and where the Distinguished Young Women Scholarship Program has helped take them!



Lara Finnegan

**Distinguished Young Woman
of New Hampshire 2025**

Awarded \$1,350 in cash scholarships at the state level & the chance to take advantage of over \$1.1 million of scholarship opportunities with our partner colleges



Kylie Chamberlin, 2024

Awarded \$1,550 in cash scholarships at the state level

Attends Stonehill College studying to go into the healthcare field



Kianna Harlow, 2023

Awarded \$1,000 in cash scholarships at the state level

Attends the University of Alabama on an additional 4 year, full tuition scholarship valued over \$120,000



April Mauceri, 2020

Awarded \$1,350 in cash scholarships at the state level

Graduate of the University of New Haven inow pursuing her masters degree



Kate Chevaire, 2022

Awarded \$1,000 in cash scholarships at the state level and \$2,000 at the national level

Attends the University of Alabama on an additional 4 year, full tuition scholarship valued over \$120,000



Julia Coryea, 2019

Awarded \$1,400 in cash scholarships at the state level

Graduated DEBT FREE from the University of Alabama on a 4 year, full tuition scholarship value estimated at \$120,000



Casey Chamberlin, 2021

Awarded \$1,225 in cash scholarships at the state level

Attends Hood College in Maryland on an additional 4 year, full tuition scholarship value estimated at \$170,000



Lidia Balanovich, 2018

Awarded \$1,450 in cash scholarships at the state level and \$2,000 at the national level

Graduated from Dartmouth College with a degree in Cognitive Science

College-Granted Scholarships

The Class of 2025 is eligible for these college-granted scholarships from colleges and universities across the nation.

*** If a student receives a scholarship of higher value from the college, that scholarship will replace the scholarship associated with Distinguished Young Women.**

ALBION COLLEGE

Albion, Michigan

Four year, renewable \$1,000 scholarship to:

- **Any Distinguished Young Women participant**

To qualify, students must apply for admission by December 1st of their senior year of high school

ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY Tempe, Arizona
Four year, renewable Provost scholarship of \$8,000 to:

- Any academically eligible Arizona Resident state participant

Four year, renewable Provost scholarship of \$14,500 to:

- **Any academically eligible other (Non-Resident state participant)**

Students must qualify for Freshman Admission and meet academic eligibility requirements for the Resident and Non-Resident Provost Scholarship at Arizona State University. Scholarship is renewable provided the student maintains academic requirements including 3.0 GPA and 30 completed credits annually. Eligibility requires full time attendance.

CARROLL COLLEGE*

Helena, Montana

Four-year renewable scholarship of \$26,000, with annual renewal contingent on maintaining a 2.0 or higher college GPA to:

- National Scholastic Winner
Four-year renewable scholarship of \$24,000, with annual renewal contingent on maintaining a 2.0 or higher college GPA to:

- **Any State Scholastic Winner**

Four-year renewable scholarship of \$22,000, with annual renewal contingent on maintaining a 2.0 or higher college GPA to:

- Any Local Scholastic Winner

CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY*

Orange, California

Four-year renewable Presidential Scholarship (\$40,000 annually/\$160,000 total award) to:

- **Any State Winner**
- **State level Overall Scholastics Winner**

Must apply and qualify for Freshman Admission. Scholarship is renewable provided student maintains full time attendance and GPA requirements.

HOOD COLLEGE*

Frederick, Maryland

Four-year, renewable full tuition scholarship with maintenance of a 3.25 GPA to:

- Distinguished Young Woman of America
- **Any State Winner**

\$124,000 Presidential scholarship (\$31,000* minimum annually, renewable for up to four years) with maintenance of a 3.25 GPA to:

- **Any DYW participant**

HUNTINGDON COLLEGE*

Montgomery, Alabama

Four-year, renewable full tuition scholarship to: • Any State Winner (limited to 5 awards per year)

JUNIATA COLLEGE

Huntingdon, Pennsylvania

Four-year, renewable \$20,000-\$36,000 merit scholarship to:

- **Any DYW participant**

Additional four-year renewable \$2,500/year award to:

- Distinguished Young Woman of America
- Additional four-year renewable \$1,000/year award to:

- **Any State Winner**

Additional four-year renewable \$500/year award to:

- **All DYW participants**

NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA

Natchitoches, Louisiana

One year, scholarship of \$1,500 per semester to:

- **Any Distinguished Young Woman participant**

Four-year, renewable scholarship of \$3,000 per semester to:

- **State Winner**

RANDOLPH COLLEGE

Lynchburg, Virginia

All Distinguished Young Women Participants are eligible for the WildCat Commitment awards of:

- \$5,000 four-year renewable scholarship to students with 4.0 or higher high school GPA
- \$4,000 four-year renewable scholarship to students with 3.75-3.99 high school GPA
- \$3,000 four-year renewable scholarship to students with 3.5-3.74 high school GPA
- \$2,000 four-year renewable scholarship to students with high school 3.25-3.49 GPA
- \$1,000 four-year renewable scholarship to students with high school 3.0-3.24 GPA

Through a combination of merit scholarships, need-based grants, and other incentives, every admitted student who files the FAFSA will receive at least \$13,000 in financial commitment from Randolph College.

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Georgetown, Texas

Four-year, renewable \$7,500 scholarship to: • Any National Program participant

Four-year, renewable \$5,000 scholarship to:

- **Any State Program participant (from any state)**

Four-year, renewable \$2,500 scholarship to:

- Any Texas Local Program participant

All applicants for admission to Southwestern will be considered for our general merit scholarships at the time of admission review. DYW program awards may be stacked with general scholarship awards from the University.

SPRING HILL COLLEGE*

Mobile, Alabama

Four-year full tuition and fees scholarship to:

- Distinguished Young Woman of America

Four-year full tuition and fees scholarship; must have a minimum 30 ACT and 3.7 high school GPA; Limited to one award per year to:

- **Any State Winner**

STEVENSON UNIVERSITY*

Stevenson, Maryland

\$18,000 renewable four year scholarship to:

- **Any State Winner**

TENNESSEE WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

Athens, Tennessee

Four year, renewable \$1,000 scholarship, with annual renewal contingent on maintaining a 2.0 cumulative GPA to:

- **Any Participant**

Additional Academic Scholarships, with annual renewal contingent on maintaining a 2.0 cumulative GPA, awarded to **Any Participant:**

- \$17,000 four-year renewable scholarship to students with a 3.86-4.00 high school GPA
- \$15,000 four-year renewable scholarship to students with a 3.30-3.85 high school GPA
- \$13,000 four-year renewable scholarship to students with a 2.90-3.29 high school GPA
- \$11,000 four-year renewable scholarship to students with a 2.89-2.00 high school GPA

TEXAS LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY

Seguin, Texas

Four year, renewable \$2,000 scholarship to:

- **Any State Winner**

Four year, renewable \$1,500 scholarship to:

- **Any State First Runner-Up**

Four year, renewable \$1,000 scholarship to:

- **Any State Second Runner-Up**

Four year, renewable \$2,000 scholarship to:

- Any Texas Local Winner

Four year, renewable \$1,500 scholarship to:

- Any Texas Local First Runner-Up

Four year, renewable \$1,000 scholarship to:

- Any Texas Local Second Runner-Up

*Students must be admitted as regular degree-seeking students. The scholarship is not applicable to summer sessions.

TROY UNIVERSITY

Troy, Alabama

\$10,000 Chancellor's Scholarship and \$1,250 Study Abroad Scholarship to:

- **Any State Winner**

\$3,500 DYW Scholarship and \$1,250 Study Abroad Scholarship to:

- any Alabama local program winner with 3.0 GPA & 23 ACT

Four-year, renewable Trojan Opportunity Expanded Scholarship valued at the out-of-state portion of tuition costs with maintenance of 2.7 GPA to:

- **Any State Winner with 3.0 GPA and 20 ACT**

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA*

Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Four-year award for the value of a Presidential scholarship, \$5,000 freshman year housing scholarship and \$5,000 study abroad stipend to:

- Distinguished Young Woman of America

Four-year award for the value of a Presidential scholarship to:

- **Any State Winner**

Four-year award for the value of a Presidential scholarship plus a \$5,000 freshman year housing scholarship to:

- Distinguished Young Woman of Alabama
- Alabama's Overall Scholastics Winner

**If student receives a merit-based automatic offer that is less than a Presidential, this designation will bump them to the Presidential. A student cannot receive both a merit-based award and program-based tuition award. Should student already be receiving a Presidential Scholarship, they will receive a \$2,000/year stipend, \$300/year book scholarship, and a one-time \$3,000 study abroad stipend. If National Representative has already received Presidential Scholarship, will only receive the housing scholarship & study abroad stipend.*

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM

Birmingham, Alabama

One-year, stackable scholarship of \$1,000 to:

- **Any State Winner**

Four-year award for the value of a Presidential scholarship to:

- Any Alabama Local Winner
- Up to 2 participants who are nominated by the Distinguished Young Women of Jefferson County (AL) Program

**Must be admitted for the fall semester following HS graduation. Must submit the General Application in UAB's Blazer Scholarship Management and Resource Tool and complete four additional questions. One of these additional questions requires you to upload written verification of your participation/selection from DYW. Deadline for completing the scholarship application is May 31.*

UNIVERSITY OF MOBILE*

Mobile, Alabama

Four-year, renewable full tuition and fees scholarship with maintenance of a 3.0 GPA to:

- Distinguished Young Woman of America

Four-year, renewable half tuition with maintenance of a 3.0 GPA. To qualify, you just have a minimum 27 ACT and 3.0 high school GPA and must be:

- **Any Distinguished Young Women participant**

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA*

Mobile, Alabama

Four-year, renewable full tuition and fees scholarship with maintenance of a 3.0 GPA to:

- Distinguished Young Woman of America
- Distinguished Young Woman of Alabama
- National Overall Scholastics Winner

- **Any State winner with 30 ACT or 1360 SAT and 3.0 GPA**

After acceptance to USA, incoming first-time freshman will automatically be reviewed for the Freshman Admission awards. Students must be a U. S. citizen, applied for/obtained Permanent Residency, or a student attending a U.S. High School with a qualified visa status; be an incoming first-time freshman; and have at least a 3.0 High School GPA and an ACT super score of at least 21 (or SAT equivalent). Freshman Admission Scholarships range from \$3,000-full tuition, renewable annually with eligibility requirements met.

UNIVERSITY OF WEST ALABAMA

Livingston, Alabama

\$2,500 four-year renewable Trustee Leadership Scholarship (with maintenance of a 3.0 GPA) to:

- **Any local or state participant (with at least a 19 ACT or 2.5 high school GPA)**

**Additionally, Trustee Academic Scholarships at UWA start at a 21 composite ACT and/or 3.0 high school GPA and can be stacked with the DYW award.*

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY*

Pullman, Washington

Four-year, full tuition scholarship at the Pullman campus, with annual renewal contingent on maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress and full-time status, to:

- Distinguished Young Woman of America

WORCESTER STATE UNIVERSITY

Worcester, Massachusetts

Four year, renewable scholarship at the rate of full in-state tuition and fees, with maintenance of a cumulative GPA of 3.3 or higher, to:

- Distinguished Young Woman of America
- **Any State Winner**
- **Any State Scholastic Winner**

*Recipients must have a 3.75 recalculated, cumulative high school GPA and must apply and qualify for fall freshman admission, prior to March 1st for the following semester. The scholarship is renewable for a maximum of four contiguous years.

**Our partnerships are constantly growing and expanding, be sure to check out
<https://www.distinguishedyw.org/college-granted-scholarships> for an updated list!**