Do you...

- Live in Detroit?
- Expect to graduate from a Detroit high school this year?

Register for the Detroit Scholarship Fund before you graduate.

Yes?

What is the Detroit Scholarship Fund?
The Detroit Scholarship Fund (DSF) is a tuition-free path to obtaining an associate degree or technical certificate at any of our five participating community colleges:

- Henry Ford Community College
- Macomb Community College
- Oakland Community College
- Schoolcraft College
- Wayne County Community College District

What do I do next?

1. Register on the DSF website: www.detroitscholarshipfund.com
2. Complete the FAFSA
3. Apply to colleges
4. Take entrance exams and register for classes (See college for dates)
5. Attend orientation and the DSF induction ceremony, held in late summer

Ask questions.

We have answers.

CALL: 313.596.0324
TEXT: 313.757.1467
TWEET: @info_DSF
EMAIL: students@detroitscholarshipfund.com

Administered by:

Detroit Regional Chamber
## FAFSA

**Available January 1.**

Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in order to determine your eligibility for student grants (like Pell), work study and loans.

- [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)

Apply by March 1 for maximum consideration.

- **DSF only covers tuition and fees.**

Look for other scholarships to help pay for books, transportation, computers, etc.

- [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
- [www.bigfuture.org](http://www.bigfuture.org)
- [www.michigancap.org](http://www.michigancap.org)

Other sources are available – take the time to look for more by exploring online or talking to your counselor.

## Two-Year vs. Four-Year Options

- **Two-year colleges** are generally less expensive and offer associates degrees and technical certificates.
- **Four-year colleges** are more expensive and offer at least a Bachelor's degree.

Usually credits from two-year schools can be transferred to four-year schools.

Take the time to plan early. Talk to different schools to see what your options are.

## Scholarships

- [www.DetroitScholarshipFund.com](http://www.DetroitScholarshipFund.com)

Visit sites like [USnews.com/education](http://USnews.com/education) and [collegeboard.org](http://collegeboard.org) to find information on different schools and programs. Plan a visit with schools if possible.

## Senior Year Checklist

- **Register for a professional email address.** Visit Gmail or Yahoo to get started.
- **Consider retaking the ACT or SAT.**
- **Submit applications for colleges.** Talk to your counselor about waivers.
- **Complete your FAFSA and list all schools** you think you might attend.
- **Check your email daily** and follow up with your school to complete all requirements (Hint: Take placement exams, go to orientation and register for classes as early as possible).
- **Make sure your FAFSA** is finalized and your school is not missing any paperwork.
- **Go to class everyday!** YOU will be charged and will have to repay your financial aid if you do not go to class.

## Career Planning

The point of going to college is to prepare for your future – you need to have an idea of what career you want in order to effectively plan for and choose a college.

Visit [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) to explore the requirements, majors and cost of different schools.

Take the time to research. Reach out to organizations, shadow professionals, talk to your counselor and explore websites ([www.onetonline.org](http://www.onetonline.org)) to determine what your career path might look like.

## www.detroitscholarshipfund.com