

POST HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

2. The Golden Door Scholarship

- <https://www.goldendoorscholars.org/>.
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ELIGIBILITY FOR THE GOLDEN DOOR SCHOLARSHIP

- I have DACA, TPS or are undocumented, meaning currently do not have lawful status in the US.
- **Note:** *if you are a current US citizen or permanent resident, you are not eligible to apply. If you are a visa holder, please elaborate on your visa type and whether you are eligible to receive federal funding and/or in-state tuition in your application below. If you aren't sure whether you're eligible, email info@goldendoorscholars.org*
- I am currently in high school or graduated from a United States high school or obtained a GED (General Education Development) certificate from a United States Program.
- I am willing to apply to or attend one of the Golden Door Scholars Partner Schools.
- I am willing to explore and apply for other scholarships in addition to the Golden Door Scholarship.

WHAT I NEED

- Your high school and/or college transcript.
- Your class rank and class size if available.
- Information about leadership and extracurricular activities.
- An essay - you can use one written from one of your college applications or use one of the prompts from [The Common Application](#).

About the Golden Door Scholarship

Golden Door Scholars is an organization that provides large college scholarships, career and fellowship support, mentorship, and community-building opportunities for undocumented students. The Golden Door Scholarship is **now closed** for students attending college in the Fall 2023 semester.

- **FALL 2023 SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW**
All scholarship awards will begin as of Fall 2023. Strong preference will be given to applicants who are interested in pursuing a career path that is in demand, has high growth potential, and is career-ready, meaning does not require an advanced degree to start. Popular career paths that meet these criteria are software engineering, nursing, data analytics, business analytics, and digital marketing.

Scholarship recipients will receive funding for a four-year degree at Golden Door partner schools and access to mentors, fellowship, and career support beginning Fall semester, 2023. Students who have applied to or are interested in other colleges should also apply. We will support students at non-partner schools on a case-by-case basis.

Note that Golden Door will match scholarship recipients to partner and other colleges based on student preference and school admission slot availability.

APPLICATION DEADLINE AND DETAILS

- Applications will be considered on a rolling basis, so applying early is helpful
- Applications received after the deadline will not be considered
- Applicants should have strong academic records
- Applicants can be high school seniors, recent high school graduates, current college/community college students, or have obtained a GED (General Education Development) certificate from a United States Program
- High school and college transcripts DO NOT need to be official versions; you may scan and upload the transcript
- SAT and ACT scores are not required. However, if you do have standardized test scores, you can include them in your application
- Golden Door Scholars will also have access to mentors, fellowship and career support, along with other professional growth opportunities
- [Click here for the answers to other important FAQs.](#)

Partially completed applications cannot be saved and completed later. Please review the essay questions/requirements below before beginning the application.

- **APPLICATION CYCLE**

Step 1: Apply

Applications are considered on a rolling basis so applying early is helpful! After you've applied, you will receive a confirmation email that we have received your application. There, you will find a list of schools to look into while you wait. We encourage you to apply for many scholarships.

Step 2: Phone screen

After your application has been reviewed, select candidates will move onto the phone screen round, which will be a short phone call from a Golden Door Application Committee member.

Step 3: Final round

After phone screens are completed, select candidates will move to the final round of interviews, where candidates will complete a series of interviews via Zoom, where interviewers will have a chance to really get to know you.

Step 4: Awards

By December, finalists will be notified if they have received the Golden Door Scholarship!

WHAT IS A PARTNER SCHOOL?

A Partner School is a four-year college or university that works alongside Golden Door Scholars in sponsoring our students. We encourage Golden Door scholarship recipients to attend one of our Partner Schools, but it is not required. Below are our current Partner Schools.

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GOLDEN DOOR SCHOLARS

Immigration status shouldn't determine opportunity. Tenacity and hard work should. With the Golden Door Scholarship, undocumented students invest in their education and define their futures.



Katherine Juarez

Engineer at Credit Karma
Workday Software Development Intern
Wake Forest University '19 grad | B.S. in Computer Science

About Golden Door Scholars

DACA students are ineligible for federal financial aid and in-state tuition in most states. This wastes talent by preventing tens of thousands of qualified students from affording college.

Golden Door Scholars eliminates this barrier by investing in undergraduate education and career access for high-performing students.

Scholarship Details

In collaboration with partner colleges, a Golden Door scholarship includes:



Tuition for up to four years



Internship & job search support



Room & board for up to four years



Annual career-readiness summit



Community



343 Current Scholars



194 Graduates



20+ Partner Schools

Results



98% persistence rate and 3.5 GPA at college



GDS grads work at companies like Bank of America, CDC, Epic Systems, EY, Samsung, Accenture, Novant Health, Wells Fargo, Red Ventures and HBO.

