American Dorper Sheep Breeders' Society Scholarship

Thank you for taking the time to apply for the 2026 American Dorper Sheep Breeder's Society scholarship. This application has been put together to allow you to show off your career both inside and outside the ADSBS. We value your time spent breeding and showing Dorpers and White Dorpers. The agricultural industry is shrinking, and we need young adults, such as yourself, to carry the torch for the next generation. There will be a time when you fondly look back at those years and smile. The ADSBS hopes that you will continue raising Dorpers and White Dorpers once you settle into the next chapter of your lives. But if you don't, we hope you will always be an advocate for our industry.

About ADSBS Scholarships
The ADSBS awards a limited number of scholarships to qualified students to help defray the costs of pursuing a higher education. The number and amounts of the scholarships may vary from year to year based on available funding but will be at least a $1,000 minimum. The money will be distributed to the school once a schedule is provided with a student identification number.

Eligibility Criteria
1. Must be a graduating senior or homeschool graduate or current college student (up to age 21).
2. Must be an active, paid Junior member of the American Dorper Sheep Breeders' Society member for 3 consecutive years immediately prior to the application. An active member is defined by registering and/or transferring, and/or showing on the junior level.
3. Must be intending to use the money toward future education or certification in the agricultural field.
4. A minimum GPA of 2.75% out of a 4.0% scale must be maintained.
5. Each member can only win the scholarship one time.

See the timetable below for submission dates:
a. Applications will be available on the website by February 1, 2024.
b. Application submission must be returned to the Executive Director no later than **March 15**, **2026**.
c. Scholarship recipient(s) will be announced at the Annual Meeting in Duncan, Oklahoma.

Selection Criteria
The scholarship selection committee, approved by the Board of Directors, will consider the following in selecting recipients of
the scholarships:

- ADSBS involvement or verified Dorper and/or White Dorper herd (50%)
- Interview (30%)
- Essay: (10%)
- Recommendation letter from an unrelated advisor or mentor (10%)

Application Guidelines

• All sections of the application must be completed in full and submitted on or before the deadline.
• Please list all ADSBS involvement on a separate document.
• Applicants will be required to participate in an interview by a panel of agricultural and ADSBS representatives. Interviews will be held in April 2024.
• The response to the essay must be typed, double-spaced with name included on each page.
• A recommendation letter must be written by an unrelated adult who can speak to the character and integrity of the applicant. A recommendation letter must be submitted in a sealed envelope along with the application.

Scholarship Application Checklist

- Completed General Information Form
- Completed ADSBS Involvement Form
- Completed Essay
- Received the Letter of Recommendation from advisor or mentor.
- Proofed the spelling, grammar, and presentation of the application
- Signed and dated the application package
- Made a copy of the completed application package

If you have completed the checklist above, you are ready to submit your scholarship application! Please be sure to have it turned in to ADSBS by or before **March 15, 2026**

Good luck!

General Information of Applicant

First Name:_____

Last Name:_____

Birth Date:_____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

By signing below, I verify that I am a graduating senior or current student at an accredited college or institution, where I am seeking a certification.

X_____ Date _____
(signature)

_____
(printed name)

ESSAY

The essay must be typed, double-spaced, and have the student's name on each page.

ESSAY TOPIC:
How do you see your future impact on the Dorper/White Dorper or Agricultural Industry?

Involvement

Use the spaces below to list your involvement with the ADSBS and your community/school.

This should include any shows, projects you participated in, team competitions, skills, events attended, awards received, etc.

ADSBS Youth Shows: _____

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ADSBS Open Shows: _____

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Local FFA/4-H: _____

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School Activities: _____

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Letter of Recommendation

_____ is a member of the American Dorper Sheep Breeder's
(student's name)
Society and is applying for the ADSBS Scholarship. One of the application requirements is for the student to select a faculty or community advisor to write a letter of recommendation to be submitted alongside their application. Because he/she has chosen you, you are encouraged to give frank statements regarding the applicant's character, such as integrity, initiative, dependability, maturity, courtesy, industriousness, self-discipline, etc.

Please also include the following somewhere in your letter:

- Student's full name
- Your full name
- How you know this student and for how long you have known them
- Your occupation.
- Any of the student's involvement in the ADSBS that you are aware of
- Any skills that the student has acquired that could lead to a future in agriculture

There is no length requirement for your letter. When complete, please sign and place it in a sealed envelope to be returned to the student for application submission. Thank you!