



## **Dakota Solomon Memorial Scholarship**

In 2002, Ariel and Kristen Solomon established the Dakota Solomon Memorial Scholarship with the “I Have A Dream”® Foundation of Boulder County in memory of their son, Dakota to help low-income “I Have A Dream” students (Dreamer Scholars) further their education. The scholarship will equal approximately \$1,500 for tuition, books, room and board or fees.

If selected as the recipient of the Dakota Solomon Memorial Scholarship, recipient authorizes “I Have A Dream” to use their name, likeness, and application in print and other media in perpetuity. Recipient also agrees to meet with Foundation representatives if requested during the course of the scholarship funding.

A selection committee from “I Have A Dream” will select a Dreamer Scholar based on the following criteria:

- Currently enrolled and/or accepted to a university, college, or other type of “continuing education”
- Determination, character, effort, leadership skills, and perseverance
- Extent of community involvement
- Financial need
- Scholastic performance as shown by grade point average, SAT test scores
- Writing skills demonstrated by application essay

The applicant must submit:

- A completed scholarship application with essay responses
- Families EFC (estimated family contribution) amount from the FASFA
- A copy of most recent transcript (high school or college)
- Two reference letters

Deadline for submission is **May 15, 2020**. Please submit applications and all appropriate materials to “I Have A Dream” at 5390 Manhattan Circle, Suite 200, Boulder CO 80303.

Finalists may be invited by the Scholarship Committee for an interview. All who apply will be notified of the status in writing by June 1, 2020.



## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

### Applicant Information

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*Last* \_\_\_\_\_

*First* \_\_\_\_\_

*M.I.* \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*Street Address* \_\_\_\_\_

*Apt/Unit #* \_\_\_\_\_

*City* \_\_\_\_\_

*State* \_\_\_\_\_

*ZIP Code* \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Student \_\_\_\_\_

Id: \_\_\_\_\_

### Academic Information:

College: \_\_\_\_\_ Term: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated major or focus of study: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Degree Date mm/yy: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Amount requested \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated use of scholarship funds: \_\_\_\_\_

### Required Information

The following checklist items must also be completed:

FAFSA completed       COF completed       Transcripts       Essay questions

Families EFC (from FASFA) \_\_\_\_\_       Two reference letters

### Signature

*By signing below, the student hereby authorizes the release of information pertaining to the student for a period of one year from the date signed to the "I Have A Dream"® Foundation of Boulder County from the above named College, University, or Vocational Institution. The student further recognizes that "I Have A Dream" will monitor the student's grades, and that continued aid is contingent upon the student meeting the educational institution's standards for satisfactory academic progress.*

Dreamer Scholar / Dreamer Guest: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION ESSAY QUESTIONS**

In a minimum of one or two pages, please answer the following questions...

1. How have you benefited by being a part of the "I Have A Dream" program?
2. Why do you think you should receive this scholarship?
3. What are your education and career goals and aspirations? Given those, describe how you see yourself five years from now.
4. What do you think is your most meaningful accomplishment(s) in the past two years; or, what have you done in the past two years that you feel most proud of?
5. What talents, skills and/or abilities can you contribute to improve your community and the world, both now and in the future?
6. Describe your community involvement and/or work experience over the past 5 years (include any extracurricular activities (club, athletics, offices held) and any awards received.)
7. What is an obstacle you might face in college and how do you anticipate overcoming it?
8. List all other scholarships you have applied for/received and amounts.