

The Foundation for Missouri DECA provides scholarships for members of Missouri DECA who plan to continue their studies in marketing, finance, hospitality, and management at an accredited two or four year college or university. The official Missouri DECA Scholarship Application must be used to apply for scholarships. Each DECA Chapter is only allowed **ONE** applicant per scholarship, and each DECA member should choose **ONE** scholarship to apply for. Please review the requirements for each scholarship. Completed applications must be emailed by **Friday, February 3, 2023**. The application and all supporting materials required should be saved as **ONE** pdf file before sending. Scholarship recipients will be announced at the State CDC Opening Session on March 12, 2023. All applicants must be graduating seniors.

Lester B. Kesterson Scholarship

\$1,000

This scholarship honors retired Director of Marketing and Cooperative Education and Missouri DECA State Advisor Lester B. Kesterson. Eligible applicants must be enrolled in a DESE-approved Marketing or Cooperative Career Education program, be an active DECA member, and must attend the State CDC as a competitive event participant. **A maximum of three students may receive this award annually.** The criteria for awarding this scholarship are scholastic ability and demonstrated leadership.

Jim Shelenhamer Memorial President's Scholarship

\$1,000

This memorial scholarship honors past Missouri DECA State President, Jim Shelenhamer. The **current Missouri DECA State President is eligible** to apply for this scholarship. The criteria are that the applicant completes a successful Program of Activities during their officer term and represents Missouri DECA honorably.

Bud Hartley Memorial Scholarship

\$1,000

This scholarship is in memory of past Missouri DECA Board President and Waynesville DECA chapter advisor, Mr. Bud Hartley. Eligibility is **based upon successfully participating in the internship component** of a DESE-approved Marketing or Cooperative Career Education program and being an active DECA member. **This scholarship has the following additional requirements:** one letter of recommendation must be from the chapter advisor describing the nominee's participation in the internship and how it impacted the student *and* an essay prepared by the student describing how their involvement in DECA and the internship made a difference in their life.

Kent McDaniel Memorial Scholarship**\$1,000**

This scholarship is in memory of past Missouri DECA Board President and Springfield Parkview DECA chapter advisor, Mr. Kent McDaniel. The nominee should exemplify a student whose life has been positively impacted as a result of their involvement in Marketing or Cooperative Career Education and DECA. **This scholarship has the following additional requirements:** one letter of recommendation must be from the chapter advisor describing how the nominee has been impacted by membership in DECA's program and student organization *and* an essay prepared by the student about how involvement in DECA and the education program has made a difference in their life.

Lead a Legacy Scholarship**\$1,000**

Missouri DECA members benefit greatly from the continued commitment and service provided by its alumni. This scholarship honors the tradition of giving back to continue the legacy of excellence. Nominees should exemplify qualities of servant leadership and a spirit of making a positive difference through community service. **This scholarship has the following additional requirements:** one letter of recommendation must be from the chapter advisor describing the nominee's character and service to others *and* an essay prepared by the student about their philosophy on giving back and their plans to help future Missouri DECA members. Please include a log of community service hours you have completed with the name of activity, task completed and hours of service.

Gary & Deborah Altrup Scholarship**\$1,000**

Every scholar grows through guidance, support and opportunity. Deborah and the late Gary Altrup gave, and continue to give, their children all the love and guidance they could have asked for, while exposing them to a world of possibilities for the future. This scholarship was founded to continue their legacy by providing one exceptional scholar with the chance to continue their education and seize their own opportunity. This nominee for this scholarship **must also meet the following additional requirements:** minimum GPA of 3.5; hold or have held a DECA leadership position at the chapter or state level AND/OR have attended a state or national DECA Leadership Conference; have participated and placed in DECA competition at the state AND/OR national level during any year of DECA involvement, excluding the current year.

Gary Hanman Scholarship**\$1,000**

In honor of her father, former State DECA Advisor Cindy Shannon, wants to continue the legacy her father, Gary Hanman started as a business leader. Innovation, negotiation, hard work and perseverance marked Gary's extensive marketing and management tenure. He was an amazing leader. This nominee for this scholarship **must also meet the following additional requirements:** hold or have held a DECA leadership position at the chapter or state level AND/OR have attended a state or national DECA Leadership Conference; Complete a log of your leadership with the name of activity and task; have demonstrated innovation (all documented in essay) minimum GPA 3.25.



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DECA 2023 Scholarship
Program

Scholarship Application (Type or Print Clearly)

First/Middle/Last Name: _____

Home Street: _____

Home City/Zip Code: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Home Email Address: _____

DECA Chapter: _____

Chapter Advisor name: _____

Dates of DECA Membership: _____

Check which scholarship for which you wish to be considered:

- ☐ Lester B. Kesterson Scholarship
- ☐ Jim Shelenhamer Memorial President's Scholarship
- ☐ Bud Hartley Memorial Scholarship
- ☐ Kent McDaniel Memorial Scholarship
- ☐ Lead a Legacy Scholarship
- ☐ Gary & Deborah Altrup Scholarship
- ☐ Gary Hanman Scholarship

Please provide the following information on attached sheets in the order indicated below with labeled heading for each:

Order	Required Information	Was it Provided?
1	<u>Career Plans and Goals:</u> Describe your career plans and goals for the future. Explain how you will apply the knowledge, skills and attitudes you have gained through participation in DECA to achieve your goals.	
2	<u>Honors, Awards & Leadership:</u> List honors, awards and leadership positions through involvement in DECA and other school, work and community organizations.	
3	<u>Community Service:</u> List volunteer/community service activities in which you have participated.	
4	<u>College Plans:</u> Identify the college/university you plan to attend and your desired major. Explain why you've chosen this institution and your major. Indicate how you plan on paying for your education.	
5	Furnish a copy of your high school transcript and your score(s) on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or the American College Testing (ACT) exam.	
6	Submit three letters of recommendation.	
7	<u>Essays:</u> The Hartley, McDaniel and Lead a Legacy scholarships have essays which must also be submitted.	



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Signatures of Assurance

I certify that the information provided in this application is correct and accurate. Should I be awarded a scholarship, I agree to pay strict attention to my studies and to the regulations of the college or university.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

Signature of DECA Chapter Advisor

Date

Completed application and supporting materials must be emailed by **Friday, February 3, 2023**

to: **Foundation for Missouri DECA** – decafoundation@modeca.org

Best of Luck!