Doulos Graduate Scholarship – Policy

The Doulos Graduate Scholarship is a scholarship awarded to graduates of Doulos Discovery School in Jarabacoa, Dominican Republic. Tax-deductible gifts may be made to Doulos Ministries to fund these scholarships. This document is the guiding policy statement.

Purpose of the Doulos Graduate Scholarship:
To provide scholarships for post-secondary education, including but not limited to degree-granting colleges and universities, trade, technical, ministry training schools, and credit-based (awards a certificate of completion or similar) programs.

Eligible applicants must meet the following requirements:

_____ Graduate of Doulos (Sponsored Student) with a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale (high school GPAs are unweighted).

_____Strong record of responsible citizenship.

_____ Record of engagement in their community as demonstrated by their participation in extra-curricular activities (sports, music, etc.), community service and/or church-related activities.

_____ Demonstrated financial need.

_____ Must be planning to enroll (or be already enrolled) as a full-time student.

_____ If selected as a recipient, student agrees to communicate monthly with the Doulos Ministries' College Prep and Graduate Support Director.

_____ Will allow the university to release academic and financial information to the Doulos Ministries' College Prep and Graduate Support Director.

Awards:

- All awards are payable to INSTITUTIONS ONLY for "educational expenses" which may include tuition, fees, room, board, books, transportation and other expenses associated with attending the institution.
- Award amounts depend on total donations to the Fund and are made at the discretion of the Selection Committee.
- Awards are not renewable. Applicants must reapply each year.

Selection Committee:

- The Selection Committee will be independent of Doulos Ministries and will be comprised of at least three and not more than five members. Members of the Selection Committee may not be currently serving as Doulos Discovery School Administrators, Faculty, and Staff or on the DDS / DM Board.
- The Selection Committee will be appointed by the DM Board by January 31 of each year, and will begin accepting applications on February 1.

Annual Award Cycle:

- Start accepting applications on February 1
- Applications due by May 1
- Recipients will be notified by June 1
- Awards paid to institutions by August 1

Selection Criteria:

- Each student must complete the Doulos Scholarship Application form and Family Financial Form
- *Word processed* student essay document – 250-650 words (minimum to maximum #):
    - Doulos Mission: *"Educating and equipping servant leaders through Christian Discipleship and Expeditionary Learning to impact the Dominican Republic."*
    - Applicants will submit an essay in response to this question:
        - **How will your post-secondary educational experience help you to live out the Doulos Mission?**
- Academic Record – High School Transcripts will be provided by DDS. If the applicant has completed University credits, the student must request unofficial transcripts from the University and submit them with the application.
- All scholarship award decisions by the Doulos Graduate Selection Committee are final.