

DSACF Scholarship Policy

DSACF's Scholarship Policy is intended to ensure that scholarship funds are disseminated in a fair and equitable way to the families who've shown consistent program involvement during the full fiscal year. Scholarship preference is given to active members, with a current membership, and who have not had a history of no-shows or cancellations for prior events. Membership renewal is required annually. DSACF's attendance policy will follow the fiscal year and runs from August – July of every year. A family's qualification for scholarships will reset every year in August.

Frequent absences and no-shows from registered events will result in your inability to receive scholarship funds. The amount awarded per request varies and is based on need and type of service requested. Scholarship funds are intended to support the child or adult with Down syndrome.

For the purpose of this policy, attendance at Family Fun Days is included in our scholarship policies and subject to the same requirements listed below.

Due to the time commitment necessary for participation as a Board of Director or Committee member, both directors and committee members, deemed to be compliant with job descriptions, will automatically be eligible for both scholarships and Family Fun Day activities.

In order to be eligible for a scholarship or attendance at a Family Fun Day, families must meet the minimum requirement in at least two (2) of the below categories and have an active family membership on file for the existing fiscal year.

Eligibility Categories

Program Attendance:

- Attended a minimum of 4 programmatic events per year
- Attendance can include a combination of parent or child participation
- Partial attendance or no-shows/cancellations will not be counted towards this requirement

Volunteer Participation:

- Write an article for the newsletter
- Volunteer to plan or implement a programmatic activity
- Register as a general/office volunteer
- Assist with translating DSACF materials into other languages
- Volunteer for a program/special event committee or day-of event volunteer

Fundraising:

- Make an annual gift, recurring gift, or Round Up when you renew your family membership (does not include the price of annual family membership)
- Fundraise/set up a team for the Step Up for Down Syndrome Walk. Fundraising does not include per person registration fees
- Host a Give Back Night for DSACF (ex. Chipotle, Blaze Pizza, Chick-fil-A)
- Secure a sponsorship for a DSACF special event
- Donate/Secure an auction item, gift basket, or other incentive prizes