

2024 Daniel Pearl Berkshire Scholarship Application

Before applying, please review the following scholarship qualifications:

To be eligible for the 2024 award, you must meet one of the following educational qualifications, and the Berkshire area residence requirement below.

- You will graduate from high school in 2024 and plan to enter your first year of higher education in the fall of 2024, OR:
- You graduated from high school in 2022 or 2023 and deferred college enrollment for one or two “gap” years, but plan to enter your first year of college in the fall of 2024, OR:
- You plan to enter college in the fall of 2024 following a period of active military service.

Graduates of any public or private high school may qualify, as long as they meet the following residence requirement: The applicant must have maintained home residence during his or her entire senior year in high school within the circulation and news coverage area of *The Berkshire Eagle*. That area is defined as, and limited to:

- All towns in Berkshire County, Massachusetts; plus:
- Canaan, CT
- Pownal, Readsboro and Stamford, VT
- Canaan, New Lebanon, Berlin, Stephentown, NY

Residents of this geographic area who attended a school elsewhere (for example, a private school) also qualify.

To apply, please complete this form, scan it, and email it to the Daniel Pearl Berkshire Scholarship Committee along with:

- **A certified high school transcript,**
- **Two letters of recommendation (one from a recent teacher and one from a counselor, community leader or employer),**
- **Evidence of acceptance to an accredited college or university offering a course of study focused on journalism or music, and**
- **The essay described within the application below.**

EMAIL all materials attached to a single email message by midnight, MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2024 to:

Pearl Scholarship Committee
c/o Barbara Schmick, Administrator
bschmick@berkshireeagle.com

OR

If you prefer, you can complete the application form online and upload the above required documents [here](#).

Applicant's Name: _____

Date of Birth _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Parents' (Guardians') Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Town in which you maintained residence during your last year in high school:

_____ State _____

High School You Attend(ed): _____

MM/YY of graduation: _____

The following should also be on your official transcript. If your school provides no GPA or rank, please indicate so.

Cumulative GPA: _____ Verbal SAT Score: _____ Math SAT Score: _____

SAT II Subject Tests (list highest scores received)

English ACT score: _____ Math: _____ Reading: _____ Science _____ Composite

Rank in Class _____ Class Size _____

Name of College or University you will be attending for the upcoming school year

(Sept –June) _____

Will you be a full-time student? : ☐ Yes; ☐ No

Expected date of graduation: _____

If part-time explain _____

Intended/Declared Major _____

List academic honors and year (list school grade level when received — 10, 11, 12, etc.):

List acknowledgements of merit, caliber, excellence, virtue or value and grade level when received:

List your chief interests and activities in high school and grade level when you were involved in these activities:

List any community activities you have pursued, including any jobs you have held and volunteer work, with corresponding dates:

ESSAY: The Daniel Pearl Berkshire Scholarship is awarded to a student exhibiting a strong interest and intent to study and pursue a career in journalism or music. Daniel Pearl sometimes said that what inspired him in his career was the hope that he could change the world for the better. Please attach to this application a brief essay that will acquaint the selection committee with the nature of your interest in journalism or music – what inspired your interest, what have you done to prepare yourself, what have you learned and accomplished already, and what are your aspirations in either field – and in particular...

...how you believe you might be able to change the world for the better.

Note: *This scholarship award may be subject to revocation if the recipient substantially alters his or her intent to study and pursue a career in journalism or music prior to first-year enrollment. You are therefore asked to certify the following statement:*

I certify that it is my intent to study for and pursue a career in journalism and/or music. If I am awarded the Daniel Pearl Berkshire Scholarship and change my plans before enrolling in college, I will notify the committee and arrange for the return of any scholarship award funds remitted.

I certify that all the statements made in this application form are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and are made in good faith.

Signature _____

Date _____