



The Daryl Lee Martin Scholarship

2026 Application

History of the scholarship:

The scholarship is named for Daryl Martin, a young man who lost his life in an automobile accident in August 1998. He was a native of Versailles, Kentucky and a graduate of Woodford County High School. He held degrees from Vanderbilt University and Eastern Kentucky University. He was employed by the YMCA of Central Kentucky as a Program Director for the South Lexington branch and was widely involved in youth sports activities in Lexington.

After his death, the Daryl Lee Martin Endowment Fund was established in his memory, and it now supports this \$500 scholarship. He was also honored in the spring of 1999 when the field at Southern Elementary in Lexington, where he coached for several years, was named after him.

Eligibility:

- Students must be entering college as freshmen in the fall of this year.
- Applicants must live in Fayette County or a surrounding county (Woodford, Jessamine, Scott, Bourbon, Clark and Madison).

Application process:

- Scan the QR code below to access the online application form.
 - *If you would like to apply, but are unable to access the online form, please contact Allison Sanders for an alternative option.*
- Applicants are required to include two letters of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, or community leader.
 - *Letters of recommendation can be emailed to Allison Sanders (asanders@ymcacky.org) or mailed to the YMCA of Central Kentucky.*
- Application and supplemental materials must be submitted and/or postmarked by April 20, 2026.
- All applications will be reviewed by members of the Daryl Lee Martin Endowment Fund Committee. The recipient will be notified by the middle of July, and a check will be sent directly to the school where the recipient will be enrolled in the fall.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Allison Sanders
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Recommendation letters can be mailed to:

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