

# The Student Scholarship Fund Program

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#### Overview

As part of its core mission and vision, the DAMA Education and Research Foundation fosters outreach and a continued drive to establish Data Management as a formal discipline. In support of this drive, the DAMA Foundation strives to cultivate student interest and involvement in Data Management as a field of study and career choice in North America. Creating the **Student Scholarship Fund Program** provides a tangible mechanism to reach these individuals, who will ultimately move the practice onward.

As a part of a long-term plan, the program will continue seeking world-wide partnering opportunities to extend its funding outreach globally targeting additional education and research opportunities that could further the discipline of Data Management.

To this end, we are offering annual designated and as well as general scholarships for a stated minimum amount of \$ 500.00 U.S. Dollars (USD).

#### Funding

The scholarships will be awarded annually at the discretion of DAMA Education and Research Foundation. There is no obligation to award yearly unless that particular fund requires an annual award. The awards may be given through general or named community donations and awarded grants.

The level of funding for the award, initially set at a minimum of \$ 500.00 USD can also be varied at the discretion of DAMA Education and Research Foundation and with the donated and/or granted party. For named scholarship funds, a donation minimum of \$5,000.00 USD dollars is required. There is no minimum for general donations towards the unnamed general scholarship fund.

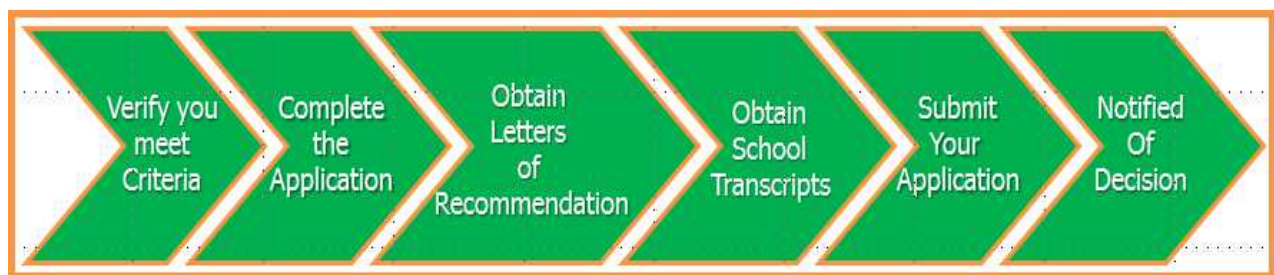
There will be two distinct types of funding: *General* and *Named*. *Named* will be those moneys that are donated and stated as designated in honour of the donor. *General* funds will be those that are not named, as such, and will be placed in a general fund with fund amounts to be determined and may vary in size.



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## **How it works**



## **Criteria**

### **Qualification**

Eligible students must be currently enrolled in 2, 3 year diploma or 3, 4 year University undergraduate programs in North America, or be in qualified Masters and Ph.D. programs. These students must be enrolled in programs as of January 1 of the award year. Proof of enrollment is required as part of the application submission.

Students must be top performers in the study of Data Management and demonstrate evidence of peer influence, in data management interest and topics. This can be demonstrated through the publication of papers in recognized Data Management journals, starting / heading a DAMA student chapter, job performance, student school aligned club membership and leadership amongst other methods.

## **Application And Submission**

### **Application**

Students must complete an application with your name, school and contact information. A Candidate Application Form is attached must also be sent with your essay and transcripts. An on-line application will be made available later this year.



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**Letter of Recommendations**

Students need to request two (2) distinct submissions of recommendation to the DAMA Education and Research Foundation for review. These must be from current instructors or professors who personally know the candidates work. Character recommendation is expected as part of the application.

**Candidate Writes Essay**

As part of the submission, the candidate is required to write a short essay ( **1,000 words** ) on a particular Data Management topic, such as “Why Data Management” for this named scholarship or a specific Data Management topic for General scholarship. Submit your essay online and with recommendations.

**Transcripts**

A good standing school minimum grade point average must be proven and shown as part of the qualification criteria. This may be done through a copy of the student official transcripts. Submit and send formal transcripts to:

**DAMA Education and Research Foundation  
P.O. Box 445  
Granger, IN 46530-0445**

**Receipt of Submission Date**

The candidate’s essay, transcripts, and two (2) submissions of recommendation have to be received by the DAMA Education and Research Foundation by **December 1<sup>st</sup>** of each year. Any missing documentation will automatically disqualify the candidate for consideration.



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## **Selection and Notification**

### **Selection**

Selection will be made by the DAMA Education and Research Foundation and its Scholarship Fund Program Committee made up of advisors, members as well as board executives of DAMA. For named scholarships, the named donor will have a final decision and opinion regarding the candidate selection pool.

### **Selection Criteria:**

The criteria to be used by the DAMA Education and Research Foundation and its Scholarship Fund Program Committee will be the following:

<b>Points Awarded for:</b>	<b>Maximum Points</b>
<b>Academic Profile</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Written Essay</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Letters of Recommendation (2)</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Application Presentation Packet</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Total Applicant Points</b>	<b>100</b>

### **Notification & Responsibility**

DAMA Education and Research Foundation will notify the successful candidate prior to a public announcement. A public announcement of the winner will be made in the press and will be placed on the DAMA International ([www.dama.org](http://www.dama.org)) and DAMA Education and Research Foundation website ([www.damafoundation.org](http://www.damafoundation.org)). The winner will be expected to provide their identification and participate in interviews.

### **Testimonial and Outcome**

The successful candidate will write a thank you note or letter to DAMA Education and Research Foundation so the DAMA Education and Research Foundation will know what the student has gained from this scholarship.



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**DAMA Foundation Student Scholarship Fund Program and  
The S. Garza Scholarship Fund Award for study in Data Management  
(Please complete and print)**

**Student Name:**

First: \_\_\_\_\_ Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Information:**

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone contact: + \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:**

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP/Mail Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

**Title of Submission:**

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**College / University:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ of a possible \_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ in a class of \_\_\_\_\_

Field(s) of Interest/ Intended Major/Research Concentration: \_\_\_\_\_

Date admitted? \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

**Names of Recommending Individuals and Titles:**

1<sup>st</sup> Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_