

FOR HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELORS INFO ONLY

2024 DDI Scholarship Information

Part I

- Name of Organization: **Dissipating Disparities, Inc.**
- Scholarship Presenters: **Phyllis Jackson and/or Renee Harris**
- Information about Scholarship:
 - Dissipating Disparities, Inc. is an invigoratingly upbeat non-profit organization based in Thomaston, GA. The mission of the organization is to eliminate disparities and empower our community by bringing awareness, acceptance, and action to important aspects such as education, health and wellness and financial literacy. DDI's founder, a Thomaston – native, felt there is a need to give back to the community in order to pay it forward. The DDI scholarship is one of the many ways DDI plans to give back in order to help our communities progress by uplifting and supporting our youth.
 - Eligibility
 - GPA of 2.75 or better
 - Confirmation of college/university acceptance or enrollment into post-graduate opportunity (military, Peace Corps, Job Corps, etc.)
 - Complete application

Part II

- Application
 - See attached application
- Application Process
 - Submit completed application to the respective high school counselor
 - Application will be reviewed by a panel and selections will be based on set criteria
- Application Distribution
 - Distribute via email, downloaded from website or your local high school counselor
 - Email completed application to: **ddi.scholarship@gmail.com**
- Application Deadline and submission
 - End of school day on **April 15, 2024**

DDI scholarship funds are limited and the awarding process is competitive among schools within our service area. Meeting the eligibility requirements **DOES NOT guarantee that a student from your school will receive a scholarship. Any scholarship(s) awarded will be awarded to the highest-ranking candidate(s) attending public schools from the following counties: Upson, Lamar, Spalding, Crawford and/or Pike. The best way to improve your candidacy is to submit any/all required materials along with application. **

Email completed application to: ddi.scholarship@gmail.com



Dissipating Disparities

AWARENESS, ACCEPTANCE & ACTION

2024 DDI High School Scholarship Application

Name: _____ High School: _____

Address 1: _____ Year of Graduation: _____

Address 2: _____ Mother/Father's Name: _____

City & ZIP: _____ Mother/Father's Tel. #: _____

Telephone: _____ Mother/Father's Email: _____

Your Email: _____

Ethnicity: _____ Male Female

Are you a candidate of Thomaston Upward Bound Program? ___ Yes ___ No

I. Academics – List current GPA and honors/awards

- 1) Please submit most recent official/unofficial transcript.
- 2) GPA _____
- 3) Please list any academic honors and/or awards

(Attach additional sheets if necessary)

IV. Participation In DDI Activities – Please check any of the following DDI activities that you participated in and please describe one thing you remember about the event.

- Saving OurSelves Community Health Expo**
- Sweet Soles – Diabetes Walk**
- DDI Diabetes Sessions**
- Youth Mental Wellness - "Keep Calm...Crazy" Sessions**

V. Work Experience – Include both Paid and Unpaid work, internships, babysitting, etc.

Employer / Job Title	Year(s) employed / Hours	Responsibilities / Accomplishments

VI. Education/Career Goals – State your educational interest and goals.

Education Goals: _____

Career Goals: _____

VII. Financial Need - Check all that apply (FStamps ___ TANF ___ Subsidized housing ___)

Household Composition (indicate number of each):

	Parents
	Siblings in College
	Siblings in High School
	Siblings in Grade School
	Other (please specify _____)

Please indicate in spaces above if there are other family members in your household not listed. i.e. grandparents, etc...

VIII. Please complete one of the following essay questions and indicate at top of page Essay 1 or Essay 2.

Essay #1: "If you had the authority to change your school in a positive way, what specific changes would you make? Explain what change you would make and how you would lead that effort. *Essay must be 250-500 words, double-spaced.*

(Consider how you, as an individual have brought about or can bring about positive changes to your school. Even impacting the life of one person can have far reaching impact.)

Essay #2: "Describe how you have demonstrated leadership ability both in and out of school" *Essay must be 250-500 words, double-spaced.*

IX. Please provide 2 letters of recommendation. Please list the names and phone numbers of two references (one personal, and one non-relative such as school counselor, teacher, employment manager, etc.)

NAME (non-relative)	PHONE	RELATIONSHIP
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

X. Other

Is there any information you would like us to know that we have not asked you about?

I, _____, have completed this application to the best of my knowledge, and fully understand that any misrepresentation of the information contained in this application may disqualify me from the scholarship. In signing my name, I understand that if I am a recipient of the DDI scholarship, I am expected to give back to the organization/community by way of volunteering in at least one or more DDI events and/or being willing to speak with other youth about my life and experiences after high school.

Applicant Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date