



## Scholarships for DPSCD Seniors - Class of 2023

**Online Application Opens: January 9, 2023**

For Online Application, visit: [www.dpsfdn.org](http://www.dpsfdn.org)

**Online Application Closes: March 31, 2023**

The Detroit College Promise  
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### **Deadlines and Requirements for Each Phase:**

#### **Initial Phase - Friday, March 31, 2023**

Application, Photo ID, Transcript, Recommendations, Endorsements, Videos and Essays (You will be notified by the DPS Foundation if you will move into the final phase)

#### **Final Phase - Friday, April 28, 2023**

College/University Student ID and Acceptance Letter

The Detroit Public Schools Foundation is a 501(c)(3) that supports children in the Detroit Public Schools Community District (DPSCD/District) by providing resources that create and enhance educational opportunities. The Detroit College Promise (DCP) Scholarship Award is specifically for DPSCD students, who've attended a DPSCD high school for four-consecutive years. The Award may be used toward education-related expenses at an accredited college/university or trade school, including tuition, books, housing, meal plans, or technology essentials.

Name of Scholarship (Apply to one or more scholarships)							Additional Information & Requirements
	250 word Personal Statement	Enrolled in DPSCD 9-12	Minimum 2.5 GPA	Michigan School Required	Essay required	# of Scholarship(s)	
Detroit College Promise	✓	✓	✓	✓		TBD	
Detroit Chapter 9 of the Vietnam Veterans of America Inc. Outstanding Junior ROTC Cadet	✓	✓	✓			2	Recommendation from senior instructor and endorsement by DPSCD Director of Army Instruction
Detroit Chapter 9 of the Vietnam Veterans of America Inc. Unsung Graduate	✓	✓	✓			2	Recommendation from teacher or counselor
George Newman Memorial	✓	✓	✓		✓	2	Must be an athlete to apply (one male and one female) <b>Essay Topic:</b> How has participating in high school sports impacted your life?
Willie McAllister, Jr., Fine Arts and Education	✓	✓	3.2		✓	4	Recommendation from fine arts teacher with administrator approval and from current band, vocal, art or dance instructor <b>Essay Topic:</b> Discuss the importance of the arts in your life and why you are committed to becoming a school teacher of instrumental and/or vocal music, art or dance
Accelerate4KIDS	✓	✓	✓	✓		3	1 - Four year institution, 1 - Community College, 1 - Trade School
Samuel and Margaret Crawford	✓	✓	✓	✓		1	Female applicants only
US Ecology	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	4	Two male and Two female candidates <b>Major:</b> Science <b>Essay Topic:</b> Discuss your own personal reflections and future goals as it relates to equity in STEM
SIM Detroit	✓	✓	3.0	✓		5	Letter of recommendation from teacher or counselor <b>Major:</b> STEM

# Marching Band Scholarship

**Application Deadline is March 31, 2023**

**Apply at [www.dpsfdn.org](http://www.dpsfdn.org)**

**(Application can be found on the left side of the page)**

The inaugural **Marching Band Scholarship** will offer a non-renewable award that recognizes the outstanding achievement of a DPSCD high school student who has actively participated in the All-City Marching Band Ensemble. The award may be used toward education-related expenses at an accredited college/university or trade school, including tuition, books, housing, meal plans, or technology essentials.

The Detroit Public Schools Community District Office of Fine and Performing Arts, as part of the whole child commitment, has worked to grow the District's Arts programs and has specifically worked to expand the high schools band program. Increasingly, students are applying and attending post-secondary institutions for band - this scholarship now exists to continue to engage our students and to intentionally support them in their growth and musical pursuits.

The winner will be selected and notified by June 9<sup>th</sup> and invited to attend the annual scholarships ceremony in Spring 2023. \*Fundraising for this scholarship is ongoing - the final award amount will be announced at the spring ceremony.

The Marching Band Scholarship criteria include:

- Must be a DPSCD High School senior enrolled in a band program for at least 2 years
- Must be nominated by a DPSCD band instructor or staff
- Minimum 2.5 GPA; must provide a copy of transcript
- Must submit a 250-word personal statement (using the online application) about why you feel you deserve this scholarship and how you plan to utilize the funds



# Pernick Prize Awards

Apply at  
<https://dpsfdn.org/programs/scholarships/>

(3) \$15,000  
Prizes!!!

1 Mathematics, 1 Medicine,  
1 Public Service

**March 31**  
Application deadline

**April 7**  
Selection of and  
notification to 6 finalists  
(Final 2 from each category)

**April 24**  
Finalist Presentations

**April 28**  
Selection of Winners

**May 5**  
Award Announcements

## Open to all DPSCD High School Students

*The Pernick Prizes were generously endowed by and named for Nat Pernick, M.D., a pathologist and former Detroit Public Schools Foundation board member. Dr. Pernick is an ardent champion of education, specifically in the areas of math and science education.*

*He believes that DPSCD students deserve financial support for their educational goals and career pursuits. Prestigious prizes such as these showcase DPSCD as a vessel for excellent public education, providing generous resources to navigate our students towards excellence. This generous prize exemplifies the dedication and commitment of Dr. Pernick, who believes that all students should be afforded equal opportunity, mentoring and the resources needed to achieve academic dreams.*

## Pernick Prize Award Timeline

**January 9**

**Pernick Prize launch**

**March 31**

**Application deadline**

Submit application and supporting documents electronically via the DPSF website

**April 7**

**Notification to 6 finalists**

Final 2 from each category identified by DPSF and notified

**April 24**

**In-person Finalist Presentations**

2 Math, 2 Medicine, 2 Public Service finalists present to selection committee

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**Selection of Winners**

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# Pernick Prize Award Selection Committee

## Purpose

The Pernick Prize Selection Committee will play a vital role in the selection of 3- \$15,000 Pernick Prize Awards by providing valuable input and perspective on the fields of Mathematics, Medicine and Public Service. The committee's diverse expertise will allow for well-rounded feedback and provide a fair and equal process for applicants.

## Roles and Responsibilities

Pernick Prize Selection Committee members will review and score student portfolios and a virtual presentation of outstanding achievement in STEM. Examples include coursework, interviews, recommendations, and service work that uses math and/or medicine to address challenges within our community. Committee members will be expected to:

- Attend and participate in all scheduled meetings and interviews.
- Assist with selecting Pernick Prize finalists and winners.
- Use the provided scoring system to objectively review all applicants for qualifications.
- Maintain professionalism and confidentiality of all committee proceedings, identity of the candidates, and all communications with the candidates.

## Who can serve on the selection Committee?

The Pernick Prize Selection Committee includes representatives from DPSCD, math, science/medicine, or public service subject-matter experts, community leaders and the DPS Foundation.

## About Dr. Pernick

The Pernick Prize Award is funded by Nat Pernick, M.D. and his business, PathologyOutlines.com, Inc. The purpose is to inspire and motivate DPSCD students in these areas and raise awareness of the greatness of DPSCD and its students. Dr. Pernick is the founder of the Detroit College Promise, a scholarship program which began in 2008 for DPSCD students and is now administered by the DPS Foundation. His parents, Anne and the late Larry Pernick, were born in Detroit, attended DPS schools throughout and graduated from Central High School. Dr. Pernick grew up in the suburbs but graduated from Wayne State University (B.S., Mathematics) and the University of Michigan Medical and Law Schools, and subsequently did a pathology residency and fellowship at Wayne State. In 2001, he founded PathologyOutlines.com, which provides a free, online textbook widely used by pathologists worldwide, which initially funded the Detroit College Promise and now sponsors the Pernick Prize and other charitable activities.

For more information on the Pernick Prize Selection Committee, contact [tmeniffee@dpsfdn.org](mailto:tmeniffee@dpsfdn.org).



# Pernick Prize Award

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The annual **Pernick Prizes (3) in Mathematics, Medicine, and Public Service** each offer a non-renewable **\$15,000 award** that recognizes the outstanding achievement of a DPSCD high school student in the indicated field. The prize may be used to further the recipients' educational pursuits and/or work in their respective field. The Pernick Prizes were generously endowed by and named for Dr. Nathaniel L. Pernick (MD), a pathologist and former Detroit Public Schools Foundation board member. Dr. Pernick is an ardent champion of education, specifically in the areas of math and science education. His parents, both graduates of DPS, instilled in him the importance of public service and the need to participate in issues that concern the community. He believes that DPSCD students deserve financial support for their educational goals and career pursuits. Prestigious prizes such as these showcase DPSCD as a vessel for excellent public-education, providing generous resources to navigate our students towards excellence. This generous prize exemplifies the dedication and commitment of Dr. Pernick, who believes that all students should be afforded equal opportunity, mentoring and resources needed to achieve academic dreams.

Awards will be presented at an annual ceremony Spring 2023. The Pernick Prize Selection Committee includes representatives from DPSCD, math, medicine, and public service subject-matter experts, and the DPS Foundation. The Pernick Prize criteria include:

- Must be enrolled in a DPSCD High School (*All HS students (9-12) are welcome to apply!*)
- Must be nominated by a DPSCD teacher, counselor, or principal
- Minimum 2.5 GPA; must provide a copy transcript
- Students will be required to submit a portfolio or collection of outstanding achievements, examples include STEM coursework, interviews, recommendations, and service work that uses math, medicine or public service to address challenges within our community
- Students will showcase why they are deserving of this award through an in-person presentation to the Pernick Prize Selection Committee. Presentations should include the following:

Exemplary progress in a math, science/ medicine, or public service program or activity	Successful competition in a program-related event or contest (local, regional, state, or national)	Showcase leadership in a related student organization through active recruitment, mentorship, or school-based contributions	Your goals for the future. Do you aspire to work in math, medicine or public service as a career path? How do you plan to achieve such goals?	How you intend to utilize the prize funds?
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# Roy and Maureen Roberts Scholarship

The Roy and Maureen Roberts Scholarship will award one **\$1,500.00** renewable award to a Detroit Public Schools Community District graduating senior, accepted into an accredited four-year higher education institution, enrolled as a full-time student (a minimum of 12-credit hours per semester). The scholarship winner's award will be forwarded directly to the college or university, Fall 2023.

## Eligibility:

- ❖ Be a **Detroit Public Schools Community District** graduating high school senior
- ❖ Have an overall minimum 3.0 grade point average
- ❖ Have been accepted to an accredited four-year institution within the United States
- ❖ Demonstrate community involvement
- ❖ Demonstrate leadership ability
- ❖ Present evidence of financial need
- ❖ United States citizen or lawful resident of the United States

## Application Components:

- ❖ Application (Hard Copy)
- ❖ Personal statement, not to exceed two (2) pages, addressing:
  - Future career aspirations
  - Community and leadership activities
  - Economic need
- ❖ A **Letter of Recommendation from the High School Principal** attesting to the student's demonstrated ability and desire to achieve and progress, which must include their potential for success in higher education.
- ❖ 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report Card/Transcript

## Additional Information:

- ❖ The Scholarship award will be renewable for a maximum of **four-years, totaling \$6,000**, if the student demonstrates satisfactory academic progress and re-enrollment annually\*
- ❖ Scholarship funds may be used towards: Tuition, Fees, Room and Board and Books

*\*Note: Subject to there being sufficient funds to meet the scholarship program as a whole, as determined by the Detroit Public Schools Foundation and the Detroit Public Schools Community District.*

## How to apply:

Submit all application materials to:

**Detroit Public Schools Community District**  
**Office of Guidance and Counseling**  
**Attn: Roy and Maureen Roberts Scholarship**  
Fisher Building  
3011 W. Grand Blvd., 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Detroit, MI 48202

**Application Deadline: Friday, March 31, 2023**

## Additional Questions and Assistance:

Contact your High School Guidance Counselor or

Taneá Menifee, DPS Foundation: [tmenifee@dpsfdn.org](mailto:tmenifee@dpsfdn.org) or 313-910-8956

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