Background

Throughout his life, cable television entrepreneur and humanitarian Bill Daniels saw opportunity where others did not. Bill’s vision and calculated risk-taking, coupled with perseverance and high ethical standards, characterize the work of his philanthropic foundation, founded in 1998. The Daniels Fund is among the largest foundations in the nation and works to innovatively respond to human and community needs through its scholarship and grant-making capacities.

In Search of the Non-Traditional Candidate

Unlike traditional scholarship programs that target performers, the Daniels Boundless Opportunity Award Program seeks promising young individuals whose academic performance has not necessarily reflected their potential. Our program seeks to invest in students who demonstrate: financial need, academic promise, strength of character, evidence of leadership potential, emotional maturity and stability, well-rounded personality, broad abilities and interests, and potential to contribute to one’s community later in life.

Award

The value of the Daniels Boundless Opportunity Award will range depending on each recipient’s financial aid package and can be as high as $4,000 per year (fall and spring semesters). The scholarship will be applied after all other federal, state, private or institutional monies have been awarded and will be used to replace student loans, unmet need or both. The initial award will be applied to the 2015-2016 academic year and is eligible for renewal for the following 2016-2017 academic year as long as the recipient maintains good academic standing according to the policies at Adams State University.

Personal Message by Bill Daniels

“When you put your life in perspective, you realize how little time there is to make something truly significant out of it. To some people this might mean acquiring a lot of possessions. To others, building a business or owning property. And there are those whose lives won’t be fulfilled unless they achieve fame or fortune. There’s nothing wrong with any of these aspirations, but for me they pale in comparison to individuals who want to leave something more consequential to their legacy. For example, being the kind of person who takes the time to pass on knowledge and values to the next generation. Having family, friends, and business associates remember you as an honest person. And helping others who will be left behind. I believe if you live your life in this way, you’ll leave this world with a clear conscience, and with a smile on your face.” – Bill Daniels

Information

For more information about the Daniels Boundless Opportunity Award offered at Adams State University, please contact the One Stop Services Center at 719-587-7306 oronestop@adams.edu.
Daniels Boundless Opportunity Award
Application Form
Priority deadline to apply: Friday, May 15, 2015

Award recipients must meet the following criteria:

1. Submit a personal letter of application addressing educational and career goals, character, leadership and community/school involvement.
2. Must be a resident of Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, or Wyoming.
3. Have been accepted to Adams State University as an undergraduate student attending courses on the ASU campus.
4. Be registered full-time (15 credit hours) with the intent to earn a bachelor’s degree.
5. Applicants must have and maintain a 2.5 GPA and meet all Satisfactory Academic Progress standards mandated by Adams State University, throughout the awarded academic year.
6. Identify as one of the following:
   • Adult learners (24 years and over)
   • GED recipients
   • Returning military
   • Pursuing Early Childhood Education certification
7. Submit one letter of recommendation
8. Submit a 2015-2016 FASFA (Completed at FAFSA.gov)

Preference will be given to students in their junior or senior year of college during 2015-2016.

Please complete the following:
Name: ____________________________________________ ASU ID: ________________
Address: ________________________________________________________________
City: __________________________ State: ______ Zip: ________________
Phone: __________________________ E-mail Address: __________________________
Year GED Received: __________ Dates of Military Service: ______________
   (If applicable)          (If applicable)

I do hereby apply for the Boundless Opportunity Award.

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Signature                                                   Date

Please return application to:
One Stop Student Services Center
208 Edgemont Blvd.
Alamosa, CO 81101
Fax: 719-587-7366