



Sarah Josephine Langstaff Memorial Scholarship Application

Background

Daughters of the British Empire (DBE) was founded in the United States in 1909 by Sarah Josephine Meredith Langstaff. Sarah was born in St. Catherine's, Ontario, Canada on April 14, 1849. She was adopted shortly after her birth by Bridgewater Meredith and his wife Caroline Arnold who were visiting Canada. Shortly after adopting Sarah the Meredith's brought her to their home in New Jersey.

DBE is a nationally recognized 501(c)(3) charity organization whose purpose is to organize and operate exclusively for charitable purposes including support of 501(c)(3) District Homes established by DBE, and other 501(c)(3) organizations, while fostering an understanding of British and Commonwealth of Nations cultures and traditions. The mission of the National Society of DBE is to bring together women in friendship, for charitable, cultural, and educational purposes. Members of the organization are women of all ages who have British or Commonwealth of Nations ancestry or heritage.

Scholarships Available

- DBE will award four (4) \$1,000, or eight (8) \$500 scholarships annually. Recipients will be from each of the four (4) DBE geographic Districts (Eastern, Western, Midwest, and Southern).
- Each District will have in place a Scholarship Committee chaired by the District Organizer that will select recipients for the District.

Who May Apply

- Female students, 18 years of age or older, who are residents of the USA with British or Commonwealth of Nations ancestry.
- Applicants must be a student at an accredited two or four-year college or university.
- Applicants must have a college 3.0 GPA or better (students in the second semester of the Freshman year are eligible to apply).
- Applicants cannot be a State, Chapter, or Member-at-Large member of Daughters of the British Empire (DBE).

How to Apply

- Applicants must submit a one-page typed essay with information about career goals and British or Commonwealth of Nations ancestry or heritage.
- Applicants must include a current copy of college transcript with the essay.
- For notification purposes, applicants should include contact information with the essay.
- Applications must be received by DBE no later than November 1st of each year.
- Application packets should be submitted to the Scholarship Committee at scholarship@dbenational.org.

Application Status

- Scholarship awards will be submitted by DBE National to the applicant's college/university.
- All applicants will be notified by email the status of their application by January 5th of the year following the November 1st receipt of their scholarship application.